

Reading 1: (10 Marks)**Read the following article about *Television and Radio*.**

What did people do for **entertainment** before television? Today the average child spends more time watching television than reading. Television is so much a part of daily life, many people cannot imagine what life was like before it.

Before television, there was radio. Radio was invented around 1916 from the **telegraph**. In the beginning, it was used to get information quickly from one part of the country to another part or another country. By 1926 radios were common in homes. People listened to music, news, and special shows in the same way we watch television today. Television, on the other hand, was not invented until the 1940s, and it took longer time to gain popularity in homes.

Families would gather around their radios and listen to shows broadcast all over the world. One of the most popular radio shows was "The Lone Ranger". The show was about a Texas Ranger and a faithful Indian, named Tonto, who tirelessly worked to stop **evil**. The Lone Ranger rode a white horse named Silver and wore a black mask. His famous **yell**, "Hi-O Silver", his white hat, white horse, and black mask became symbols of the American Wild West hero.

Another famous radio hero was The Shadow. Eventually, radio shows became famous television shows as well. Comedians and variety show stars made the **transition** from the radio to television. Comedians like Jack Benny and George Burns had radio shows that became television favourites.

A. Decide whether the following statements are true (✓) or false (×) according to the article.

(5 Marks)

- 1. Children nowadays are more attached to television than any other activity. (.....)
- 2. At first, television was used to get information from one country to another. (.....)
- 3. Radio became popular in homes more quickly than television. (.....)
- 4. "The Lone Ranger" was a very famous radio show. (.....)
- 5. George Burns was one of the comedians who started their career on television. (.....)

B. Match the following words from the article with their definitions. There is an extra definition.

(5 Marks)

(entertainment telegraph evil yell transition)

| Words | Definitions |
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| | something that is very bad causing trouble or harm. |
| | a very loud shout. |
| | a change from one state to another. |
| | a system of sending messages by electrical signals. |
| | the state of being liked by many people. |
| | things to do that interest people in their free time. |

Read the following article then answer the questions that follow.

Gloria Estefan

Gloria Estefan was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1957. At a young age, she had to look after her sick father and younger sister while her mother worked and attended night school. There was little time for a social life, so Gloria found peace and strength in playing the guitar and singing.

Gloria attended Miami University in 1975 and dreamed of becoming a psychologist. Whilst there, the shy, overweight and serious young woman joined a Cuban-American group called "The Miami Latin Boys", later renamed "Miami Sound Machine". Under the guidance of the group's leader, Emilio Estefan (whom she later married), Gloria grew into a confident and sleek performer, adding dance routines as well as her own songs and ballads to the group's act. Eventually she released her first solo album, "Cuts Both Ways", in 1989.

While on tour in 1990, Gloria was almost killed in a road accident. Hours of surgery were necessary to straighten her spine after she suffered a broken and dislocated vertebra in her back. A year of physical therapy, strength of will, and great support from her many fans helped her make a miraculous comeback. One year later, Gloria was again recording chart-topping albums.

The fact that Gloria has remained loyal to her bi-cultural upbringing makes her enormously popular. Her talent for writing and performing emotional ballads has brought her unrivalled fame and success. With over 45 million records sold, she remains the best-selling, most popular crossover performer in Latin music history.

A -Read the article again and choose the correct answer a, b, or c (5 marks)

1- Gloria Estefan was born in

- a. Miami, 1995
- b. Havana, 1957
- c. Cuba, 1989

2- Gloria Estefan looked after her....

- a. sister
- b. father
- c. sick father and young sister

3- Gloria attended Miami University to become....

- a. a guitar player
- b. a singer
- c. a psychologist

4-Gloria joined a Cuban –American group called.....

- a. The Miami Latin ladies
- b. The Miami Latin boys
- c. Miami Latin recording sounds

5- Gloria released her first solo album in

- a. 1975
- b. 1989
- c. 1990

B. Decide whether the following statements are true (✓) or false (×) according to the article.

(5 Marks)

1. Gloria joined night school. ()
2. Gloria had a busy social life at her young age. ()
3. Gloria made a significant change to the group's act. ()
4. Gloria was seriously injured in a car accident.()
5. Gloria was gifted in writing Latin songs. ()

