Review Beginner A2

Growing up poor

My name is Mike, and I was born in a very poor neighborhood in Los Angeles. When I_____ (be)little, my mother took care of my brother and me because my father left before I came to this world, and he wasn't too interested _____ (on/in) being a part of our lives. My mother had to work two jobs that _____ (not;pay) much. She had to work very hard so that we could have food, clothes, and a place to live. She was great; we loved her and appreciated her efforts.

Every day, she usually arrived home very late, and she was exhausted. Still, she always cooked nice meals for us, played with us, and _____ (make) sure that we_____ (do) our homework. She always insisted on how important it was to get a good education. She couldn't finish school because she got pregnant with me when she was just a teenager. "I couldn't finish school, and that's why I must work so hard now, and I earn so little money," she often _____ (say).

Children_____ (be) very violent in my neighborhood; you needed to be violent if you wanted to survive. There was a lot of crime, vandalism, and drugs. It wasn't easy to be a good student for any child who lived in our neighborhood. The other children hated you if you got good grades, so I wasn't very popular. The only positive thing about living in that place is that you needed to be very clever to survive, and that _____ (help) me later in life.

_____ (Finally/Firstly), my brother and I could finish high school. I went to university because I was _____ (so/such a) good basketball player, and basketball paid for my university degree. On the day of my graduation, my mother was in tears. And she was in tears again the day I showed her our new apartment, away from the neighborhood. Do you know how difficult it is to get out of a poor neighborhood? It's very hard, but I did it, and it was thanks to my mum. Now she_____ (not; need) to work two jobs anymore, and I take care of her.

Mark true or false according to the text:

1-Mike didn't know his father.

a.True

b.False

2-His mother didn't have enough money to buy food.

a.True

b.False

3-She didn't finish school because she had Mike.

a.True

b.False

4-Mike took drugs.

a.True

b.False

5-He got good grades at school.

a.True

b.False

6-He thinks living in his neighbourhood was very positive.

a.True

b.False

Grammar

1.1 Transform the sentence so that it starts with "If":

1- "I don't finish my homework, I won't go to the party."

_____

2- Transform the sentence so that it starts with "Unless":

"You will miss the train if you don't leave now."

_____

3-Transform the sentence using "to be interested in":

"I find science fascinating."

_____

4-Transform the sentence using "to be good at":

"She is excellent at math."

_____

1.2 Rewrite the following sentences according to the example:

E.G "I don't eat meat anymore."
Answer: "I used to eat meat, but I stopped."

1-"She doesn't play the piano anymore."

_____

2-"They don't go out dancing on weekends anymore."

_____

3-"She doesn't wear high heels to work anymore."

_____

1.3 Rewrite the following sentences according to the example:

E.G "The movie was amazing. I didn't see anything like this before."

Answer: "The movie was so amazing . I didn't see anything like this before."

1-The food was delicious. I didn't taste anything like this before.

_____.

2-She is humble that everybody loves her.

_____.

3-It was shocking that they felt devastated.

_____.

Find the correct option:

1-It was a beautiful sunset that everyone stopped to admire it.	☐ It was a so beautiful sunset that everyone stopped to admire it. ☐ It was a such beautiful sunset that everyone stopped to admire it. ☐ It was so sunset that everyone admired it. ☐ It was such a beautiful sunset that everyone stopped to admire it.
2-They didn't have a difficult assignment ten days ago.	☐ They didn't have a so difficult assignment ten days ago. ☐ They didn't have such a difficult assignment ten days ago. ☐ They didn't have a such difficult assignment ten days ago. ☐ Ten days ago they didn't have such difficult assignment .