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A) READING

1. Read the text. From questions, 1-10, choose from the people (A-E).



The pros and cons of being a twin

A Sam Pearson, 13

People often ask: 'What's it like being a twin?' To which I often respond, 'I don't know. I have never been anything else!' I never mean to be rude; I am just being honest because since birth I have never known anything different. I guess there are some advantages though, for example, there is always someone to partner you in class or hang around with at home. Also, when I meet new people they always find it really interesting to talk about what it must be like being a twin.

B Julia Taylor, 30

I have always loved being a twin and I see being one as something unique. There aren't many people who have had this benefit and therefore I try to always focus on the positives. This is something our mum and dad taught us when we were very young and I have always remembered this. When we were growing up, one of the best things about being a twin was our birthday parties! We had brilliant birthdays as kids. I am sure they were fairly stressful for our parents, but we thought they were fabulous!

C Claire Kite, 16

People often presume when you are a twin that you must also be identical. This is not the case however, and my twin brother is much taller than me; so sometimes people don't believe we are twins and I find this really annoying! Being a twin has both its good and bad points. We fight a lot, especially over gadgets, and when we were younger over toys or for the attention of our parents, but I guess this is just like any other family. On the positive side, we often have a lot of fun together and I never feel lonely. My brother is also very protective of me, especially at school, which is both a good and bad thing!

D Mary Blackwell, 40

Growing up I had very mixed emotions about being a twin. I really hated it when people grouped us, referring to us as 'the twins'. We very much had our own identities and some people just failed to recognise that. I used to constantly dye my hair different colours, just so I could look different to my sister. Being seen as a unit rather than as an individual didn't seem to bother my sister that much, but for some reason it really affected me, especially as a teenager. Fortunately, we now have very different lives, so it isn't really an issue anymore.

E Helen Thompson, 19

I absolutely loved being a twin when I was growing up. I used to have a great time going out with my sister. We are identical, so we always used to wear the same clothes and have the same haircuts. We got so much attention when we went out and we were sometimes asked to pose for photographs. We felt like celebrities! We were also very close when we were younger, and sure we would argue sometimes, but most of the time we were best friends. This has all changed now though, as we have each gone to a different university. I know it is a good idea that we each have our own independence, but I do find it hard sometimes and a bit lonely.



Which person:

appreciates the importance of twins needing to find their own way in life?	1	
has mixed feelings about being looked after by their sibling?	2	
feels angry when people assume that all twins look the same?	3	
likes having conversations about being a twin?	4	
didn't like the way they were viewed as a twin child?	5	
struggles when parted from their sibling?	6	
realises that it is not only twins who sometimes argue?	7	
no longer has a problem with being a twin?	8	
shares their parents' view of being a twin?	9	
has always felt fortunate to be a twin?	10	

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B) USE OF ENGLISH

2. Complete the words. The first letter is there to help you. There is one space for each other letter in the word.

- 0 The gang admitted they had committed the recent r o b b e r y at the bank.
- 1 I was shocked to hear about the m _____ of an old lady in the middle of the day – her handbag was stolen by the thief, who ran away.
- 2 Something needs to be done about the v _____ in this area. There's graffiti everywhere.
- 3 The film is about the k _____ of a millionaire's wife by a gang. He has to pay millions of dollars to get her back.
- 4 Be careful in the crowds in the shopping centre – p _____ is quite common. The thieves slip their hands inside your jacket or bag and take your wallet.
- 5 The building was on fire for over five hours after the a _____ attack.

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3. Choose the correct answer.

- 0 It took us ages to **decide** / **suggest** that we should have seven people on each team.
- 1 I was surprised when my brother **admitted** / **decided** that he had eaten all the biscuits.
- 2 Ronan was really pleased when his parents **admitted** / **promised** that they would get him a new phone for his birthday.
- 3 If you're not happy about it, you should take it back to the shop and **complain** / **promise** that it doesn't work properly.
- 4 Why do you think it took our teacher so long to **explain** / **admit** what we had to do for homework?
- 5 I didn't want to eat the vegetables but my parents **suggested** / **insisted** that I had to if I wanted ice cream afterwards.

