

## Fifth year exam

1. Read the text. Choose true or false.

### Is your name helping you?

Most of us never think about our names. They're just names and they usually don't mean much – or do they? New research has come out which suggests that our names can affect everything from our emotional well-being to our career paths, and even how long we live.

A recent survey asked 6,000 people in the UK to rank common names for men and women in three categories: successful, lucky and attractive. The results showed a strong preference for certain names. People called James and Elizabeth were seen as the most successful, Jack and Lucy were the luckiest, and Sophie and Ryan were the most attractive. Overall, it seems that the best name for men is James, which came near the top in all three categories. The least desirable ones were George and Ann, which rank near the bottom in all categories.

The potential effects of your name go beyond perceptions. According to several studies, teachers give higher marks to children with attractive names. In the US, where grades are given on a scale from A (excellent) to D (poor), another study found that students with names beginning with A or B received higher marks than students whose first names started with C or D.

Some experts also believe that people are attracted to jobs that sound like their names. One study found that people called Dennis and Denis are more likely to become dentists. There are hairdressers called Harry, artists called Art, and even a lawyer called Sue Yoo, which sounds like "sue you". Even if your name and job don't match, your name could affect your job prospects. A study found that American employers were more likely to consider the CVs of applicants who have "normal-sounding" names. Researchers also say that companies are more likely to promote people if their names sound successful.

It may seem incredible, but there is evidence that your name could affect how long you live. Researchers compared the death certificates of people with "positive" initials (such as J.O.Y. or F.U.N.) and people with "negative" ones (such as D.I.E. or S.A.D.). The results? People with positive initials live four years longer than the average, while people with negative initials die about three years sooner.

So if you have an "undesirable" name, should you change it to a new one? Most experts say you should not. For most people, having a positive attitude will help more than giving yourself a new name.

1. Some people were asked to classify 6,000 names into three different categories.
2. According to experts, there are certain names that might influence your performance at school.

3. It is believe that your name may affect your job prospects.
  4. Life expectancy may also be affected by your name.
  5. Experts advise people to change their names if they want to get promoted at work
2. Choose the correct option for each gap.

### **Social networking sites: End of lasting friendships?**

An expert has warned that a generation that is growing up using (1) \_\_\_\_\_ social networking websites is less likely to form lasting relationships and is more likely to act without thinking.

According to the annual meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people who were born in 1990 or later have only known the world with the Internet, so they could grow up with an unrealistic view of the world and themselves.

Dr Himanshu Tyagi, a psychiatrist, said social networking sites have encourage the idea that friendships (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and ended quickly and easily. He said, " It's a world where everything moves fast and changes all the time, where relationships are ended at the click of a mouse. Online you (4) \_\_\_\_\_ delete your profile and change who you are in a few seconds." He said He said that because everything happens so quickly on social networking sites, people may start to find the real world (5) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Dr Tyagi also said teenagers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ socialize online are more likely to make quick decisions without thinking about the consequences of their actions. They might not pay enough attention to their "real world" selves, and might find it difficult (7) \_\_\_\_\_ form relationships in the real world because they won't learn about body language, tone of voice and facial expressions online. He said that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ you can't see someone's face or body language or hear the changes in their voice, this influences your understanding of what's going on. He added that friendship means something very different to the "internet generation".

But there are also benefits. When you are online, you often don't know the wealth, race (9) \_\_\_\_\_ gender of the person you're communicating with. Doctor Tyagi said, "No one is an outsider of the net. It may not be the best way to make lasting friendships, bu it does make (10) \_\_\_\_\_ equal.

3. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. Use modals if necessary.

### **New computer software to catch email liars**

Researchers in the USA are planning to create lie-detector software for emails and text messages. The new software (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) by a team led by Jeff Hancock at Cornell University in New York State.

"We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) people to come into the labs and write lies and we had other people come in and write the truth" says Hancock. "Using this method, we've built up a

database of tens of thousands of emails." The scientists have analysed the data and identified a number of simple tests to predict whether or not a person (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (lie).

One of the most important tests is the length of the message. Lying emails have, on average, 28% more words than truthful messages. Another sign is the use of sense words, such as "see", "feel" and "touch". When you're lying, you want the person (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) you, so you give more details," says Hancock.

Liars also tend to use pronouns like "we" and "they" rather than "I" as a way of distancing themselves from a lie because they feel guilty. "People often (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) negative emotional words too, because they feel uncomfortable when they are lying," says Hancock. "So they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) terms like "sad", "angry", "unhappy" and "stressed"."

Previous research (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (show) that up to one third of communications at work involve lying of some sort. The most common workplace lie is pretending to be sick to avoid (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work.

But Peter Collet, a psychologist that has written a book on lying, is skeptical about Hancock's work. "You (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) if someone is lying by looking at their body language, how fast they talk and how they speak," he says. "How (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (a computer program / see) all this? They've clearly done a lot of research, but with emails all you have is words .

4) Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. You must use the word given.

1. We can't go to the cinema because Brian has to work tomorrow. (WOULD)

We \_\_\_\_\_ work tomorrow.

2. I won't buy the tickets if they are expensive. (UNLESS)

I \_\_\_\_\_ expensive.

3. "It's not true. I didn't wear your new dress" (DENIED)

My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dress.

4. Kath is working as a part-time teacher. She couldn't afford a wedding present for her brother. (WHO)

Kath \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't afford a wedding present for her brother.

5. I became a teacher in 2009 (BEEN)

I \_\_\_\_\_ 2009

6. I'm completely sure she's not guilty. (NOT)

She \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.

7. "Where is the nearest ATM?" The woman asked the policeman. (WAS)

The woman asked the policeman \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Many children find skateboarding amazing. (KEEN)

Many children \_\_\_\_\_.

9. I find it very difficult to drive on the left. (USED)

I \_\_\_\_\_ on the left.

10. The director will get someone to clean the beach before filming begins. (HAVE)

The director \_\_\_\_\_ before filming begins.

Write 150 words.

1. You have decided to enter a short story competition. The story must begin or end with these words:

"It was the worst possible moment for my mobile to start ringing"

2. Write your opinion on this topic: "Education". Write an essay giving your opinion about the following statement. "Films can be an effective educational tool. Do you agree?"