

ENGLISH COMMON TEST

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8 PTS)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow.

The life of Harriet Tubman as a slave

Harriet Tubman was a slave. She was born in southern USA in 1820. When she was a young girl, Harriet worked as a servant in her owner's house. She was a rebel who didn't like taking orders, so her owner sent her to work in the cotton fields. The work was hard, the hours were long, and to make matters, the slaves were often beaten and whipped.

While she worked in the fields, Harriet dreamed of freedom. There was no slavery in the north of the country, but could she get there? The journey to the north and freedom. In the north Harriet worked as a cook and a dressmaker. Although she was free. She thought of her family and friends in the south who were not free. So she decided to help other slaves to escape. She helped her parent, her sisters and her two brothers to get to the north. And she helped many more slaves, over 300 in all.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK:

A. Vocabulary check

Find the words or expressions in the text that correspond to the following definitions. Write your answer like in the example: **5 - journey**

1. Someone who is the property of another person (L1)
2. Proprietor or proprietress (L3)
3. Liberty (L6)
4. Disappear (L9)

B. Comprehension questions

Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. Indicate the line(s) to justify your answer. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 5- F (L5- 6)

- 1) Harriet was a rebel
- 2) Black and white people had the same rights after the end of the war.
- 3) Harriet succeeded in reaching the north and became free.
- 4) The slaves who wanted to escape were killed.
- 5) Slavery existed in the north of USA.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 PTS)

Here there are sentences related to women’s rights and duties. Copy the table and fill in it with the convening sentences. Do like the example.

- Women should pay taxes
- Women should respect their husbands
- Women must take care of their children
- They must be protected and loved by their husbands
- Women must choose their husbands
- Women should fight for their rights and freedom.
- Women should take care of the family.

Rights	Duties
	Women should pay taxes

PART THREE: WRITING (6 PTS)

Nowadays we notice that women’s rights and duties are not respected because they don’t know their right and duties. In a paragraph:

- Show some women’s rights.
- Give some women’s duties.
- Show the importance of respecting women’s rights and duties.

(10 lines maximum)

WHERE THERE IS THE WILL, THERE IS THE WAY

GOOD LUCK!!!!