

I - GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the right answer.

- 1) The text is a- an article. b- a letter. c- an e-mail. = *b- a letter*
- 2) It was written by a- a teacher. b- a detective. c- a mayor. = *a- a teacher.*
- 3) It was written to a- a teacher. b- a detective. c- a mayor. = *b- a detective*
- 4) It is about a- a need for money. b- a need for information. c- a need for education.
= *a need for information.*
- 5) Thobiso is a- Ernest's son. b- Ernest's brother. c- Ernest's father. = *a- Ernest's son*
- 6) Thobiso is a- at school. b- on holidays. c- missing. = *c- missing.*
- 7) The undersigned refers to a- Ernest. b- Mma. c- Thobiso. = *a- Ernest.*

II - DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A- Right or Wrong? Answer and justify by quoting the text.

- 1- Ernest heard about Mma on the radio.
= *WRONG Line 1 : He read about her 'in a newspaper'.*
- 2- She has had a business in town for a long time.
= *WRONG Line Line 1 : 'you have opened this big new agency'... Line 2 : 'we now have a person like you' She has recently opened the agency.*
- 3- The boy is not an only child.
= *RIGHT Line 8 : My wife and I have two daughters and we have a son of eleven.' They have three children.*
- 4- Thobiso had spoken with Ernest three weeks before.
= *WRONG Line 9 : 'This boy to which I am referring has recently vanished and has not been seen for two months.' He disappeared two months ago.*
- 5- Ernest is not able to pay for help.
= *RIGHT Line 26 'I am not a wealthy man. I cannot afford the services of a private detective ' He doesn't have a lot of money.*
- 6- He'd like Mma to write to him if she gets any information.
= *RIGHT Line 30 ' please address a note to the undersigned, myself, the teacher. ' He would like her to write to him if she finds anything out.*

B- Pick out words or phrases which indicate that

- 1- the narrator admires Mma Ramotswe. = *line 4 'I am very proud for Botswana '*
- 2- Ernest stopped working for a while in order to look for his son. = *Line 12 'I took time off from school and searched the land around our village '*
- 3- the boy was familiar with the local environment (three quotations).
= *Line 16 'a boy who liked to wander ', 'he had a strong interest in nature ', 'He was always collecting rocks ', 'He knew a lot about the bush ', ('he would never get into danger from stupidity ')*
- 4- wild animals used to live there.
= *Line 18 'There are no leopards in these parts any more '*

C- What do the following words refer to?

- 1- (line 8) " My wife and I..." = *Mr and Mrs Ernest Molai Pakotati , the teacher who wrote the letter and his wife.*
- 2- (line 11) " They made a big search" = *The police (they) looked for the boy.*
- 3- (line 21) " asked them..." = *the teacher asked the villagers and farmers to search(them = 'every farmer')*
- 4- (line 22) " But there was no sign of him" = *they couldn't find any evidence of his son, Thobiso (him).*
- 5- (line 26) " ... I ask you..." = *Ernest (I)is asking Mma Ramotswe , the detective (you) for help.*
- 6- (line 30) "Please just ask them..." = *Ernest wants Mma Ramotswe to ask people about his son, 'them' are 'people who might know what goes on'*

D- Find the synonyms in the text for the following words and expressions:

- 1- succeeded = *line 8 'passed '*
- 2- disappeared = *line 9 'vanished '*
- 3- to verify = *line 21 'to check '*
- 4- rich = *line 26 wealthy*
- 5- investigations = *line 27 'enquiries '*

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E - Quote the sentence showing that Ernest believes Thobiso is able to take care of himself.
=l.17-18 : *"He knew a lot about the bush and he would never get into danger from stupidity."*

F- Quote the sentence showing that Ernest is totally confused by the situation.
=l.23-24 : *"If I were not a Christian, I would say that some evil spirit had lifted him up and carried him off."*

III - EXPRESSION : les candidats de toutes les séries traiteront **les 2 sujets**

Do both subjects (one and two).

- 1- Thobiso comes home. **Imagine** the **conversation**. (80 words)

Comment :

*A conversation must be **interesting**, imagine what happened to the boy and their feelings at being reunited for example...*

- 2- Do you like detective stories (films, books, series, etc.)? Why or why not? Use examples** to justify. (120 words)

Comment :

No real difficulties but try to be interesting...

NB Don't forget to write the number of words!