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Read the following text and then answer the questions which follow.

The refugees' crisis

1. The number of people uprooted from their homes by war and persecution in 2014 was larger than in any year since detailed record-keeping began in 1950s, a global exodus unlike any in modern times.
2. Just one year after the number of refugees, asylum-seekers and people forced to flee within their own countries, surpassed 50 million for the first time since World War II, it surged to nearly 60 million in 2014, "a nation of the displaced" that is almost equal to the population of the United Kingdom.
3. The rapidly escalating figures reflect a world of renewed conflicts, with wars in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe driving families and individuals out of their homes in desperate flights for safety. But the systems for managing those flows are breaking down, with countries and aid organizations unable to handle the movement, as an average of nearly 45,000 people a day join the ranks of refugees.
4. "We are witnessing a terrible change, a slide into an era in which the size of global forced displacement, as well as the response required, is now clearly more serious than anything seen before," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres said. "It is terrifying that on the one hand there is more and more impunity for those starting conflicts, and on the other there is seeming inability of the international community to work together to stop wars and build and preserve peace."
5. The total number, which does not include those displaced by natural disasters or economic migrants in search of a better life, had been relatively stable, at around 40 million, since the start of the 21st century. But it abruptly shot up in 2013, and the pace accelerated last year. Although the figures do not cover 2015, there is no indication that the tendency has changed.
6. The four-year-old war in Syria has been the single biggest driver of the surging numbers. Last year, 1 in 5 displaced persons worldwide was Syrian. The country in 2014 became the planet's largest source of refugees, displacing Afghanistan, which had held that sad distinction for three decades.
7. The impact of a Syrian population on the move has been felt across the Middle East. Neighboring Turkey now hosts more refugees than any other nation. Lebanon has the world's highest concentration, at nearly a quarter of those living in this small Mediterranean nation.

8. The vast majority of refugees last year were hosted by poor countries that can least afford the new numbers. Nearly 9 out of 10 refugees were living in the developing world.

9. Meanwhile, with nations across the developing world either at war or in crisis, some of the world's wealthiest nations have focused on how to beat back the rising movement of those seeking refuge.

France and Austria have reinforced police checks at frontiers with Italy, leaving migrants to camp out at train stations in Rome and Milan. Hungary announced plans to build a 12-foot fence along its frontier with Serbia. Nations across Europe have hesitated at proposals to more equitably share the burden of asylum-seekers while rushing to approve plans to blow up smuggler ships in the Mediterranean.

10. The tough response has been largely due to political pressure among populations hostile to the influx of migrants.

11. The UN and other aid organizations have asked for more assistance to cope with the ever-growing numbers, but with little result.

12. "There's a real risk that we're seeing the crash of the refugee regime that was created after the Second World War on the basis of cooperation and reciprocity," said Alexander Betts, director of the Refugee Studies Center at Oxford University.

13. Betts said that unlike during previous conflicts, including those in Southeast Asia, the Balkans and Central America, governments are not offering assistance up to the scale of a problem that now touches virtually every corner of the globe. "This isn't a regional problem," he said. "It's a global challenge."

14. The UN's report identifies at least 15 wars across three continents that have either started or re-started in the past five years, and that together have forced millions to abandon their homes. A total of 13.9 million people were displaced in 2014 alone. About a third of those were in sub-Saharan Africa, where wars in the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Congo all flared. Somalia alone is the source of more than a million refugees, the world's third-highest total.

16. Europe experienced the biggest proportional increase in displaced persons last year, with a 51 percent increase over 2013. While much of that was due to Syrian refugees streaming into Turkey, it also reflected the 219,000 people who entered the continent via the perilous journey across the Mediterranean. And as Russian-backed rebels brought war back to European land, more than 800,000 people were left internally displaced in Ukraine. About 200,000 Ukrainians applied for asylum in Russia.

17. Worldwide, the number of internally displaced people vastly outstripped the number of refugees. Once people fled their home countries, they had little hope of returning. Just 126,800 refugees went back to their home countries in 2014 out of a global refugee population of 14.4 million. That marked the lowest level of return since 1983.

