

Part 1: Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer according to the text. Only ONE answer is possible. [0.5 points each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.16 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

1- **Nas wants to join the Air Forces...**

- because he will look cool in his uniform.
- **because he has always dreamt of becoming a pilot.**
- because he doesn't want to do a degree.
- in order to avoid the pressure of exams.

2- **When Nas walks to the park with his friends...**

- they get hostile looks from everyone they come across.
- they feel ashamed, as people walk away from them.
- they understand why people seem to be afraid of them.
- **they have mixed feelings at the adults' reactions to them.**

3- **According to the text, "a walker" is ...**

- someone who walks the streets on Sunday mornings.
- someone generally called a distribution expert.
- someone who walks through wind and rain.
- **a person that delivers the paper to people's houses.**

4- **Why does Nas feel his mother confides in him now? Because...**

- she divorced and now she has remarried.
- **their relationship has changed and she now explains things to him.**
- she has always liked to explain everything to him.
- Nas has grown and can understand why she divorced.

5- **The main reason Nas does not speak much slang is that...**

- he doesn't like learning foreign languages
- African parents want their children to preserve their native language.
- he wants to be integrated in the cool group.
- **African parents encourage their children to use language correctly.**

6- **According to the text, what is Nas's opinion about the "cool group" at school?**

- He dislikes them because he thinks they all drink and take drugs.
- He would have liked to join them but he's left out at times.
- He thinks they do not behave correctly but he admires them.
- **He disapproves of their drinking and thinks they take no interest in school.**

7- **When the text argues that the kids "are colour blind", it is trying to make the point that...**

- they do not distinguish colours appropriately.
- they are against racially mixed groups.
- **there is no racist attitude to be detected among these children.**
- the children in the group are all coloured people.

8- **On the whole, the text suggests that...**

- Nas's behaviour shows him to be an immature boy in comparison with other teenagers.
- Nas is surprisingly unfit to join the Air Forces for his age.
- **Nas's generation has been unjustly demonized.**
- society's demonization of present day teenagers responds to their reality.