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Yesterday, I received a notification in facebook that my old elementary school was soon to be demolished. I decided to write some of my memories about it.Leaving that school almost 23 years ago,I was amazed how much my time at the school has influenced what I am doing today.

One of my first memories as a child was my mom walking me to school for the first day.I still can visualize the jacket I was wearing.I remember playing football in the fields.we used to rush out and I remember my brother Alec always telling me how much I stunk from the sweat.I didn't care because I could have played all day.

In grade 3,my teacher Mrs Penrose inspired a love of music that I still have.she wrote on my report card : « Follow your dreams as you have the talent to take you anywhere you want to go. »Mr.Moshinski is probably one of the most influential teachers I have ever had.He was always hard on us,but it was done out of pure love.He used to sit and have some of the best conversations with us.They always meant so much to me.

Amazing that I can remember that much about elementary school.Hopefully my students will remember me as fondly.What I realize writing this is that it is never a building that is important,but people that make it feel like home.

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READING COMPREHENSION :(7PTS)

Task one(2,5pts) :Read the text carefully then fill in the bibliographical notes below :

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| <p>Author :</p> <p>Source :</p> <p>Date of publication :</p> <p>Type of document :<u>a</u>_an excerpt from a book <u>b</u>_a press article <u>c</u>_a blog</p> <p>Type of the text :<u>a</u>_narrative <u>b</u>_prescriptive <u>c</u>_descriptive</p> |
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Task two (2pts) :Match the idea with the corresponding number of paragraph :

| ideas | Paragraphs |
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| _ the author remembers his elementary school teachers | _ §1 |
| _ The author hopes that his pupils will remember him as he remembers his teachers. | _ §2 |
| _ the author is informed about the destruction of his school so he decided to post his memories in a blog. | _ §3 |
| _ The author's school memories | _ §4 |

Task three(1pt) : what do the underlined words in the text refer to :

It (§1)..... **us (§3)**.....

Task three :(1pt) :Find in the text the opposites of these words :

Constructed (§1)=/=..... forget(§4)=/=.....

