



## ENGLISH

### TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION

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

1. Access to primary education is a basic right of every child. An effective primary education can build a solid foundation and open avenues for future success. With its profound implications on both the individual and society, primary education plays a crucial role in reducing extreme poverty and promoting social changes. The Sustainable Development Agenda acknowledges the importance of primary education in Goal 4 which stipulates that by 2030, the world should ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, including a target on universal access to primary education. Though there are varying standards, primary education is typically designed for children 6 to 11 years of age.

2. Significant progress has been made toward achieving universal primary education. Globally, the adjusted net attendance rate reached 87 percent in 2019 and about four out of five children attending primary education completed it. Additionally, over the past two decades, the number of out-of-school children was reduced by over 40 percent. However, there is still a long way to go: 58 million children of primary school age remain out of school, with the majority of them coming from marginalised groups. In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

3. Globally, a lower proportion of children from the poorest families attend primary education compared with their wealthier peers. While almost all children from the top wealth quintile attend primary education, only 75 percent of children from the bottom wealth quintile do.

4. Across different regions, household wealth impacts primary school completion rates differently. West and Central Africa has the largest gap of 58 percentage points in primary school completion



rates between the richest and poorest quintiles. In contrast, in East Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, children from the top and bottom wealth quintiles complete primary school at more similar rates, with a gap of just 13 percentage points.

5. In the past 20 years, the number of out-of-school children of primary education age fell by more than 40 per cent, from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019. However, 54 per cent of these out-of-school children were girls. Despite this tremendous progress, the world must accelerate the pace at which the number of out-of-school children is reduced, as the total has remained stagnant since 2007.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above**

1. Complete the following sentence appropriately.

\_\_\_\_\_ have the highest rates of primary education completion in the rich quintile.

2. Fill the blank with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage:

There was a decline of \_\_\_\_\_ (from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019/ from 99 million in 2000 to 68 million in 2019) in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades.

3. How is primary education critical to both an individual and a society? Answer in about 40 words.

4. State one target related to primary education.



5. How much decline in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades?

6. Which word can substitute the word 'Foundational' in the following, sentence from paragraph 2.

*In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.*

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| (a) Required    | (c) Primary   |
| (b) Fundamental | (d) Essential |

7. How does the Sustainable Development Goals give importance to primary education?  
(Answer 40 about 40 words)

8. In 2019, about four out of five children attending primary education completed it ,suggests that

- (a) more than 80% children completed primary education
- (b) about 80% children completed the primary education
- (c) almost 100% children completed primary education
- (d) less than 80% children completed primary education

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