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Read the following selection in which the writer narrates how her mother influenced her life and then answer the questions that follow.

1 We all make different mistakes and learn from various experiences in life. However, each one of us has a person who has made a change in his/her life. My mother is the person who has played a role in my life with her great support and good advice.

2 When I was two years old, my parents got divorced, so my mother had to take care of me on her own. She took two jobs to be able to pay for our expenses. My mother gave me all her love and tried to make our life better. Also, she was always a good friend of mine and taught me to be **compassionate** and helpful to other people. My mother's advice helped me make good friends and be successful in life.

3 The most important incident, which I remember very well, happened when I was five years old. My mother took me to the beach and told me to wait for her until she finished swimming. I didn't obey her and jumped into the water. When my mother came back, she couldn't find me. She cried for help, but nobody could hear her. While she was looking for me along the beach, she spotted my swimming cap in the water. She rushed to pull me out. I was very **grateful** to her for saving my life.

4 I was nine years old, and I had always wanted to join a dance class. However, my mother was unable to afford it, so I felt very **upset**. Later, on my birthday, all our family gathered to celebrate my happy day. My mother's gift was the best! It was a membership card to join the dance academy. This made me very happy, and I realized the effort my mother had made to make my dream come true.

5 After three months, I joined the school summer camp. One day, our teachers organized a dance competition for all children at the camp. They wanted to choose the best dancer from all groups. So, the teachers invited the musicians to play music. My mother went there to see my performance. I did modern dance successfully, and my movements were so **flexible** that I could dance very easily. I spun, moved and hooked my body.

6 At the age of seventeen, I graduated from high school. After that, I was accepted at the National Academy of Law where I was supposed to study law, but I couldn't finish it because I moved to the United States. I arrived there in May, 2013, but my mother stayed in Ukraine. She came to visit me in the summer of 2014. I felt very sad because she was so far from me. My mother had encouraged me to go to college in the United States earlier. She always told me that education is very **essential** for a better life, and I took her words into consideration and joined Kingsborough Community College, where I majored in Biology. My mother was glad about my choice.

7 My mother has been the most influential person in my life. Now, before I make any decision, I always ask for her opinion, for she is the most trusted friend. I love her very much and wish we would be always together.

Questions

A. Answer questions 1 to 4 in complete sentences of your own.

1. Based on paragraph **2**, how did the writer live her childhood after her parents' divorce? Illustrate. **(01)**
2. According to paragraph **3**, **4** and **6**, why does the writer describe the mother as the most influential person in her life? Mention four pieces of evidence. **(01)**
3. Based on paragraph **6**, why didn't the writer continue studying law? Give two reasons. **(01)**
4. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the selection? **(0.5)**
   - Importance of Education - A Gift from God - Consequences of Divorce

B. Based on the selection, what does each of the underlined pronouns refer to? (01)

a- This (Paragraph **4**) b- it (Paragraph **6**)

C. Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the following sentences. (02)

compassionate	grateful	upset	flexible	essential

1. We were…. to our neighbors who called the fire engine when our house was on fire.
2. Because his muscles are very…., he can bend and move his body in different directions.
3. Robert got emotionally…. due to not being nominated for the school prize.
4. Oxygen, sunlight, and water are…. for the growth of plants.

D. The reading selection has 7 paragraphs (1-7). Each of the following extracts (A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts (**A**) and (**B**) carefully and then choose from paragraphs (1-7) the one that correctly fits with each extract. **(1.5)**

Extract (A): Eventually, I won this competition and felt happy. It was an achievement that made me feel very confident. My mother was very proud of me as well.

Extract (B): This incident made me appreciate my mother's continuous support and her valuable words. Had it not been for my mother, I would have drowned.

E. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated without changing the meaning. (02)

1. After that, I was accepted by the National Academy of Law. **The National**….
2. I couldn't finish it because I moved to the United States. **If**….

F. In each of the following sentences there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (02)

1. They are trying to sell their house; it has been on the market since two months.
2. The movie which we watched it on cable last night was frightening.
3. Unfortunately, no one can tell what kind of obstacles will he face.
4. Rarely she has attended a musical concert alone.

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ANSWER KEY

A-

1. She lived it normally/successfully/peacefully/happily….. after her parents' divorce because her mother gave her good advice, financial and moral support… **(01)**
2. Her mother saved her life, made her dream come true, made her happy, encouraged her to continue education, and made her life better ……..(Any four are correct) **(01)**
3. Her mother encouraged her to attend college in USA, and the writer later moved there. **(01)**
4. b) A Gift from God **(0.5)**

B-

1. This = Getting/receiving a membership card **(0.5)**
2. It= studying law **(0.5)**

C- (02)

1. grateful
2. flexible
3. upset
4. essential

D- (1.5)

1. Extract (A) is the correct part that completes Paragraph 5
2. Extract (B) is the correct part that completes Paragraph 30.75

E- (02)

1. The National Academy of Law accepted me (after that).
2. If I hadn't moved to the United States, I could have finished it.01

F- (02)

1.They are trying to sell their house; it has been on sale for two months.
2.The movie which we watched (it) on cable last night was frightening.
3.Unfortunately, no one can tell what kind of obstacles (will he) he will face.
4. - Two possibilities:
- Rarely has she attended a musical concert alone.
- She has rarely attended a musical concert alone.