



READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

THE TEXT

1- Anne Marie signed up for her first course at City College, Garrets Green in 1997. A single mother working as an office cleaner, she decided that it was time to get a better life for herself and her two sons. Over the years studying at City College she has gained several qualifications in administration, I.T. and teacher training and has won a prestigious national adult learners award. She is now employed by City College as a course enquiry advisor where she gives advice to others who want to take up further education. Going back to education has really helped her to rebuild her confidence.

2- "I would say to any adult who is thinking about going back to education that it's not just about the academic achievement you get at the end but you also get to learn more about yourself and you meet lots of new people. The cleaning job I had before going back to college wasn't providing me enough to sustain me and my two boys. Education was the only way forward for me. Looking back, I could have still been cleaning and wishing I could own my own house and car. But I came to realise there was no point in wishing if I can do something about it.

3- I stopped wishing and signed up for a course at college. Nine years on and I am now working for City College but I'm also still studying. Learning is a pleasure not a chore. It's a chance to change things in your life which you thought were unchangeable. Further education is a second chance for people who left school with few or no qualifications and have settled for jobs they would rather not be in."

4- Anne Marie has won the National Adult Learners Award. One of Anne Marie's tutors and mentor Liz Millman nominated Anne Marie for an award in 2006. She explains: "I nominated Anne Marie because she is happy to share her personal story with everyone about how City College has made the difference to her life. She has done so much and I am very proud of her. She even got her mom into further education...."

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SECTION : LETTRES - session de contrôle

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Anne Marie sign up at City College? What did she study? For how long?
Write short answers in the blanks provided. (3 marks)

Reason for signing up at City College:
Subjects studied:
Duration of the studies:

2. What professional and personal benefits has Anne Marie gained from the course?
Complete the table with the appropriate information from paragraphs 1 and 2 (4 marks)

At the professional level	At the personal level
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3. Which word in paragraph 4 means the following: (1 mark)

To propose that somebody should be chosen:

4. Find in the text details showing that the following statements are false. (3 marks)

a) Anne Marie stopped studying at the end of the course. (Paragraph 3)

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b) She doesn't like to talk about her experience. (Paragraph 4)

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c) She doesn't recommend adult education. (paragraph 4)

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5. Circle the 3 qualities that apply to Anne Marie. (3 marks)

determination – arrogance – tolerance – perseverance – gratitude – pride

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