COMPREHENSION (8 points)

I – Find in the text 2 reasons that explain why the situation of refugees in the world has become so dramatic. (1 pt)

II – There are 2 different attitudes of countries concerning the coming refugees. What are these attitudes? Illustrate your answer with examples from the text. (1 pt)

III - There seems to be more refugees displaced inside their countries than abroad. Find an indication about this in the text. (0.5 pt)

IV-What is the perspective for the refugees' situation? Give an argument from the text. (1 pt)

V – Give by order of importance the names of the three countries where most refugees come from. (0.75 pt)

- a) b) c)

VI – Read the text, and then give the names of the countries that supply refugees and the names of those that host refugees. (1 pt)

- a) *Countries that supply refugees:*
b) *Countries that host refugees:*.....

VII- Read the text carefully then complete with the right figures (0.75 pt)

Between 2000 and 2012, the number of refugees did not exceed (a), and reached a peak in 2014 with (b), in comparison with (c) in 2013. It is expected to be over (d) in 2015. Out of these masses, only (e), refugees returned home, leaving as many as (f) wandering abroad.

VIII – Say whether the following statements are right or false and give arguments from the text: (1 pt)

- a) The number of refugees indicated is below reality if we consider the other categories of refugees (**Right/Wrong**).....
b) Refugees due to wars in Southeast Asia, the Balkans and Central America, are being now better treated (**Right/Wrong**).....
c) 20 % of refugees in the world fled Syria (**Right/Wrong**).....
d) Only 75% of the inhabitants of Lebanon are Lebanese (**Right/Wrong**).....

IX- Find in the text words or phrases which are closest in meaning to: (1 pt)

- a) dangerous
b) hopeless
c) to bomb
d) Mass movement of the population

LANGUAGE: (8 points)

I – Choose the best alternative (1 pt; 0.25 each)

- a) Avoid (making / doing) such mistakes in the future.
b) I'm looking forward to (read / reading) your new report.
c) I first met him when I (attended / assisted to) the seminar
d) People should help (one-another / each-other) in such cases.

II- Complete with the right prepositions (1 pt; 0.25 each)

- a- Many refugees sufferhealth problems, mostly psychological, when they reach Europe.
b- Some specialized organizations deal this issue and offer adequate treatment.
c- September, one refugee stabbed another refugee after a violent dispute.
d- the following day, the police arrested him.

III- Put the verbs in the right tense and / or form (1.5 pt)

With the end of World War II, the world (to discover) the extent of the refugees' disaster. Millions of people (to flee) their countries during the war years. Many among them (to be)the victims of ethnic cleansing. Since then, humanity (to see) many similar disasters and actually, the lesson (not to retain)..... and the same crimes (to commit)

IV – Put the words between brackets in the right form (1.75 pt, 0.25 each)

Before your (to decide) becomes final, you need my (to approve) I am not putting in doubt you (wise), but I share (responsible)with you. It is my (oblige) to remind you of this. Your future (to fail) or (to succeed) depend on this.

V- Ask questions about the underlined words (1 pt)

- a- We should abandon the old approach.
- b- Your father's duty is to advise you

VI- Complete the following sentences (1 pt)

- a- I'll never make the attempt again.
-Never
- b- We are transforming constraints into opportunities.
-Constraints

VII- Put in the plural (0.75 pt)

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WRITING (4 pts)

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- c) 20 % of refugees in the world fled Syria (**Right/Wrong**) **Paragraph 6** . *Last year, 1 in 5 displaced persons worldwide was Syrian..*
- d) Only 75% of the inhabitants of Lebanon are Lebanese (**Right/Wrong**) **Paragraph:7** *Lebanon has the world's highest concentration, at nearly a quarter of those living in this small Mediterranean nation.*

IX- Find in the text words or phrases which are closest in meaning to: **(1 pt)**

- a) dangerous: perilous
- b) hopeless: desperate
- c) to bomb: to blow up
- d) Mass movement of the population: exodus

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- 1 pt for the range of vocabulary, grammar, accuracy,...
- 1 pt for the structure: coherence, transition, ...
- 1 pt for the mechanics: punctuation, spelling, ...