

PRACTICE 1

You are going to read a letter written by Mei Mei to her friend. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

For each question, write the correct answer (A – H) in the space provided.

Dear Ann Li,

How was your holiday? I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I have enjoyed mine. This time around, my parents thought of doing something different. **1**

The home encourages families to foster a child during weekends or holidays. My dad and I thought it was a good idea. **2** One Saturday morning, we drove to the home.

The children were of all ages, from babies to teenagers. Despite the circumstances that led them to being in the home, they did not seem resentful at all. **3**

Jane was sent to live with us. **4** The things I took for granted like having my own room, a big, comfortable house and a well-stocked fridge excited her. We got to know Jane. She was friendly and cheerful. **5**

As the holidays ended, I felt sad that Jane would have to go back to Shelter House.

6 Write to me and tell me how you spent the last two months. Take care and bye.

Your friend,

Mei Mei

- A** My mum read about a programme run by Shelter House, a home for abandoned children.
- B** I knew that my parents would miss her too, so they got permission from the director of Shelter House for Jane to spend the weekends and holidays with us!
- C** I was very excited by the thought of having a sibling, for a while at least.
- D** It made me realise how lucky I am to have parents who love me and give me everything I want.
- E** My parents wanted to donate a lot of money to Shelter House.
- F** My parents and I brought her to our home.
- G** We went to see the children playing in the playground.
- H** I enjoyed having someone else to talk to.

[6 marks]