



## I- READING COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)

### THE TEXT

1. Sitting next to her son's hospital bed as he lay unconscious, hooked up to beeping machines, Karen Broadhead felt desperate, as any other mother would. But what made the situation worse for her was that Daniel had opted to have invasive and risky surgery when he could have avoided it – because at 21 he had volunteered to be a living liver donor, despite his mum begging him not to do it.
2. Now that he's recovering, Karen is finally coming to understand and respect her son for his brave actions. "I feel so proud of Daniel," says Karen, 43. "Still, it was extremely hard to see him suffering so much pain." Daniel was the first person in the UK to donate part of their liver for altruistic reasons and he has no regrets. Just before Christmas he learned he had saved the life of a four-year-old boy. "That little boy was home in time for Christmas. If I hadn't donated part of my liver he might have died," Daniel says.
3. Production worker Daniel, who lives at home with mum Karen and dad Gordon, 49, a carer, near Sheffield, has carried a donor card since he was 16. "I always knew if I died I didn't want my organs to go to waste," he says. "I thought live liver donation looked a good idea because apart from saving a life, after the operation your own liver soon grows back to its original size. And although there are risks to the donor, they are rare."
4. While the operation had gone well, Daniel suffered bleeding from some stitching and instead of spending one day in the high-dependency unit, he was there for three. Fortunately, within seven days Daniel was able to go home. "I'm signed off work right now and I have to inject myself daily with a blood thinner for three months to help stop any blood clots forming," says Daniel. "I feel a lot better but I still get out of breath if I run." Daniel has no regrets. "Knowing I've made such a difference to someone is worth all the pain and inconvenience. And that will be with me for the rest of my life."

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Tick (✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

The most suitable title to the text is:

- a. Gift of Life ☐                      b. A Foolish Decision ☐                      c. A Necessary Operation ☐

2. Complete the following table with details from the text. (3 marks)

Donor	Donation	Recipient	Reason for donation
Daniel	.....	.....	.....

3. Complete the following sentences with three words from paragraphs 1 and 2. (3 marks)

As Daniel was getting well after the....., his mother was not only relieved but also.....of him. These were not her feelings when he was lying unconscious in hospital bed. She was so.....then.

4. Circle the 3 adjectives that best describe Daniel. (3 marks)

moody / valiant / selfish / fearful / optimistic / regretful / determined

5. Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

- a. involving cutting in the body (paragraph 1) : .....
- b. trouble or problems (paragraph 4) : .....

6. What do the following underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- a. it (paragraph 1) refers to .....
- b. that (paragraph 4) refers to .....

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

Would you accept to put your life at risk being a living donor? Why or why not?

I..... to put my life at risk being a living donor because.....

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