

The text

John, 39, Chester “...I still remember my first day at Chester Boarding School. I got up early in the morning of 8th July 1969 to get myself prepared. With my father I started walking towards my new school. On the way it started to rain. When we reached the school we were completely wet. When I saw the big grey building in front of me, I started to get nervous...After a first meeting with the Deputy headmaster, I entered the classroom and took my seat in the last row. I didn't know anybody... I couldn't move.

In front of me there was a big blackboard on the wall. Near it there were chairs and a table for the teachers. After a few minutes a teacher entered into the class. He wrote my name in the register. To my good luck the teacher was an interesting man. **He** said a few funny remarks and made some jokes.

At that moment, I felt better.

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As the bell rang, we rushed out of the class. It was break time. The playground was full of pupils. All of them were laughing and playing. I felt a bit nervous. I had pulled down my trousers. As I was alone some boys approached me. One of them asked me “from which school are you coming”? I didn't say anything. Then I started to run. The school was quite big and I really liked the assembly hall and the main entrance as **they** were clean and beautiful with lots of plants, trees and flowers pots.

The bell rang again. It was time to go back to class. Now, I wasn't so nervous. I took a deep breath and knocked on the door. Dozens of eyes were looking at me. I said with confidence: “Hello teacher, my name is John Denzell. I'm a new pupil in this school. I'm new in town too.”

I will never forget that day!”



READING COMPREHENSION: (6 marks)

1/Complete the table with information from the text: (1.5)

Name	Age	Town	School
John Denzell

2/Complete the paragraph with words from the text: (1)

It was his first day at the new school. John Denzell was really ❶..... because he didn't ❷..... anybody. After the break, John felt a lot better.

3/These statements are false. Correct them with information from the text: (1)

a- John didn't like his teacher.

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b- During break time, John talked with some classmates.

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4/Circle the correct answer: (1)

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* "we rushed out of the class" means: - we entered the class
- we left the class
- we stayed in class

* "The playground was full of pupils" means: - only a few pupils were there
- many pupils were there
- no pupils were there

5/Pick out from the text a sentence expressing inability in the past: (0.5)

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6/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1)

He:.....

They:.....

LANGUAGE : (8 marks)

1/ Put the words in () in the correct tense or form: (2.5)

Zach is in boarding school. He writes a letter to his parents.

2/ Write utterances corresponding to these functions: (3)

- **(Greeting)**....., Jeff. How are you?
- Great! **(Introducing others)**.....my fiancée Sally.
- Nice to meet you Sally. So what are you doing here in London?
- Oh well, we're here to do some sightseeing.
- **(Inviting)**..... to come for a drink with me?
- **(Asking about place)**..... are you taking us
- Shakespeare's pub by the river Thames. It's a very nice place.
- Is it too far from here?
- Nor really. **(Suggestion)**.....take the double-decker bus. We'll be there in quarter of an hour.
- Good idea! We **(Ability in the future)**.....to have a wonderful view of the city.

3/ Complete with utterances from the box: (2.5)

Deputy head teacher: "The students start arriving at the school from about 8:45 am. Most of them come to school by car. They wear a school uniform and ❶.....
 School starts at 8:55 am, the duty teacher blows a whistle and the children line up in their class groups. The first lesson of the day begins at 9:30 am and ❷..... We believe that extra-curricular activities play a very important role ❸.....
 That's why there is a variety of clubs for students to join and enjoy, besides many of our students also ❹.....
 Our classrooms are very well-equipped; and in each classroom, there is a computer, an overhead projector and a CD player. The kids at our school love studying Physics and Science ❺....."

learn to play a musical instrument	in the life of the pupil and the school
carry their packed lunch in a school bag	because they enjoy doing experiments during the lesson
is over by 3:00 in the afternoon	attending school is compulsory

WRITING : (6 marks)

1/Reorder the words to get coherent sentences:(2)

a- private – always – English - paying – schools – are

b- been – United States – ever - you – have – the – to - before ?

2/You are in London now. Write a letter to your parents in which you tell them about: the places you visited (parks, museums...) / the English food (breakfast, tea time...) / the means of transport (cab, tube...) / the things you did (shopping...)

Dear.....;

