

### *A REALLY EQUAL PARTNER*

- 1- John works two days a week in a London library. He job-shares with a woman colleague and spends the rest of the time at home. Pam, his wife, is a full time advisory home economics teacher with plenty of out-of-hours commitments. John looks after the children when Pam is at work, cooks the evening meal twice a week and they share responsibilities during their holidays.
- 2- John comes from a large Belfast family and is one of eight children. " There was no question of not helping, " he remembers. " We all did including my father. "By the time I was 12, I could cook dinner to the family with help from my mother. When his own children were very young, John worked full time and Pam had part-time work, but when Pam was offered the opportunity of a responsible full-time job, they did not want to use childminders and so John decided it should be he who reduced his working hours to look after children.
- 3- Although John does occasionally resent getting so little financial reward for his work and misses the responsibility he lost, he feels he is well-suited to **the arrangement** he and Pam now have. " We know that other couples are better off than us, " he says, " and that we are unlikely to have a house with all modern conveniences or an expensive car, but that doesn't worry us. I suppose it might do later. Right now being with the children is just more important to me than a successful business career and a fast lifestyle. "
- 4- When it is Pam's turn to cook the evening meal, John tackles other household chores, and once a week he does a big supermarket shop, usually on Friday nights. " That's Pam's time to be with the children, " he says. Pam has learned not to be too concerned about the standard of housework. Most of **it** simply doesn't get done at all, but of what is accomplished, John is responsible for about 60 to 70 per cent, because he has more time. He is by no means a great fan of laundry work. But it is John who gets very angry if anything happens to make the washing even more of a chore than it is already. " If Pam buys a red garment which will run in the wash, I make my disgust pretty clear, " he says. " As for the ironing, I'll do anything to get out of it! "
- 5- Interestingly enough, despite his great involvement with Andrew and Thomas, John feels that Pam is still the 'mother' of the family and that the boys look to her more than to him for affection. Pam thinks this a throwback to a long tradition: " Women are freer to express all emotions. John is affectionate, but showing **it** doesn't come naturally to him – or to most men I suspect. He has to make an effort. "
- 6- Pam and John seem to have all taped but reaching this level of smooth operation has been an uphill struggle. " Pam and I are very different people, " says John, " with strong views on all kinds of subjects, particularly politics and religion. To get this far **we**'ve had to talk it all through at every stage. "

**I – COMPREHENSION**

**14POINTS**

**A. Are these following statements true or false? Justify **2points****

1- John hasn't got any brothers or sisters.

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2- John has decided to have a part-time job because his wife can't look after the children alone.

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**B. Answer the following questions. **2points****

1. What does John do for a living?

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2. What kind of house tasks doesn't John enjoy doing?

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**C. Complete the following sentences. **2points****

1. John prefers being with his children Andrew and Thomas to.....

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2. John and Pam manage to cope with each other although.....

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**D. Find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as? **4points****

1. People who take care of children when their parents are absent(par 2)

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2. Fitted (par3).....

3. Wealthier or riche ( par 3 ) .....

4. Not at all ( par 4 ) .....

**E. What do the underlined words in the text refer to. **4points****

1. The arrangement (par3).....

2. It (par 4).....

3. It (par 5).....

4. We (par 6).....

**A. Put the words in bold in the right form :** **2 points**

- An oil spill usually leads to an ..... disaster **ECOLOGY**
- Rainforests are home to a wide ..... of plants and animals. **VARY**
- My job involves doing many ..... work . **VOLUNTEER**
- Some rainforest products are used in the ..... Industry. **PHARMACY**

**B-Complete the words :** **2 points**

- 1-I 've got enough money on me so I will pay in C\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ .
- 2-In my opinion, trying to develop this product is a W\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ of time .
- 3- We are going to pay by CH \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ .
- 4-Can you give me some advice on how to sell my INV\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ .

**C-Make questions so that the answer are the words in bold.** **2points**

- 1-**Sheila** took the designs to the patent office.  
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- 2- **Our new table** was delivered yesterday.  
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- 3- John must do **something**.  
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- 4-Paul makes models in **his workshop**.  
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**D-Complete the sentences with the right phrasal verbs :** **2points**

put up with    help out    put through    set up    get through

- 1- Marry Can't .....all this noise.
- 2- I tried to ring her, but I could not .....
- 3- Hello! I wonder if you could ..... me ..... to Mr. Carson, please.
- 4- When he married he left his father's shop and ..... his own business.

**E-Rewrite each of the sentences in reported speech.** **4 points**

- 1- "Don't forget to do your homework, Nancy", said the teacher.  
The teacher told .....
- 2- "You should stop smoking, " my doctor said.  
My doctor suggested .....
- 3- " Where have I left my glasses ?" thought Tina.  
Tina wondered.....
- 4- " My father asked me : " Have you finished your homework?"  
My father wanted to know.....

**F-Rewrite these sentences using the passive .** **4points**

- 1- People know that the atmosphere is getting more and more polluted.  
It.....  
The atmosphere .....
- 2- They give money to a conservation organization to buy a forest.  
Money.....  
A conservation organization.....

