
Reading Text: Child Labour

Child labour is a global issue that affects millions of children, especially in developing countries. Child labour occurs when children are forced to work at a young age, often in risky or unhealthy conditions, which prevents them from going to school and enjoying their childhood. Many children work in factories, mines, or on farms where they perform difficult tasks for very low wages.

The causes of child labour are complex. Poverty is one of the main reasons, as many families cannot afford basic necessities, so children must work to help support their families. Lack of education also contributes to child labour, as children without access to schooling are more likely to be employed in low-paying jobs.

Various organizations, such as UNICEF and the International Labour Organization (ILO), work to combat child labour. They promote laws that protect children's rights and help provide education and support to children in need. International cooperation and strong local laws are essential to protect children from exploitation and to ensure a better future for them.

Ending child labour is challenging, but it is necessary to create a world where all children can grow up safe, healthy, and educated.

A- Comprehension: (10 pts.)

1. *Read the following statements and write **True** or **False** next to each one. (2 pts)*
 - a- Child labour only exists in wealthy countries. _____
 - b- Poverty is one of the main reasons why children are forced to work. _____
 - c- Many children who work do so in dangerous conditions. _____
 - d- Organizations like the ILO work to support child labour practices. _____
2. *Answer the following questions based on the text. (4.5 pts.)*
 - a- Where do many children work?
 - b- Why do some children have to work instead of going to school?
 - c- Name two organizations that work to combat child labour and explain what they do.
 - d- Why is ending child labour described as challenging?
3. *Below are some ideas from the text, listed in random order. Re order them according to their appearance in the text. (2 pts.)*
 - a- Organizations like UNICEF work to protect children's rights.
 - b- Child labour is common in places where children work for low wages.
 - c- Poverty and lack of education are major causes of child labor.
 - d- Ending child labour is necessary to ensure children grow up safe and healthy.
4. *Identify what each underlined word or phrase refers to in the text. (1.5)*
 - a- " **which** " (§1)
 - b- "where" (§1)
 - c- "they" (§3)

B- Mastery of Language: (10 pts.)

1. Find in the text words close in meaning to the following: (1pt.)

- a- International (§1) b- fight (§3)

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes: (1.5 pt.)

	Prefix	Root	Suffix
unhealthy			
International			
Childhood			

3. Complete each sentence below with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses, using **"It's high time"** or **"I wish."** (2.5 pt.)

- a- Child labour is a serious issue. **It's high time** governments around the world _____ (take) strong action to end it.
- b- Many children are forced to work in dangerous conditions. **I wish** they _____ (have) the chance to go to school soon.
- c- **I wish** children _____ (be) safe, educated, and free to enjoy their childhood rather than working in difficult jobs.
- d- **It's high time** organizations and communities _____ (work) together to put an end to child labour once and for all.
- e- **I wish** families _____ (not need) to rely on their children's work to survive soon.

4. Combine each pair of sentences below into a single sentence using the given conjunction in parentheses. (3 pts)

- a- Many children have to work long hours. They cannot attend school. (**because**)
- b- Some children are desperate to earn money. They accept dangerous jobs. (**so...that**)
- c- The organization created a powerful campaign. It raised awareness globally. (**such...that**)
- d- Child labour continues. Many families are too poor to survive without their children's income. (**since**)
- e- Poverty is widespread. Many children are forced to work. (**because of**)
- f- Governments take serious action. Child labour will decrease rapidly. (**as long as**)

5. Reorder the following statements to make a coherent paragraph. (2 pts.)

- a- They often work in unsafe places that can harm them.
- b- We need to help children stay in school and end child labour.
- c- Many children around the world work long hours instead of going to school.
- d- They work in those harsh conditions to help their poor families.

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything"

Albert Einstein

Answer Key

1. True or False

a- False 0.5

b- True 0.5

c- True 0.5

d- False 0.5

2. Comprehension Questions

a- Many children work in factories, mines, or on farms.

b- Some children have to work due to poverty, as their families need additional income, and also due to lack of access to education.

c- UNICEF and the International Labour Organization (ILO) work to combat child labour by promoting laws to protect children's rights and helping provide education and support.

d- Ending child labour is challenging because of the complex causes like poverty and lack of education, which require long-term solutions.

3. Reordering Ideas: b- c- a-d

4. Reference Words

a- "Which" refers to 'Child labour'

b- "Where" refers to 'in factories, mines, or on farms'

c- "They" refers to: UNICEF and the ILO (International Labour Organization).

B- Mastery of Language: (10 pts.)

1. Synonyms: (1pt.)

a- International (§1) = global

b- fight (§3) = combat

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes: (1.5 pt.)

	Prefix	Root	Suffix
unhealthy	un	health	y
International	inter	nation	al
Childhood	//////	child	hood

3. Tenses:

a- took 0.5

b- would have 0.5

c- were 0.5

d- worked 0.5

e- would not need 0.5

4. Combining Sentences: (3 pts)

a- Many children cannot attend school **because** they have to work long hours.

b- Some children are **so** desperate to earn money **that** they accept dangerous jobs.

c- The organization created **such** a powerful campaign **that** it raised awareness globally.

d- **Since** many families are too poor to survive without their children's income, child labour continues.

e- Many children are forced to work **because of** (the widespread of) poverty.

f- **As long as** governments **take** serious action, child labour **will decrease** rapidly.

5. Order: (2 pts.)

	1	2	3	4
	c-	a-	d-	b -