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4. Complete the words about stories. The first letter is there to help you. You should write the FULL word

- 0 C.S. Lewis was the a u t h o r of the book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.
- 1 It is traditional for the v _____ of a film to have an evil-looking appearance and wear dark clothes.
- 2 Some people like the p _____ of a novel to be complicated, but I prefer simpler ones.

- 3 The hero of a book is the main character and the reader normally wants things to go well for him or her.
- 4 I love books and films about crime because I enjoy trying to solve a mystery.
- 5 The setting of the film is in the United States about 200 years ago.

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5. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

according to as a result of ~~in order to~~ so that rather than then again

- 0 The main character steals a car in order to escape from the police.
- 1 A leprechaun is a magic character who looks like a little old man according to Irish legends.
- 2 Let's go and see something romantic rather than an action film.
- 3 They were not able to cross the sea so that the storm.
- 4 He opened the window then again he could check if anybody was coming down the street.
- 5 His clothes look rather strange in the film, but as a result of they're not supposed to look normal.

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6) Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

annoyed delighted disappointed shocked upset worried

- 1 I'm really with Frank. I lent him £20 last week and he's still not paid it back.
- 2 Sheila is in herself. She was hoping to get an A but she only got a B.
- 3 Don't be so about the test, I'm sure you'll do great.
- 4 I was when I heard about Phil. I just couldn't believe he was really moving to Australia!
- 5 Thank you for the invite. I'm to be here!
- 6 You should apologise to Dominic. He seemed really He rushed out of the room and his eyes were all red.

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7. Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

overdo keep track delighted overweight keep up
shocked rate cut down on ache upset

I've been trying to (1) my petrol costs, so I started (2) of all the trips I did in my car. I realised that I was (3) it: I used to drive to school, to work, even to the supermarket! I invested in a bicycle and although my legs were (4) a lot at the beginning, I am (5) at how much I am saving these days. My wife was (6) when I told her. She couldn't believe it!

At this (7) if I (8) the good work, I'll have saved £500 by the end of the year. And I even lost some weight, which is good because I admit I used to be a bit (9)! Now I just need to make sure I don't get injured! I would be really (10)

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8. Choose the correct form of the verb in italics.

- 1 I can't stand *queuing* / *to queue* at the airport. It drives me mad.
- 2 Julie leaves really early in the morning. She does it to avoid *getting* / *to get* stuck in traffic.
- 3 What are you doing here? Aren't you supposed *being* / *to be* at work?
- 4 My mum is a good cook but she tends *using* / *to use* too much salt in her recipes.
- 5 If you keep this up you'll risk *getting* / *to get* injured. You really shouldn't exercise this much.
- 6 I booked us tickets to Australia as a surprise, but Alice refused *going* / *to go* because she's scared of spiders.
- 7 I gave up *running* / *to run* a long time ago because of my knees. I really miss the marathons though.

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9. Write the reported statements.

- 0 'My mother works in a bank,' said Sandra.
Sandra said that *her mother worked in a bank* _____.
- 1 'There's been an accident,' Jenny told the police.
Jenny told the police that _____.
- 2 'We spent the day in the park,' he told me.
He told me that _____.
- 3 'Mandy can't run as fast as her brother,' she said.
She said that _____.
- 4 'I'll go to the police station tomorrow,' said Frank.
Frank said that _____.
- 5 'If I knew the answer, I'd tell you,' Danny told me.
Danny told me that if _____.

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10. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Use the third conditional.

- 0 We *wouldn't have missed* _____ (not miss) the film if we'd got to the cinema earlier.
- 1 What _____ (you/do) if you had missed the train?
- 2 If Julie _____ (not feel) sick, she would have gone to the match.
- 3 Would you have chosen this phone if it _____ (be) more expensive?
- 4 If I hadn't studied so hard, I _____ (not pass) the test.
- 5 Which shops would you have gone to if you (have) _____ time?

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C) LISTENING

11. Listen to the five different conversations. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 0 The girl is going to lend the boy her camera. I
- 1 The boy enjoyed the fireworks at the festival.
- 2 According to the news report, the problem of graffiti has become worse.
- 3 The boy's mother thinks the noise was an animal.
- 4 The girl is getting a new games console.
- 5 The girl's brother hurt his back.

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