



FINAL EXAM

1. Read the following story and answer the questions /20

Hi! My name is Lisa Sanders but everybody knows me as "Aunty Vera". I work for a teenage magazine answering letters about the problems teenagers have. Before I started working for the magazine, I used to spend the whole day giving advice to my friends and neighbours. They were always grateful and said my ideas about their problems had really helped them in difficult situations. So, one day I decided I could do it as a real job.



I sent thousands of letters to newspapers and magazines and got quite a few offers, but I was not really sure. How could I really help people I didn't know? At that time, my children – I've got a son and two daughters – were in their teens and I had to help them in all sorts of difficult situations, from boyfriends and girlfriends to alcohol and smoking. It was a really hard time in my life. When I got the offer to work for "Oh la la, Teens" I simply realized it was what I wanted to do. I could help other teens, not just my own kids. My son, who was 16 at the time I got the job, wasn't very happy with my decision, I remember he told me, "I don't want my friends to know you are doing this! Please change your name!" That is why I did so. Anyway, now I know, it is the best decision I have taken in my whole life. I'm really happy with my job!

1) Who did she use to help before becoming "Aunty Vera"?

2) How long has Lisa been giving advice as a job?

3) Lisa works at both a newspaper and a magazine. **TRUE** **FALSE**

4) She has been using her real name to write the column. **TRUE** **FALSE**

5) How does she feel about her decision to become Aunty Vera?

2. Read this other letter and complete the blanks with ONE word only. /10

Dear Miss Baker,

I've got an awful problem and I hope you'll be able _____ help me. I'm madly in love with a girl _____ works in our local supermarket. She is the most beautiful girl I _____ ever seen. I always offer to go and do the shopping so that I can see her. I've never met such an incredible girl, and I'd _____ to ask



her to go out with me. The trouble is, I feel too nervous to talk to her and I'm afraid _____ getting "no" for an answer.

_____ I am only fourteen, I look older _____ I really am, and she _____ be at least twenty.

_____ she knew how old I was, she probably wouldn't be interested in me. What _____ you do if you were me? I really can't live without her.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Smith