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SECTION ONE : READING COMPREHENSION

(7 points)

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

- 1 Population has at last made the grade and emerged as a world problem. Unfortunately most of those who speak or write about the problem persist in writing about it in terms of a race between human numbers and world resources, especially of food; a kind of competition between production and reproduction.
- 2 The neo-Malthusians, supported by progressive opinion in the Western World and by leading figures in most Asian countries, produce volumes of alarming statistics about the world population explosion and the need for birth-control.
- 3 On the contrary, the anti-Malthusians produce equal volumes of hopeful statistics, or perhaps one should say of wishful estimates, to show how the problem can be solved by science, by the exploitation of the Amazon or the Arctic, by better distribution, or even by shipping our surplus population to other planets.
- 4 But the real explosion is a twentieth century phenomenon, due primarily to the spectacular developments in medicine and hygiene, which have dramatically cut down death-rates without any corresponding reduction in birth-rates: death-control without birth-control.

Julian Huxley, *The Crowded World*

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Is population one of the major problems today? Why?
2. What is the neo-Malthusians' attitude towards population explosion?
3. Do the anti-Malthusians agree with them? Justify your answer.
4. What solutions are advocated in the text?
5. How has progress in medicine affected population growth?
6. What is the writer's personal opinion regarding this phenomenon?

SECTION TWO : MASTERY OF LANGUAGE**(7 points)***Synonyms: Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following.*

- (a) continue (§1) (b) prominent (§2) (c) optimistic (§3)

Opposites: Find in the text words or phrases opposite in meaning to the following.

- (a) conservative (§2) (b) comforting (§2) (c) increase (§4)

Transformations: Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

1. (a) The manager told some employees that they would have to stop work.
(b) Some employees
2. (a) The problem can be solved by science.
(b) Science
3. (a) He told us, "If you wish to join us, you must share our ideas first."
(b) He told us that

Cloze passage: Fill in the gaps so that the text makes sense.

In a lot of poor countries, it is ...¹... to see babies who have been abandoned by their parents and left to certain death. On the other hand, it is really ...²... to observe how some rich countries destroy their excess ...³... only to control their markets and ...⁴... the prices at a satisfactory level.

*Dialogue completion: A and B are speaking with each other. Complete what B says.***A:** Do you know that every minute of every day thirty people die of starvation?**B:****A:** That is the question. Too often, the help offered does not reach the right people.**B:****A:** Of course not. It only creates more dependence and prevents progress.**B:****SECTION THREE : WRITTEN EXPRESSION****(6 points)**Choose one of the following topics.*Either 1 : Using the following notes, write a composition of about 120 to 150 words.*

What are the benefits of birth-control?

- better health for mother and child
- better schooling and education
- more opportunities for employment
- easier access to housing

Or 2 : Write a composition of about 120 to 150 words on the following topic.

Do you think that people are conscious of the problems of over-population? Give examples to support your ideas.