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JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS 2024

ENGLISH ACTIVITIES {8}

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LEARNER'S NAME: .....

ASSESSMENT NO: .....

SCHOOL: ..... DATE: .....

TASK 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

John and Mercy are siblings. They are used to doing most of their activities together. They go to school together and do their house chores together, go to the market together and most of the time, play together. One Saturday afternoon, after doing all the house chores, John went to play football with his friends. Unfortunately, John did not come back home that day. His friends reported that some people took him away while they were on their way home after playing. One month, two months, six months and one year passed, John was nowhere to be seen.

During this period, the school performance of his sister, Mercy, dropped. At some point, she even stopped talking to people at home and in school. She lost weight and her self-esteem was down. It was a tough year for Mercy and her family.

One year after John's abduction, two people got arrested for the offence of child abduction. Some children were rescued and John was one of them. John was brought back home and everybody was happy.

Within a few months after John was brought back home, Mercy regained her mental well-being which led to an improvement in her school performance. She was always happy and made meaningful contributions at home. In addition, Mercy developed good relationships with other learners at school. However, on coming back, John was quiet and could not go out to play with his friends. John was also not willing to go back to school. After professional counselling, John's self-esteem improved and he willingly went back to school.

1. According to paragraph one, why didn't John come back home after playing with his friends? **(1 mark)**

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2. Generally, how did John's disappearance affect her sister Mercy? **(1 mark)**

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3. For how long had John been a captive? **(1 mark)**

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