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## EXAMEN NORMALISE 1

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Traditionally, the idea of a working woman was not accepted by many people; they saw it as a radical change in family life. The reasons were simple: a woman's place is at home. Who is going to clean, cook, feed the kids and look after them?

Batool, a 29-year-old Kuwaiti pharmacist and mother of two children says: "I feel guilty. Now that my eldest daughter is going to school, I'm starting to have second thoughts about being a career woman." She says that when she was a kid, her mother would wake her up every morning for school. "She made us breakfast, me and five other siblings, whereas I find difficulty taking care of only two daughters," she added.

Like many other young Kuwaiti women, Batool finds it necessary to be taking a share in the household finances. "It's not as easy as it used to be with my mother's generation," explained Batool. "A woman now has to have her own income, if not to support her family, then to satisfy her needs. Life is too expensive compared to twenty or thirty years ago." The number of working women in Kuwait is continuously increasing, with 42 percent participating in the total of Kuwait's working force, according to a recent study conducted by the Arab Planning Institute.

Reem, a student, says: "I'm studying hard to get a degree, have a good career and make a difference. Moreover, at this point in my life, I don't want to have any kids. Maybe five years after my marriage, I will start to consider it. But I want to do my master's degree abroad and I can't do that unless I'm married; otherwise my dad won't permit it."

Aisha, a 51-year-old mother, has been a housewife all her life. She says: "I got married when I was seventeen and didn't have time to finish high school. Most of my friends studied further. Some of them are successful in their careers."

Staying at home to take care of children or working to increase the family's income is apparently a personal choice. "I believe that you can do well in what you believe in if you have your family supporting you," says Aisha. The debate over working women versus housewives is one that has been going on for generations. This is the issue that women around the world have to deal with. They are under the pressure of supporting a household with an additional income and the guilt of not being available for the kids. Finding the balance between both worlds is what is expected of women, something that is not always feasible.

### I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS) BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

#### A. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE THE BEST TITLE FOR THE PASSAGE? (2 pts)

TICK (✓) THE APPROPRIATE BOX

- The problem of illiterate women in Kuwait
- The problem of working women in Kuwait
- The problem of housewives in Kuwait

**B. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (2 pts)**

1. Reem will be able to study abroad if she gets married. ....  
.....
2. Aisha has never had a chance to work. ....  
.....

**C. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 pts)**

1. According to Batool, why is it important for a woman to have her own income? .....  
.....
2. What is Reem doing for the moment? .....  
.....
3. According to the author, what is expected of working women? .....  
.....

**D. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES. (2 pts)**

1. Unlike her mother, Batool finds it difficult to .....  
.....
2. The study by the Arab Planning Institute shows that .....  
.....

**E. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS: (3 pts)**

1. child (parag 2): .....
2. allow (parag 4): .....
3. look after (parag 6): .....

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

1. it: .....
2. she: .....
3. them: .....

## II - LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A - Use the words in capitals to make words which fit in the spaces (3 points)

1. Does the sea ..... the sun's rays? REFLECTION
2. In this part of Scotland, it's ..... raining!  
CONSTANT
3. There is a high ..... system in this area. PRESS
4. How quickly did those clouds ..... in the sky?  
APPEARANCE
5. I feel ..... when I can't go out because of the bad weather. REST
6. ...., you need a lot of specialised knowledge to predict the weather. FORTUNE.

B - Change from the active to the passive (4 points)

1. The association has funded many social projects.  
Many social projects .....
2. The heavy rains flooded most of the fields in the Gharb last winter.  
Most of the fields in the Gharb .....
3. The local authorities build a new school every five years.  
A new school .....
4. People should check their cars before travelling.  
Cars .....

C - Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the spaces: (3 pts)

1. The ..... must do more to help protect the environment. GOVERN.
2. The ..... of forests by fires is a great problem in many countries. DESTROY

3. This problem of pollution is ..... bad in southern Europe. PARTICULAR
4. Polluted air is ..... to everyone's health. HARM
5. The safekeeping of ..... waste is an international problem. RADIOACTIVITY
6. More young people are becoming interested in ..... matters. ENVIRONMENT

D. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (3 pts)

1. The city council (to build) ..... a new stadium two years ago.
2. Before she became a doctor, Salma (already, to work) ..... as a biology teacher for 2 years.
3. At the moment, a foreign NGO (to prepare) ..... a huge project for human development in rural areas in Morocco.

E. Complete the table (2 pts)

Noun	Adjective	Adverb
danger	.....	.....
.....	free	freely
.....	.....	courageously
truth	true	.....
bravery	.....	.....

III - WRITING (10 pts)

A lot of students are dropped out of school for several reasons. Write an essay about the causes and consequences of this phenomenon and suggest some solutions

(In a double sheet)

Good luck