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NJL 113-613 **Mid-Term**

Sara and her family

Sara was born in Padua, a lovely, old town in Italy, but now she lives in Germany

with her husband and their four children. However, her husband isn’t German, he’s

English. He works in the Finance Department of an international company in

Stuttgart. Their children are all bilingual. They speak English and Italian, but at

home they usually speak Italian, even with their father. And now they’re learning 5

German at school and from their friends. They are very lucky.

Sara and her family live in a big, old flat in the middle of Stuttgart, near the park.

The flat has got six rooms, a large kitchen and two bathrooms. There’s a living room,

a dining-room, a small study and three bedrooms. The two boys are twelve

and ten and share a bedroom; the two girls are eight and six and share another 10

bedroom. The girls like to share a bedroom, but the boys don’t.

The children all go to an international school where they use English and German

in their classes. There are some other Italian and also some English children at

their school, but there are also German, French, Japanese and Swedish children,

too. It’s really international! The school isn’t very far from their flat, so Sara’s 15

children can all take their bikes to school. There’s a good school canteen, so they

don’t go home for lunch. In the afternoon they can do their homework in small

study groups, and then they often have sports activities or music lessons.

Sara doesn’t go out to work. She wants to take an intensive German course first.

Her husband, Douglas, often has meetings in the USA, and then Sara is alone 20

with the children. but that’s not a problem for Sara because she makes friends

very easily. She’s already got a small group of international friends from Ireland,

Switzerland, Spain, and, of course, Italy, she likes to meet with them for coffee and a chat.

A- After reading the text answer the following:

Topic: Family

Main idea: The life of Sara and her family

B- Comprehension questions:

1-How many members are in Sara’s family?.There are six members in Sara’s family.

2-How old are Sara’s children? The two boys are twelve and ten the two girls are eight and six

3- Where does Sara live ? She lives in Germany.

4-What kind of school do Sara’s children attend? What languages do they use in it? Sara’s children go to an international school where they use English and German

in their classes.

C- Look back at the text to find the meaning of the following pronouns. (what or who does it refer to)

1- They (paragraph1, line 4)…Sara’s children………………………………..

2- Their (paragraph1, line 4)……sara and her husband…………………………………..

3- They (paragraph1, line 6)…… Sara’s children …………………………… ………..

4-Their (paragraph 3, line 16)………Sara’s children…………… …………………………

5- Them (paragraoh4, line 23)…………Sara’s friends………… ………………………..

D-Getting the meaning from the context:

1- There are many cinemas in the cities than in rural areas.

…………………country side……………….

2-Soldiers must have discipline; in order to succeed in their missions, they need self-control to follow the orders and survive training.

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3- Everyone has certain priorities in life\_ in other words, a list of what is most important ,such as family and money.

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4-Most airplanes have auto-pilots i.e. an electronic system that is designed to fly a plane without human interference.

…. an electronic system that is designed to fly a plane without human interference.

5-A true leader should be cool headed (calm) and understanding (not judgmental).

Calm/ not judgmental

E- Fill in the blanks with the best word:

{Contrast /identical /creative /consumer /access /constitution /economy /methods /culture/ environment}

1-You need the pass word to … access ……her phone.

2-There are different methods …….. to teach children English.

3-Tala and Lina looks like each other, they are…identical……. twins.

4-The American …… constitution ….is founded on equality.

5-The Middle East is the largest …… consumer …..of western products. This has a great effect on western…… economy ……

6-… creative ….. people such as painters,poets and musicians need a special… environment. to grow.

7-Ther is a big …… Contrast ……between western and eastern… culture ….. The west is liberal while the east is preserved. **BONUS: (optional)** - When do we use italics?

1- to stress the importance of a word.

2- when the word is foreign.