

UNIT 2- READING (CONT)

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

In a healthy relationship, both partners respect, trust and embrace (1) ____ differences. Both partners are able to communicate (2) ____ their needs and listen to their partner, and work to resolve conflict in a rational and (3) ____ way. But maintaining a healthy relationship (4) ____ for skills many young people are never taught. A lack of these skills, and (5) ____ up in a society that sometimes celebrates violence or in a community that experiences a high (6) ____ of violence, can lead to unhealthy and even violent relationships among youth.

1. A. another's	B. each another's	C. each other's	D. one another's
2. A. effective	B. effectively	C. effectiveness	D. ineffective
3. A. non-violent	B. violently	C. violent	D. violence
4. A. asks	B. calls	C. looks	D. requires
5. A. bringing	B. growing	C. raising	D. taking
6. A. amount	B. number	C. rate	D. scale

II. Reading comprehension on Online Dating and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

It has long been seen as a less romantic way of meeting Mr Right. But finding love over the internet is a good way of meeting a marriage partner, research has showed. It found that one in five of those who have used dating sites to find their perfect partner have gone on to marry someone they met over the web.

The study, by consumer group, also revealed that more than half of the 1,504 people questioned had been on a date with someone they met in cyberspace. Sixty-two per cent agreed that it was easier to meet someone on a dating site than in other ways, such as in a pub or club, or through friends. At the same time, the under 35s were more likely to know someone who had been on a date or had a long-term relationship with someone they met through online dating.

Jess Ross, editor of which.co.uk, said: 'Online dating is revolutionising the way people meet each other. Switching the computer on could be the first step to success!'

According to industry surveys, more than 22 million people visited dating websites in 2007, and more than two million Britons are signed up to singles sites.

Of the 147 couples who took part in the study, 61 per cent said their relationships had high levels of these three components. The researchers also found that men were more likely to find true love on the internet than women.

Dr Jeff Gavin, who led the team, said: "To date, there has been no systematic study of love in the context of relationships formed via online dating sites. "But with the popularity of online dating, it is imperative we understand the factors that influence satisfaction in relationships formed in this way."

Charlotte Harper, of Match.com, said: 'We were thrilled to find so many of our former members have found love. It supports our belief that the internet does in fact encourage old-fashioned courtship.'

Statements	(T)	(F)
1. Online dating is seen as modern romance.		
2. Research has shown that online dating is not a good way of meeting people.		
3. Most people who took part in the survey said it is easier to meet people online than elsewhere.		
4. Jess Ross thinks online dating is changing the way people meet each other.		
5. Less than 20 million people visited dating websites in 2007.		
6. Women are more likely to find their ideal partner online than men.		
7. Many members of match.com have found love.		

II. Read the passage and complete the task that follow.

In our modern life, we can watch television or surf the Internet to find out about what is happening around the world but our neighborhood can be a place we never really know. A survey has been conducted to find out some people's thought of talking with their neighbors. Here came the results:

A.

We had been living here for five years and had never really got to know our neighbors. Then a tremendous hurricane came and crashed our house. Our neighbors came round to offer us food and help. When finally recovering, we still lived in the same neighborhood and never spoke to our neighbors. I don't know why.

B.

My neighbor went to work on the same route with me. I passed over her every morning when walking to work but never said hello. One morning I said "hello", then a "good morning" and a friendly smile were exchanged between us for the next week. But then, she changed her way to work. I feel that some neighbors may prefer being left undisturbed.

C.

I think it's very nice to come up and talk with your neighbors. Take me as an example. I commute to work every day by bus. One day, I saw Harry on the station platform. We exchanged nods and smiles and eventually he came up to me and said hello. He told me that he had been my new neighbor for three weeks but I didn't even know. We started chatting since then and got to know each other better. Then, guess what? We are now engaged and are getting married next year.

Write the letter A, B or C that indicates the person next to their description/ opinion below.

- _____ suffered from a natural disaster.
- _____ is in a relationship with one of her neighbors.
- _____ thinks that some people may find talking with neighbors annoying
- _____ once went to work on the same route with her neighbor.
- _____ thinks positively about talking with neighbors.
- _____ walks to work.
- _____ got help from the neighbors.
- _____ uses public transportation to work.