

Direction des Examens et des Concours

Epreuve d'Anglais

Read the text carefully then do the activities

"Child labor" is, generally, work for children that harms them or exploits them in some way (physically, mentally, morally, or by blocking access to education).

Not all work is bad for children. Some social scientists point out that some kinds of work may be completely harmless, except for one thing about the work that makes it exploitative. For instance, a child who delivers newspapers before school might actually benefit from learning how to work, gaining responsibility, and earn a bit of money. But what if a child is not paid? Then he or she is being exploited.

In Africa, one child in three is at work, and in Latin America, one child in five works. In 2000, the International Labor Organization estimated that 246 million child workers aged between 5 and 17 were involved in child labor. Moreover, some 8.4 million children were engaged in the so-called "unconditional" worst forms of child labor, which includes forced labor, the use of children in armed conflict, trafficking in children and in their organs.

One may say that poverty is widely considered the top reason why children work at inappropriate jobs for their ages. However there are other reasons as lack of good schools and day care, lack of other services such as health care and family problems.

I. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE according to the text

- Children work is always harmful
- The number of children involved in work in Africa is higher than the one in Latin America
- Poverty is considered the only cause of child labor

II. Answer the following questions according to the text

- What does child labor mean?
- What are the causes behind child labor?

III. Write in the direct speech

- He said that he would leave at six.
- He said that Moctar often went fishing.
- Mariem asked if she could come back later.
- Ali said that he had just seen Mohamed.
- Ahmed told me that Fatma was watching TV.

IV. Rewrite these sentences using 'to have something done'

- Someone washes her clothes. -She _____
- Somebody is cleaning her windows. -She _____
- Somebody serviced her car. -She _____
- Somebody is going to do her shopping. -She _____
- Somebody looks after her garden. -She _____

V. Essay: "Millions of children are engaged in hazardous situations or conditions, such as working in mines, working with chemicals and pesticides in agriculture, or working with dangerous machinery".

Write a composition stating your opinion and the measures that should be taken to reduce or stop this kind of abuse.