

Student's Name: _____ Last name: _____ Group: 11- _____

I PART. TRUE OR FALSE. Listen and choose true or false. 8 points. One point each correct choice.

1) My immediate family is small: parents, two brothers and me.

True

False

2) My extended family is large; I have 27 cousins.

False

True

3) Parents played very active role in school life and home life.

False

True

4) Physical resemblance between me and my grandmother is very striking.

False

True

5) She never met grandmother because grandmother died before she was born.

True

False

6) She has a photo of grandmother and they are quite a like.

True

False

7) Her temperament is the same as grandmother's, they are both stubborn.

False

True

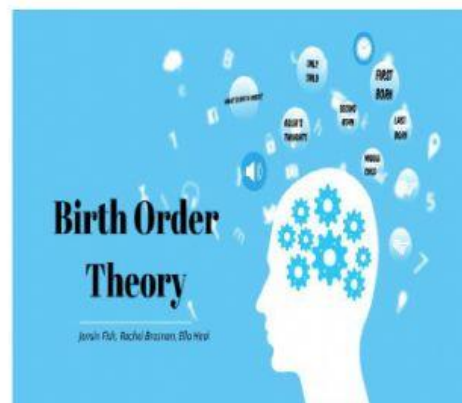
8) She doesn't love taking a care of small children.

True

False

II PART. SHORT ANSWER. Listen and write the missing words from the audio. 30 points. One point each corresponding space.

Imagine a family with three children. Maria is the oldest, David is the second child and Tom is the youngest. One day, their father _____ them some bad news – he lost his job. Maria was worried. She told her father that she would work to make money for the family. David put his arms around his father and _____ him that _____ would be fine. Tom was sad – his father had promised him new shoes for football. How would he get them now?



Why did Maria, David and Tom all react differently to their father's news? Why are children from the same family often so different from one another? Dr. Alfred Adler _____ a _____ about this. He worked as a doctor in Austria one hundred years ago. He was very interested in the qualities of a person's character or personality. Dr. Adler _____ that the order that children were born into their families affected their personalities. Today's Spotlight is on Adler's birth order theory.

There are four possible birth order positions within a family. A child may be the oldest, the youngest or the middle _____. Other families have only one child with no brothers or sisters. Birth order theory says that our birth order influences what kind of person we each become.

Frank Sulloway is a _____ and family expert at the University of California, Berkeley. He believes that birth order affects personality and behavior. He talked to TIME magazine about it. He said that people develop this way for reasons of survival. If a family has more than one child, the children must compete for the parents' time and resources – resources like _____. Frank Sulloway says that people may not recognize that they are working for survival. But it is part of our natural desires. Sulloway says:

"Siblings are much smarter than scientists. They are _____ trying to define their place in the family. They try to get the most resources out of their parents."

Children in each birth position have a different way to gain an advantage in the family. Here are some of the main characters of personality by birth order:

The first born or oldest child often gets more time with her _____. Think about our story from the beginning of this program. When Maria was born, she had no other siblings to compete for food or time. A first-born child, like Maria, often wants to please her parents. She often takes control and responsibility in _____ situations. She may try to be perfect and do everything correctly. Jeffrey Kluger is a writer. He _____ a book about brothers and sisters. He described the character of an oldest child to the news station NPR:

"It is often true that oldest children will be the most successful. They will be the ones who earn the most. They will be the ones who are most loyal to the family, most driven to achieve in _____ ways. They will also be the tallest, even if it is only by a few centimeters. They often have higher tested intelligence than the second-born."

The last born or youngest child, like Tom, is used to other people providing for him. He may be more concerned about himself than about other people. But Tom is also very friendly. He likes to make other _____ laugh with jokes and funny behavior. As the youngest, this is often the best way for him to get other people to notice him.

David is an example of a _____ child. He can sometimes feel left out. He does not get the advantages of being the oldest or the youngest. The middle child often develops skills in the _____, such as music or painting. Some middle children become competitive and even rebel against their parents. But many of them, like David, make peace in the family. As a middle child David has learned to work well with other people.



The last birth order position is the only child. With no brothers or sisters, she often gets whatever she wants! She does not have any _____ for her parents' time or resources. The only child often uses language very well because she spends so much time with adults. She can also feel a lot of pressure as the only child. This can _____ her competitive and hard-working.

Do these personalities fit you and your family? Some people find that birth order theory describes them very _____. Other people say the theory cannot be tested and does not work. There are many other variables or different _____ that may change the effects of birth order on _____.

These variables include the sex and age of each child and the number of brothers and sisters. Culture and education also make a difference. So does the amount of money that the family _____. The experiences of the family can also change how birth order affects personality. For example, some children are _____, not born into, their family. Families also change as a result of sickness, death or divorce of the parents.

Some children may also need different treatment because of disabilities or medical needs – and this can affect the other children in the family. Dianna Anderson, a producer for Spotlight, gives an example. She has two older brothers, and one is disabled. Dianna says,

"Birth _____ is very different in my family. Because my oldest brother is disabled, my middle brother is much more like a _____ child. I am in between a middle child and a youngest child. My middle brother is very smart and is very serious about his work. I work very _____ too but I also love to make people laugh. Having a disabled first child changed how our parents treated the rest of their children."

There are many different variables that influence people's personalities and actions. Birth order is just one interesting _____. And, as Frank Sullaway _____ ABC news:

"Humans are complex. You can find _____ that are more important than birth order. But that does not mean that birth order is not something we can learn from."

Analysis

Analyze the following information. Later we will talk about it in the class.

Type the answers to these following answers.

What is your position in your family? First, middle, last or only child?

Does the description of your position describe you and your family?
Explain.

In what way it describes you?
Explain.

In what way it doesn't describe you?
Explain.