

SUBJUECT: COMPREHENSION AND SUMMARY 12.4

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

When the health workers first came to the village and asked about family planning no one took them seriously including Amusa, whose young wife was then pregnant with their first baby. Had their fathers and forefathers before them not had as many wives and children as they desired? **And had they not been able to take care of families?** So, everyone **shunned** the family planning clinic which was **established** in the village shortly afterward.

12 years later, Amusa was a clerical assistant in the city and lived with his wife and eight children in a single room because you could not afford larger quarters. For as long as he could remember, his family had been going through difficult times, which appeared to be worsening lately. Only yesterday, his third child had been sent from school because the family could not afford the cost. Then recently, the landlord **announced** his intentions to increase the rent.

Amusa found himself thinking about the days when he was himself a young child. His own father had had two wives and 13 children, yet as far as he could remember, the family had not faced anything similar to what he was **going through** now. He suddenly realized that this was because the times had changed and that the requirements of modern living put great pressure on large family sizes.

His father's time had been different: he had been a successful Farmer in the village, and lived in his own house, employed members of his large family as farmhands, and fed everyone from the abundance of the farm. On the other hand, Amusa lived in the city on a **limited** income. He had no farmland or even a vegetable garden and had to pay for everything, from his rented room to the smallest domestic need of his family. As four or five times what they cost a few years ago.

It was then that he suddenly remembered the health workers and their **gospel** of family planning. How he wished he had listened and taken their advice! Unfortunately, he had not. **And what was even more unfortunate** was that the millions in Amusa's **shoes** became wiser only when it was late.

Comprehension (60 marks)

1. What advice do you think the health workers gave to the villagers (4marks)
2. Give two reasons why the villagers did not take the health worker seriously. (10 marks)
3. Give two indications of Amusa's financial difficulties. (10 marks)
4. Mention any two differences between Amusa's condition and his father's condition (10 marks)

5. "And had they not been able to take care of families?"

I. What figure of speech is this? 5(marks)

II. What does it mean as it is used in the passage? (5marks)

6. "And what was even more unfortunate"

I. What grammatical name is given to this expression? (5marks)

II. What is its function in the passage? (5 marks)

7. For each of the following words or phrases, find another word or phrase which means the same and which can replace it as it used in the passage. (6 marks)

1) Shunned,

4) announced,

2)going through,

5) limited,

3)shoes

6) established.

Section B

Summary (40 Marks)

Summarize the story in about five sentences.

(Total number of words should not exceed 100)

WRITING:

Answer one question only: 150-250 Words

- 1- Imagine you were given the chance to travel to any of the African countries, which country would you like to visit and why? Give at least three (3) reasons why you would like to visit that country.

- 2- The extended family system is better than the nuclear family system in Africa. Do you agree?

- 3- You have just finished learning English in Accra. Write an application letter to THE DIRECTOR, ADEPTS INSTITUTE, P.O.BOX OS 647, Accra. Asking for a teaching appointment to teach French.

- 4- Your uncle has sent you some amount of money. Write to thank him for the amount and tell him 3 things you will use the money for.