

Aufnahmeprüfung E 2 Englisch

Name:

The Temptations – Papa was a Rolling Stone

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That day I'll always remember, yes I will.
'Cause that was the day that my daddy died.
I never got a chance to see him.
5 Never heard nothing but bad things about him.
Mama, I'm depending on you to tell me the truth.

And Mama just hung her head and said,
"Son, Papa was a rolling stone.
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(And when he died) All he left us was alone."
"Papa was a rolling stone, my son.
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15 Hey Mama, is it true what they say,
that Papa never worked a day in his life?
And Mama, some bad talk going around town
saying that Papa had three outside children and another wife.
20 And that ain't right.
Hey, talk about Papa doing some store front preaching¹.
Talked about saving souls and all the time leeching².
Dealing in debt and stealing in the name of the Lord.

25 Mama just hung her head and said,
"Papa was a rolling stone, my son.
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Hey Mama, I heard Papa called himself a jack of all trades³.
30 Tell me is that what sent Papa to an early grave?
Folks say Papa would beg, borrow, steal to pay his bills.
Hey Mama, folks say that Papa was never much on thinking.
Spent most of his life chasing women and drinking.
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35 And Mama looked up with a tear in her eye and said,
"Son, Papa was a rolling stone. (Well, well, well, well)
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40 "I said, Papa was a rolling stone. Wherever he laid his hat was his home.
(And when he died) All he left us was alone." (304 words)

<http://www.lyrics007.com/The%20Temptations%20Lyrics/Papa%20Was%20A%20Rolling%20Stone%20Lyrics.html>

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³ „Hans Dampf in allen Gassen“

A. Text Comprehension: Select the best answer and explain your choice in one or two complete sentences:

1. The main theme of the song is

- (a) loneliness
- (b) independence
- (c) mobility
- (d) irresponsibility because

2. What is, according to you, the worst fault of this father?

- (a) cheating on his wife.
- (b) neglecting his family
- (c) not earning money steadily or honestly
- (d) a wrong idea about personal freedom.

The worst fault is ... because ...

3. What's the most suitable proverb for this song?

- (a) A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- (b) A leopard can't change his spots.
- (c) Don't cry over spilt milk.
- (d) One man's gravy is another man's poison.

Proverb ... fits best because ...

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B. You are Papa, the rolling stone. After your death you have to face God. Justify your way of life in at least 4 sentences!

Use at least 12 of the following words/ constructions

(un)fortunately – absolutely – urgently – desperately – to be fed up with – to apologize for – to try to – to regret – the reason why – explanation – excuse – (un)employment – foolish – independent – drunk – (in)considerate

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C. Write a short article/ story (about 80 words). Select one of the following titles:

- 1) Mother Left After Wedding Night
- 2) Rolling Stone back from Adventurous Trip
- 3) Boot Camp Experience

Mention/ Describe

- the incident
- the people involved
- their experiences
- their feelings
- possible consequences/ an outlook on the future.

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1. The main theme of the song is

- (a) loneliness. (everybody is lonely: father, mother, kids because there is no real family life)
- (b) independence. (the father wants to live an independent life, neglecting social rules)
- (c) mobility. (the father is always "mobile", but in a negative way, it's rather an escape)
- (d) irresponsibility. (the father doesn't feel responsible, never seems to care)

2. What is, according to you, the worst fault of this father?

- (a) cheating on his wife. (bad for everybody because it shows his lack of responsibility)
- (b) neglecting his family (he makes everybody suffer, especially his kids)
- (c) not earning money steadily or honestly (he doesn't seem to be able to support his family properly or honestly)
- (d) a wrong idea about personal freedom. (he lives continuously at other people's expenses)

3. What impression do you get about the son's attitude to his father?

- (a) He is angry with him because his mother has to suffer a lot. (he repeats his mothers' words in the end)
- (b) He misses him despite his unreliability. (that's pretty obvious, because in the beginning he says he'll never forget the day he died)
- (c) He feels lonely because his father didn't care for him. (similar explanation like b – he obviously has no opportunity to speak with his father himself – just via his mother)
- (d) He feels ashamed about people talking contemptuously about his father. (definitely, because he always refers to other people's gossip hoping his mother will disagree)

4. What's the most suitable proverb for this song?

- (a) A rolling stone gathers no moss. (ironically showing some understanding for unsteady character)
- (b) A leopard can't change his spots. (it's like "old habits die hard" – you can't change someone who has never learned to be responsible)
- (c) Don't cry over spilt milk. (the father is dead now, so don't look back in anger)
- (d) One man's gravy is another man's poison. (what seemed good for the father is obviously bad for his family)

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- their feelings/ experiences (2)
- facts about the events (2)
- possible consequences/ an outlook into the future. (2) each with reference to the story!

+ 8 Language + 8 Correctness

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