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Le sujet comporte 4 pages

I. READING COMPREHENSION

THE TEXT

1. After working as a women's clothing designer for the British retailer Topshop for six years, Ms. Sweetman-Durney realized at 27 that she wasn't in love with it anymore. "It seemed crazy to opt out, but I wanted to create something that would last and extol Ireland's design history and craftsmanship," she said.

2. Starting her own business making jewelry wasn't as easy as a march down the lane to a nearby tree. Her big challenges were that she was young and a woman. Although she hadn't experienced discrimination before, as she was brought up in a tolerant family, she faced it after landing her contract with Topshop to design women's dresses in 2005. "I felt so upset and mad when I was refused a credit card with 500 euros of available credit, even though I had gone to several banks in town," Ms. Sweetman-Durney complained. What deepened her bitterness was that her husband Brian – a student at the time – was given a card with a credit line five times that amount.

3. And yet, despite all hardships, Ms. Sweetman-Durney, now 33, runs her own successful jewelry business, *Chupi*, which was started four years ago. *Chupi* is operating in 64 countries, has doubled sales annually for the last three years and has grown to a staff of 22. Moreover, the business is profitable and carries no debt. "It was a challenging endeavour when I started out. Few people believed that I could be not only creative at craftsmanship but also skilled at marketing. Much to their surprise, I was good at running a business as well," said the young entrepreneur.

4. Nowadays, an increasing number of women, like Ms. Sweetman-Durney, are starting businesses as a way to take control of their careers. In part, female entrepreneurship is on the rise because "women's advancement in workplaces has flatlined," said Ellen Galinsky, the founder of the Families and Work Institute. In a U.S.- based report, there are fewer companies providing paid family leave, and when you look at flexibility over all, these are shown to offer less part-time work than in previous reports." In 2016, the World Economic Forum declared that "parity between sexes will not be closed for another 170 years." Paradoxically, in 95 countries, women attend universities in equal or higher numbers than men.

Adapted from *The New York Times*

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1- Tick (✓) the most appropriate option. (1 mark)

Like many Women, Ms. Sweetman-Durney opted out because she was

- a- talented but pessimistic. b- angry but determined. c- inspired but obedient.

2- Focus on paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 to complete the following table about Ms. Sweetman Durney. Write your answers in the space on the right. (4 marks)

Professional event		Age	
1	She started her own business.	a	21
2	She became a successful jewel designer.	b	27
3	She started working for Topshop.	c	29
4	She opted out.	d	33

Answers
1 +
2 +
3 +
4 +

3- For each of the following statements, pick out ONE detail showing that it is false. (2 marks)

a- Ms. Sweetman-Durney was not granted a credit card because she was jobless. (paragraph 2)

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b- Gender equality will be achieved in the near future. (paragraph 4)

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4- Focus on paragraph 3 and pick out three qualities that enabled Ms. Sweetman-Durney to become successful in business. (3 marks)

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b-

c-

5- What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)

a- it (paragraph 2) refers to :

b- these (paragraph 4) refers to :

6- Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as : (2 marks)

a- celebrate (paragraph 1) :

b- failed to increase (paragraph 4) :

7- Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If you were a Tunisian employer, would you give more flexibility and career opportunities to women in your company? Why or why not?

If I were a Tunisian employer, I give more flexibility and career opportunities to women in my company because

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II. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the following hints to write a 5-line paragraph about poor air quality in London. (5 marks)

Causes	Effects	Possible solutions
- heavy traffic fumes - industrial activities	- diseases: asthma / lung-cancer - death of 23.500 people every year	- people / reduce the use of cars: cycling, walking - authorities / introduce cleaner fuels

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2. Many Tunisian students are leaving school before finishing their secondary education for different reasons. Deeply affected by the problem, you decided to write a 12-line article for a weekly newspaper to highlight the negative effects of dropping out and to suggest some possible solutions to it. (10 marks)

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III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

causing / commitments / despite / resulting / controversial / within / although / praised / met

In October, the Swedish Academy announced that Bob Dylan had won the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature. It was a ----- decision, as the award has never before been presented to a musician. And no wonder the news was ----- with a predictable response. Some ----- the choice, others criticized it, everyone on the Internet got mad. The Academy justified their choice by citing Dylan's creation of "new poetic expressions ----- the great American song tradition." However, ----- the prestigious honor, Dylan decided he wasn't going to make the trip to Sweden to accept the award in person, ----- in more debate. According to the Academy, Dylan "wishes he could receive the prize personally, but other ----- make it unfortunately impossible." The Academy called the decision "unusual but not exceptional."

2. Circle the right option. (3.5 marks)

Peter is 30, homeless and unemployed. He struggles with alcoholism and online gaming. He believes that his **(addict / addiction / addictive)** use of technology led him to some of the darkest moments in his life. Peter's tech dependence started when he was 13, after his father died. He **(sought / thought / fought)** refuge in gaming to cope. He **(was used / used / is used)** to play from sunup until sundown, sometimes without taking breaks to eat. Gaming offered him a euphoric **(sparkle / escape / path)** from reality. He spent more and more time playing games, watching online videos, and getting into arguments with other users **(for / by / on)** social media and forums. He withdrew from the rest of the world, thus **(avoiding / avoid / avoided)** the pain and feelings of total worthlessness that hit him when he tried to address his problems. His school work suffered. His physical health declined **(considerate / considerably / consideration)** because he never learned to cook, to clean, or to exercise. That pushed his relationship with his mother to its breaking point.

3. Put the bracketed words in the correct tense and / or form. (3 marks)

Moving to the countryside is a life changer for those who look for serenity and peace of mind. For thousands of years, it **(be)** ----- the dream of retirees to escape the urban sprawl. They settle down in the countryside in search for cleaner air and a **(quiet)** ----- life. These days, professionals are also choosing to base themselves in the countryside, not to retire, but because in many industries there is simply no need to be **(chain)** ----- to a desk in the city. A broadband connection and a phone is all you need. According to UK statistics, there is some truth to the theory that your life **(expect)** ----- increases in the countryside. Living in rural areas means you are slightly less likely to die **(premature)** ----- from cancer, stroke or coronary heart disease. It is even predicted that in the coming years people born in very rural areas **(live)** ----- 1.5 to 2 years longer than those in major urban areas.