cours pratiques en ligne

ENGLISH

I was born in London of an English mother and Pakistani father. My father, who lives in London, came to England from Bombay in 1947 to be educated. He married here and never went back to India. The rest of his large family including his brothers and their wives, moved from Bombay to Karachi, in Pakistan, after the division between India and Pakistan in 1947.

Frequently during my childhood, I met my Pakistani uncles when they came to London on business. They were important, confident people who took me to hotels, restaurants and cricket matches, often in taxis. But I had no idea of what the Indian sub-continent was like or how my numerous uncles, aunts and cousins lived <u>ther</u>. When I was nine or ten a teacher placed some pictures of Indian farmers in old crowded houses in front of me and said to the class: Hanif comes from India. I wondered: did my uncles ride on camels? Surely not in their suits.

In the mid-1960s, Pakistanis were ridiculed on English television and were exploitede by politicians. **They** had the worst jobs, they were not at ease in England, and some of them had difficulties with the language. From the start, I tried to deny my Pakistani origin. I wanted to get rid of it. I was ashamed and I wanted to be like everyone else.

At school, a teacher of history always spoke to me in an Indian accent. Another, my maths teacher, refused to call **me** by my name, calling me Pakistani pete instead. So I refused to call him by his name and used his nickname instead. This led to trouble, arguments, escapes from school, and eventually suspension.

Hanif Kureishi, 1986

*I – COMPREHENSION*BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT *A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY* (3 pts) 1. Hanif's father didn't travel to India after 1947 (1 pts) 2. When he was a child, the author knew a lot about life in India. (1 pts) 3. Pakistanis had good jobs in England in the mid-1960 s. (1 pts) *B. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS* (4 pts)

1. Where did hanif's parents get married? (1 pts)

- 2. Why did the author try to deny his Pakistani origin? (1 pts)
- 3. How would you describe the teachers' attitudes towards the author? (2 pts)

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C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES (3 pts)

- 1. Hanif's father went to England in order to (1 pts)
- 2. During their visits to London, Hanif's Pakistani uncles used to..... (1 pts)
- **3.** After the division between India and Pakistan, Hanif father's large family (1 pts)

D. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS OR PHRASES THAT MEAN THE SAME AS :

(2 pts)

 1. uncomfortable (parag 3)
 (1 pts)

 2. in the end:(parag 4)
 (1 pts)

E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO ? (3 pts)

1. <u>There</u> :	(1 pts)
2. <i>They</i> :	(1 pts)
3 <u>. me :</u>	(1 pts)

II- LANGUAGE : (10 pts)

A. GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS (4 pts)

2. Martin Luther King's (die)shocked all the people who were fighting for (free)between races.

B. PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE (2 pts)

Three years ago, my friend Jack (decide)to stop (smoke) It (to be)really hard at the beginning, but he now (to feel)

.....better.

C. REWRITE THE SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN (2 pts)

1. The Smiths use this spacious room only on special occasions. This spacious room.....

2. "Don't spend so much time on computer games", Mrs.Baker said to her son. Mrs.Baker told her son.

D. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORD FROM THE LIST (2 pts)

(rate- expectancy- penalty- defects- labour – effects)

1. Jack has suffered from speech.....since he was a child.

2. If convicted for murder, both youngsters could face the death

III- WRINTING(15 pts)

People and institutions are becoming more and more dependent on computers. Write a letter to your school magazine about the advantages and disadvantages of using computers.