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Timing: 1 hour

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Term 02

TEST 01

Story from the Past

By Peter Remple

I was born in the late fifties. I started school when I was five years old and was finished at the age of twelve. The school where I went was one big classroom. There were eighty children and only one teacher. I didn't learn much.

I started working when I was very young, because my parents were poor. I worked for one farmer for five years. In 1972 I was bitten by a very poisonous snake. The transportation in Mexico was very hard to get because there were not a lot of vehicles. My older brother went by horse to the next village to find transportation, but it took him two hours. The doctors gave me 60 needles in 24 hours. I was very sick. After 48 hours, I was somewhat better, and since my parents were poor, they would take care of me at home.

In June of 1973, we all came to Canada to see if we could make an easier living out here. Everything was different, the language, the work, and the food. My first job was working in a nursery. It wasn't too bad, the pay was not much. I discovered the importance of education. I really needed to be able to speak English. But I didn't know how or what to do about it. I tried my best to get along and learn on my own by listening to the radio, buying newspapers, hoping to learn something.

*Adapted from: Laubach Literacy of Canada
Memories of my childhood and other stories*

PART ONE: A/ Reading comprehension: (7pts)

Read the text carefully and then do the following activities.

Activity one: Choose (a, b or c) to complete the sentences below. (2pts)

- The transportation was so hard to get because
 a) People were unhelpful b) there were few cars c) people were unable to drive
- Peter's parents would take care of their son at home because
 a) they were not rich b) they didn't like the hospital c) they were careless

Activity two: Answer the following questions: (3pts)

- Was life in Canada different?
- What did Peter discover?
- What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?

Him:

they:

Activity three: A/ Find in the text synonyms or words closest in meaning to: (2pts)

ill =

difficult =

B/ Find in the text antonyms of:

younger ≠

worst ≠

