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Many women worldwide still go about their daily routines as their mothers and grandmothers have done for generations; others have gone outdoors to work side by side with men. Are these women satisfied with their new situation? What do they complain about? Here is a career woman, Tamara Ivanova, 43, Russia, giving her opinion about her new way of living.

Ivanova, who was interviewed on the condition that her real name would not be used, is a biologist. She shares a two-bedroom apartment in Moscow with her husband, mother-in-law and one of her two adult children. She enjoys her job as an analyst of forensic pathology and earns a yearly salary of about 4.800\$, the same as similarly qualified men in her profession.

As a young mother, she received paid maternity leave and day care. Her family now has free health benefits. Ivanova, in short, has the sort of rights and professional opportunities that are a dream for most of the world's women. Nonetheless, she is angry about the conditions Russian women must endure: "After a woman marries in our country, she no longer lives. She only exists," says Ivanova. "She is always short of sleep. A married Russian woman has three professions: her career, motherhood and house-keeping. They take all her time and energy, and she is left a worn-out wreck". She is critical of Russian men for scorning domestic chores, though she admits that it is a fault more of tradition than of discrimination. "Women run this country," Ivanova says, "but the bosses are men". She reads underground feminist literature but considers herself neither a dissident nor a feminist. "For women's conditions to improve there has to be a change in the whole society. Men must share the burdens of the family".

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### I. COMPREHENSION

(BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT)

**A. Are these statements True or False? Justify. (2 pts)**

1. Ivanova thinks that Russian women live better after marriage.
2. Ivanova gets as much money as men.

**B. Answer the following questions about the text: (3pts)**

1. According to Ivanova, who is to blame for this situation of Russian women?
2. Pick out from the text a sentence which shows that Russian women suffer physically.
3. What does Ivanova mean by "she no longer lives. She only exists."

**C. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1pt)**

1. they (parag.3): -----
2. she (parag.3): -----

**D. Find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as the following: (2pts)**

1. daily domestic tasks (p. 3): -----
2. rebel (p.3): -----

## II. Language

### A- Rewrite as suggested. (2pts)

1. They can't say the truth to the authorities.  
The truth.....
2. Pollution is destroying our environment gradually.  
Our environment.....

### B- Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. (3pts)

1. What a difficult exercise! I .....(do) it for one hour.
2. She .....(wear) a light blue dress when she .....(be) at last week's farewell party.
3. Tom and Angela .....(give) a talk in class next Thursday afternoon.
4. I .....(not / see) my grandparents for ages.
5. A bomb suddenly exploded while some poor civilians .....(walk) in the area.

### C- Fill in the blanks with 'yet', 'already', 'just', 'for' or 'since'. (2pts)

1. Mary: Have you cleaned the bathroom .....?  
Sue: Yes, I Have .....done it. Don't you see how clean it is?
2. I haven't phoned my wife ..... I'll do it when I get back home.
3. They waited outside the cinema .....half an hour.

### D- Choose an auxiliary from the list and put it in the correct form. (3pts)

must - need - should - can - have to

- 1- Anna lived in America for three years, so she..... speak English very well.
- 2- Tom's brother doesn't know anything about medicine. He ..... be a doctor.
- 3- We ..... drink alcohol. It's against our religion.
- 4- Jane ..... have a lot of clothes. She wears something different every day.
- 5- A: I wonder who carried the piano upstairs. I suppose it's Tom.  
B: Oh no impossible! Paul is very weak. He (not carry).....it by himself. It was too heavy for him. Someone (help).....him.

### E- What can you say in these situations? (2pts)

#### 1. Give an advice to your friend.

A: I have some problems with my teacher at school.

B: .....

#### 2. Make a request.

You're late for school. Ask your new neighbor to give you a lift.

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