

I- GENERAL COMPREHENSION

A - Barbara Shore is expecting

2) [two babies](#)

B - William is

2) [a teacher](#)

C - The scene takes place

3) [in the early evening](#)

D - Husband and wife

2) [have different views](#)

E - The scene takes place

2) [in October](#)

II- DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A - Right or Wrong? Justify with a quote from the text.

1 -Barbara kept quiet when hearing the news from her doctor.

[Right.](#) "she had [said nothing at all](#)" (ll 1-2) ou "her to be [struck dumb](#)" (l. 3)

2 -Her doctor thought she couldn't speak as she was very happy.

[Right.](#) "struck dumb with [delight](#)" (l. 3)

3 -For Barbara, it was a moment of great happiness.

[Wrong.](#) "'How perfectly [preposterous](#)" (ll. 4-5)

4 -When her husband came home, she was relaxing on her bed.

[Right.](#) "found her [resting](#)" (l. 8)

5 -He hated it when she told him the news.

[Wrong.](#) "'How [wonderful!](#)'" (l. 11)

6 -Barbara thought being a twin was a fantastic experience.

[Wrong.](#) "It's [awful](#) being a twin.'" (ll. 16-17)

B - Quote the elements from the text showing that...

1) ... it takes Barbara some time before she can speak to the doctor.

[But Barbara had only said, after a while](#) (l. 4)

2) ... she speaks to her husband in a reproachful tone.

['It's twins,' she said. She sounded accusing.](#) (l. 9)

3) ... she insists on being clearly understood.

[Barbara said distinctly, as if speaking to someone hard of hearing](#)

4) ... William is ready to support his wife as far as housework is concerned.

['We'll get a nanny, a mother's help. I'll buy a washing machine.'](#) (l. 30)

5) ... in the end, he can't help crying.

[His eyes suddenly filled with tears](#) (ll. 30-31)

C - Quote from the text the synonyms for the following words:

- 1- outdated [old-fashioned \(l. 2\)](#)
- 2- doctor [general practitioner \(ll. 2-3\)](#)
- 3- appropriate [proper \(l. 4\)](#)
- 4- a woman whose job is to look after children [nanny \(l. 30\)](#)

III- EXPRESSION

Choose **one** subject.

- 1- The father offers to buy a washing machine to help his wife. What else could he do to help?
(150 words)
- 2- What are the advantages or disadvantages of a large family? (150 words)