

First Test of English

Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Humans have fought against each other for many years. These wars, have brought nothing but death, destruction and fear to millions worldwide. Selfish and irresponsible motives have been the cause of most of such wars, and the costs have always been tragic.

They say that anyone can start a war, but only few can end it. Consequently, the continuous tragedy of modern wars cannot come to an end unless brave men and women spread the word of peace, unless people follow the steps of Martin Luther King, Gandhi and others to refuse violence and promote a nonviolent lifestyle.

The true meaning of peace starts when we practise it in our daily life and show it to others by acting patiently in any situation we face. These are the principles that influential, honest people peacefully fought for. Rosa Parks, for instance, was a standing symbol against segregation, and so has been Malala Yousafzai who took a gunshot for the rights of young girls.

If humans are to secure a safer future for the coming generations, they need to start building a society that is based on tolerance, as Albert Einstein once said: "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding".

Adapted from the internet

A/ Comprehension:

1. Are the following statements "true" or "false"? (2pts)

- a) Wars brought peace and prosperity to humans.
- b) Wars are easy to end, but difficult to start.
- c) A daily life without violence is the true peace.
- d) Tolerance is necessary for a safer future.

2. Answer the following questions according to the text. (3pts)

- a) Are most wars fought for good motives?

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- b) What should we spread to end wars?

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- c) According to Einstein, how can we achieve peace?

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3. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (2pts)

- a) It → (§2) b) They → (§4)

4. Choose the title you think is the most appropriate. (1pt)

- a. The Life of Martin Luther King.
- b. The Importance of Spreading Peace.
- c. The Consequences of War.

B/ Text Exploration:

1. Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following (3pts)

- a) life (§1) ≠ b) accept (§2) ≠ c) violently (§3) ≠

2. Complete the chart as shown in the example. (3pts)

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
To protect	protection	protected
To segregate		
.....		racist
.....	discrimination	

3. Complete the following sentences with (4pts)

hasn't been able to - can - will be able to - were able to

- a) He join the national anti-war association soon.
b) Yesterday, the students solve the problem easily.
c) The UNO to bring peace in many parts of the world yet.
d) Nowadays, we exchange ideas and opinions peacefully.

4. Fill in the gaps with the following words (2pts)

Individuals - conflicts - peaceful - destruction

People often try to make peace because and war always lead to bad consequences such as casualties, suffering and Peace is very important between countries and Therefore, some people do their best to stop the conflicts and settle disputes in a way.

