6th year

Revision II

1. **Reading comprehension: Read the following article and do the activities below.**

The lonely generation?

These days, millions of people organise their lives on social networking sites like Facebook, Google+ or Twitter. _____. But what effect is this having on society and how is it changing the way we see our friends?

The scientist Robin Dunbar suggests that the largest number of active social relationships a person's brain can deal with is 150. However, most people have hundreds of Facebook friends, partly because making friends online is so easy.

When you receive a friend request, you just click 'Confirm' and you have a new person to add to your collection of online friends. _____. To illustrate the point, the Burger King chain of restaurants in the USA offered to give people a free burger if they deleted 10 friends from their Facebook page. Amazingly, over 530,000 people did just that without much hesitation. _____.

Experts are also concerned that spending so much time online is making children feel lonelier than ever before. According to a children's charity in the UK, the number of calls they receive about loneliness from teenage boys has gone up by 500% compared to five years ago. _____. In another report, a third of people at university said they spent too much time communicating online and not enough in person. So it's not surprising that young people who are addicted to social networking sites find it harder to form strong, long-lasting relationships.

Social networking sites are one of the most amazing success stories of the internet and Facebook now has over a billion users all over the world. _____.

A. **Read these sentences and choose the correct LETTER in the text above. There is an extra sentence.**

a) The charity also reports that online bullying is also increasing.
b) However, the effect these sites are having on our friendships is changing our society forever.
c) And many of them can't go a day without checking for status updates.
d) This shows how little some people value many of these online friendships.
e) Many professional people use networking sites like LinkedIn to make work contacts.
f) But do you really want to be friends with the person, or are you just trying to appear more popular?

B. **Read the article again. Answer these questions.**

1. Why doesn't Robin Dunbar think we can have 1,000 friends?

_____.

2. Why does the writer think some people collect friends?

_____.

3. How did people get a free burger from Burger King?

_____.

2. **Vocabulary: Read the following sentences and WRITE the word that best fits each space. Choose a word from the box. There are extra words.**

COULD	THE	IN	A	TIME	UP	AGAINST	PASSES
ILLEGAL	WHY	HOW	MUSTN'T	WHEN	MUST	CAN'T	

a. Wow! Ben looks great! He _____ have lost a lot of weight. He's so slim now!

b. Born in New Jersey in 1949, 21 Academy Awards, 33 Golden Globe nominations and 21 Oscar nominations, Meryl Streep is considered to be _____ greatest actress of all _____.

c. Utah has some strange and bizarre laws. Did you know that throwing snowballs is _____ the law? It will earn you a $50 fine. It is also _____ for women to swear in Logan, no matter how mad they are. Weird, huh?

d. Paul's story _____ be true! I mean, come on! There's no way he met Lady Gaga and that she invited him for a beer. Does he think we are THAT stupid?

e. Martha was _____ shock after hearing the news of her son's accident.

f. Many studies try to explain _____ humans smile in general. We smile when we are happier and become happier _____ we are smiling. It has even been shown to help reduce anxiety, blood pressure and risk of depression.

g. After having been engaged for 18 months, Millie and Rob decided to call off the wedding and break _____ their relationship.

h. It's funny how time _____ so quickly when you're having fun.

3. **Grammar: Read the following sentences and complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before. You must use the word given and no more than five words.**

a. My advice would be to look for a job and earn some money. (SHOULD)

Maybe _____ for a job and earn some money.

b. If I were you, I'd apologise to Erica. (YOU)

Why _____ to Erica?

c. This movie is very good. Everyone wants to see it. (SO)

This movie _____ everyone wants to see it.

d. This sofa is so big that we can all sit on it. (ENOUGH)

This _____ for all of us.

e. I'm an excellent songwriter. (AT)

I'm _____ writing songs.

f. I like classic movies a lot. (FOND)

I'm _____ classic movies.

g. I want to stay out late but my parents won't let me. (WOULD)

I _____ if my parents let me.

h. I haven't got enough time to continue with singing lessons. (GIVE)

I haven't got enough time for singing lessons, so I'm going _____.

i. "This sushi is so good," he exclaimed. (WAS)

He exclaimed _____ so good.

j. "You won't regret coming to the party," Mary promised. (NOT)

Mary promised I _____ to the party.

k. Where are my glasses? (KNOW)

I'd like to _____ are.

l. Did they go the office last night? (IF)

I wonder _____ to the office last night.