Read the text carefully.

Growing up: THEN AND NOW

Are your days different from each other or your days are just like today? You probably go to school and do your homework. At home, you do some simple chores. You do the washing and make your bed. You may sometimes find it hard, or you complain about not having free time to relax or play.

In the past, children your age most likely had hard times and they had a little more to complain about. In fact, throughout much of history, many children didn't go to schools because they worked on farms and they also had to help at home. Actually, their parents were their teachers and they taught them what they knew. For this reason, very few adults knew how to read and write.

Back in the days of pearl diving, the season started in June and ended in September. The crew of the "Banoosh", a diving ship, included well-trained boys who were taught to dive from the age of ten. They got their education at sea and the ship was their school. Their life was adventurous.

These children swam deep into the sea to find pearls and hidden treasures. Nowadays people still tell stories about the days of pearl diving and sing songs of those brave children.

In the 19th century many people started moving to cities to find jobs. There was no need to work on farms. Therefore, They started working in factories instead of farms. In England, lots of children worked long hours, six days a week, and they earned very little money in return. They worked from a very young age, sometimes at the age of five or six. They gave the money to their parents to help with the expenses and the family's needs.

Now, most children go to school. Some teenagers work part-time jobs also, and they get paid, but they spend their money for their own enjoyment, not to help their families. Although they sometimes work or they go to school, they still have time to relax. Think about it! How most children these days find life pretty easy.

Answer the questions below.

A) Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Correct the false ones.

1- Many adults couldn't read and write. ( )

2- Banoosh is a boat for fishing. ( )

3- By the 18th century people moved to the cities. ( )

4- Teenagers work part-time jobs. ( )

B) Answer the following questions

1- When did the pearl diving season start?

2- What did the children do with the money they earned?

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