

My grandmother often tells me about her childhood in a small village near Sétif. When she was young, there was no electricity in the houses. People used to get up very early and go to bed soon after sunset. Women used to fetch water from the well, and children used to walk several kilometres to school.

Life has changed a lot since those days. Our village has had electricity since 1975, and most families have owned a car for many years. Today, children go to school by bus, and they communicate with their friends through their phones. My grandmother says that life is more comfortable now, but she misses the solidarity of the old days, when neighbours used to share everything.

### **Part One: Reading : (14 pts)**

#### **A. Comprehension (7 pts)**

1. Choose the right answer: The text is a) a letter ; b) a story told by a grandchild ; c) an advertisement.
2. True or false? a) The grandmother lived in a big city. b) The village had electricity in 1975. c) The grandmother misses the solidarity of the past.
3. Answer the questions: a) How did children go to school in the past? b) How do they go to school today?
4. What do the underlined words refer to? "she was young" ; "they communicate".

#### **B. Text exploration (7 pts)**

1. Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to: a) late  $\neq$  ..... ; b) uncomfortable  $\neq$  .....
2. Complete with "for" or "since": a) We have lived here ..... 2015. b) She has worked as a teacher ..... ten years.
3. Rewrite using "used to": "In the past, people cooked on wood fires."
4. Add suffixes -ment or -tion: a) develop  $\rightarrow$  ..... ; b) communicate  $\rightarrow$  ..... ; c) govern  $\rightarrow$  .....

### **Part Two: Written expression : (6 pts)**

Write a short paragraph (80–100 words) comparing life in the past and life today in your town. Use "used to" and the present perfect.

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