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**Read the text and answer the questions below**

Juan is one of 800.000 children farm labourers in the United States, half of whom are under 15. Every day, he is up before 5a.m to gather grapes in the field of California. By 7a.m, his eyes start weeping from the sulphurous pestisi des in the soil. As the sulphur finds its way into his lungs, he becomes weak and wanting to vomit. Even for an adult, it would be an inhumanly cruel suffering.

In California, Arizona and Washington State, children as young as Juan are employed as cheap labour in the billion-dollar agriculture industry. Juan works illegally: he is an "undocumented" immigrant from Mexico Across the nation, the migrant faces varying hazards. In Washington state the harvesting of apples and cherries runs nearly all year from January to November. Workers arrive from Mexico to face organophosphates- a deadly poison- and a variety of injuries. Many workers have attributed skin problems, headaches and muscle cramps to the chemicals and physical hardship they endure.

A human Rights Watch report last week contained declarations from workers who said they were paid as little as 2dollars an hour while the minimum wage is 5, 15 dollars. And it is still legal for a child to work provided he doesn't miss school for more than 90days in a row.

Democratic congressman Tom Lantos says that many of the mistreatments workers face are illegal "We need greater funds so that laws to protect children will be passed "he adds .Mr. Lantos also wants new pesticides safety limits for children: the current exposure limits are set for a man of 70 Kg in weight.

But as Juan returns tonight to the viaduct beneath which he sleeps, the distinction between man and boys has never been so slight.

**A/ Comprehension (7pts)**

**1) The text is about: (0,5pt)**

- a- Agriculture industry in USA      b- child labour      c- immigrants from Mexico

**2) The text is: (0,5pt)**

- a- Descriptive      b- narrative      c- expository

**3) Say if the following statements are true or false according to the text. (2pts)**

- a- Juan is a victim of child labour practices.  
b- Juan is documented immigrant.  
c- Working children face illegal mistreatments.  
d- In some American States, agriculture industry is prospering.

**4) Answer the following questions according to the text. (3pts)**

- a-what are the risks the children are exposed to?
- b- what do they complain about?
- c- which right of child is violated?

**5) In which paragraph is it mentioned that: (0,5pt)**

-Children get little money for their work. Justify.( §....)

**6) who or whom do the underlined words refer to in the text? (0,5pt)**

- a) whom (§1)..... they (§2).....

**B/ Text exploration (7pts)**

**1) Find in the text the words whose definitions follow: (1pt)**

- a) Substance used to destroy insect, pets (§1) =.....
- b) Cutting and gathering of grain and other food crops (§2).....

**2) Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following: (1pt)**

- a) Attend (§3)≠..... b) to harm (§4) ≠.....

**3) Divide the following words into roots and affixes (1,5pts)**

Word	prefix	root	suffix
undocumented	.....	.....	.....
mistreatment	.....	.....	.....
sulphurous	.....	.....	.....

**4) Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. (2pts)**

- a)- Immigrants can't work in the fields. They don't have the necessary documents. Unless.....
- b) Mexican children work hard. However they are badly paid. in spite of.....
- c) The government doesn't find any solution to fight the spread of child labour . It's high time.....
- d) Many children look for any job, because they live in a poverty. If.....

**5)fill the correct pronunciation of the final/s/ in the following words. (1,5pt)**

funds - contemporaries - gains - works - discriminations - injuries

/s/	/z/	/ lz/

**Part two: written expression (6pts)**

Choose one of the following topics.

**Topic one:** suppose you are working in a company where the moral values are not respected. Write a letter to the minister in which you describe the situation using the following notes:

Child labour – false accounting – no safety measures –unhealthy conditions – low salary.

**Topic two:** you watched a documentary on child labour and how awful these innocent children are exploited.

- What would you do if you had the power to punish these cruel people?

*All my best wishes*

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