



**Part C: Reading Comprehension**

How often one hears children wishing they were grown-up, and old people wishing they were young again. Each age has its pleasures and its pains, and the happiest person is the one who enjoys what each age gives him properly.

Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult. A child finds pleasure in playing in the rain, or in the snow. But a child has his pain: He is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free from the discipline of school and parents. If he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents, he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard and keeps out of trouble, he can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society.

With old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely given. They can watch their children and their grandchildren growing up around them. They feel the happiness of having come through the battle of life safely and of having reached a time when they can lie back and rest, leaving others to continue the fight.

**13- According to the passage, the happiest person is the one who .....**

- 1) enjoys the time of his childhood
- 2) gets the most advantage of his age
- 3) starts to earn his own living
- 4) keeps out of trouble all through his life

**14- Which of the following statements about old people is supported by the passage?**

- 1) They are usually satisfied with their past.
- 2) They like to have young friends.
- 3) They have the same wishes as young people.
- 4) They are not as wise as middle-aged people.

**15- According to the passage, it is true that .....**

- 1) children are free to do as they wish
- 2) one should fight as long as one is alive
- 3) children never taste the difficulties of life
- 4) when one gets retired, one will be less troubled in the battle of life