

B) Reading Comprehension (16 Marks)

Read the following text carefully, then answer the questions below:

Would you like to become a “teleworker”? Teleworkers are people who work for companies, but not in companies. This means that they do company work at home, usually on computers. Teleworkers communicate with their bosses by mobile phones or e-mails. They usually send information from their own computer to the office computer by the Internet.

“Teleworking” is becoming more and more **popular** in Britain, USA and other countries all over the world. There are many reasons for this development. The biggest advantage for companies is that teleworking lowers the companies’ spending of money. Having fewer workers at work means having less office space. Also, computers are now quicker and easier to use, and the prices keep going down. For a company, it is cheaper to train people on computer skills and give **them** a personal computer to use at home.

However, before you apply for a job as a teleworker, you should ask yourself if it is really the best thing for you. Bill Smith, who works for a big company, hasn’t enjoyed his last three months at home. He often falls asleep at the computer because he doesn’t have anybody to talk to at home. He decides to leave his job as a teleworker and start a new job in a company where there are five other people in one small office.

a. Choose the best completion from a, b, c and d : (6 X 2 = 12 Marks)

9. The **best title** for this passage could be:

a) Office Jobs

b) Communications

c) Computer Skills

d) **Teleworkers**

10. The underlined word “**popular**” in the 2nd paragraph means:

a) cheap

b) **common**

c) exciting

d) expensive

11. The underlined pronoun “**them**” in the 2nd paragraph refers to:

a) reasons

b) skills

c) **people**

d) countries

12. Teleworkers work:

a) in small offices

b) with other colleagues

c) don’t work at home

d) **for a company at home**

13. Having computer skills is:

a) **important to apply for an office job**

c) not useful for teleworkers

b) unnecessary for Information Technology (IT)

c) a big mistake for employees nowadays

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B) Writing (16 Marks)

“Old people often say that life was better in the past than it is now.”

Plan and write a report of two paragraphs (not less than 10 sentences) **comparing life in Kuwait in the past and life in Kuwait nowadays.**

NB: Your writing should include a topic sentence, supporting details and a conclusion.

Plan (2 Marks)

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A single blue rounded rectangular box for a topic sentence.

A light blue rounded rectangular box for a topic sentence, connected by a vertical line to three smaller light blue rounded rectangular boxes for supporting details.

