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Section I

Reading

A. Read the article about families. For questions, 1 -10, chose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person or people

has brothers who look alike? 1. _____
don't have biological brothers or sisters? 2. _____ 3. _____
have parents who like to help? 4. _____ 5. _____
found a family they didn't know they had? 6. _____
were adopted? 7. _____ 8. _____
has seven brothers and sisters? 9. _____
has a very young brother and sister? 10. _____

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No two families are the same, are they? But some families are more different than others.

A. In **Hattie Gill's family**, there are three sets of twins!
'I guess it's rather strange to find a family like ours,' says Hattie. 'There's me and Helen, and we're both 14. We're the oldest. Then there are my brothers, Sam and Steve. They're nine and they're identical twins - that means they look exactly the same. Finally, we've got the babies: Jen, a girl, and Jamie, a boy. They're two now and really naughty! Everyone's always surprised when they find out we're all twins, but I think we're really lucky to be born with somebody who is a best friend and a brother or sister.

B. Andy Burgess would never change his family. He's adopted and so are his brother, and his sister. There's nothing unusual about that, you may say, but Andy explains why some people find it hard to believe they are all from the same family. 'Mum and Dad have worked all over the world, helping out in different countries where there have been problems.
While abroad, they adopted a family. My brother, sister and I were all babies that had nobody to look after them. I come from Africa, Lynda is from China and Harry is from South America, so we all look rather different. But do you know what? It

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doesn't matter at all. We all love each other and it's really interesting finding out about the different countries we come from.

C. Isabella Palmano's classmates think she's very lucky'.

My friends say I come from the "crazy animal familf! You see, my mum adopts animals which need a home. At the moment my "brothers and sisters" are an old donkey, two greyhound dogs, and six cats. There's only me and Mum in my house - I'm an only child and Mum and Dad are divorced, so I think it's really great that I have all these animals as my family. Dad has agreed to adopt some rabbits that his neighbour doesn't want, so maybe I'll have two animal families soon!'

D. Jack Taylor is really happy with his families - all three of them!

'When I was a baby, I was adopted by the Smythes - they're a wonderful couple, who have two other children. Two years ago, my real mother contacted us. She explained that she had given me up for adoption when I was born because she hadn't been able to take care of me. She said that she and my dad were both married - to other people, not each other - and that I had three half brothers and two half sisters. They had been looking for me for years but hadn't been able to find me until recently. At first I felt a bit strange, but now everything seems perfectly normal. We all love each other and enjoy spending time together.'

Section 2

Grammar and Vocabulary

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B. Choose the correct option in each sentence. There is an example at the beginning.

0. My stepfather is a very good man, but he gets angry so quickly; I wish he wasn't so **C** .

A pessimistic B icy
C quick-tempered D arrogant

1. I don't have any brothers or sisters, so I am a(n) .....child.

A free B only
C alone D single

2. He is so ....., he loves buying everyone expensive presents.

A generous B optimistic
C warm D considerate

3. That is the most amazing plan! I don't know how you always .....up such good ideas.

A bring B come
C turn D think

4. Peter is very unkind to his half-sister. I think he's a really ..... person.

A dishonest B hot-tempered
C cold-hearted D unfair

5. I don't know who my real parents are because I was ..... when I was a very small baby.

A divorced B looked after
C brought up D adopted

6. I wasn't surprised to see Lucy today. She often .....up without an invitation.

A brings B comes
C turns D thinks

7. I used to be an only child, but when my mother remarried last year and had twins I suddenly had two..... sisters.

A adopted B step
C half D real

8. My stepbrother is always accusing me .....stealing his CDs.

A of B for
C with D to

C. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition. There is an example at the beginning.

0. I sent a message **to** my friend.
1. I keep_____touch with my friends by email.
2. I get _____well with my younger sister.
3. My brother blamed me _____ losing his book.
4. When my mother is at work, our neighbour looks _____us.
5. Mary likes playing _____ the girl next door.
6. I am going to complain _____your behaviour.
7. My father deals _____ a lot of different people at work.
8. My sister really cares _____my feelings.

D. Choose the correct answer. There is an example at the beginning.

0. My brother and are speaking Spanish because our stepfather is from Cuba.

1. My sister is very ambitious and always **studies/is studying** very hard.
2. I **learn/am learning** how to do the Salsa. It's becoming a very popular dance.

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3. She **loves/is loving** her new school; it's much nicer than her old one.
4. I **am seeing/see** my cousins every Easter when they stay with us.
5. Until we move to our new house next month, I **share/am sharing** a room with my stepsister.
6. My mum **works/is working** as a teacher. She is really good at her job.
7. Mum and Dad are going away this weekend, so I **look/am looking** after the family.
8. I really **don't like/am not liking** comedy films, especially really silly ones.

E. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning.

My family (0) **C** bigger! My parents were divorced five years ago, but they're still friends. Two years ago my mum remarried and last year she had a baby girl called Rosie, so now I've got a half sister. My stepfather already (1) _____ two children from his first marriage, Robert and Paul, which means I've also got two stepbrothers. My sister, Kate, (2) _____with our father and stepmother, Maria, in Rome. They have a son, too, who is our half brother. He's very cute and although I don't (3) _____him very often, I (4) _____ him a lot. I (5) _____ Italian so that I can talk to him because he (6) _____ English. Maria's brother, Mario, (7) _____with them for the moment too, because he (8) _____at the University in Rome for a year. I don't know what he is — my stepuncle maybe? Confused? It's easy really, once you get used to it.

0.	A grows	B growing	C is growing	D is grow
1.	A has	B is having	C have	D had
2.	A live	B living	C lived	D lives
3.	A seen	B see	C am seeing	D sees
4.	A love	B don't love	C loving	D loves
5.	A learn	B is learning	C learns	D am learning
6.	A don't speak	B not speak	C doesn´t speak	D doesn´t speaks
7.	A is staying	B stays	C stayed	D stay
8.	A studies	B is studying	C studying	D study

F. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form, past simple or past continuous, to complete the sentences.

1. I _____ (cross) the road when I _____ (see) my old friend from school.
2. I _____ (run) for the bus, got on and _____ (find) a seat at the front.
3. When I _____ (hear) the bang, I _____ (turn) round to see what it was.
4. While I _____ (swim), someone _____ (steal) my clothes.
5. He _____ (ride) his bike when the back wheel _____ (fall off).

G. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

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0. When I was four, my sister would ride her bike around the house. **USED**
   When I was four, my sister **used to ride** her house around the house.

1. The first few days at a new school can be difficult but soon it will be much easier. **USED**
   You soon get _____ a new school.

2. When I was a small baby, I used to play for hours with my toes. **WOULD**
   When I was a small baby, _____ with my toes.

3. My grandfather took the tram to work every day. **USED**
   My grandfather _____ the tram to work every day.

4. John wouldn´t take no for an answer a bought me a present. **INSIST**
   John _____ me a present.

5. The smell of popcorn always makes me think of the holidays. **REMINDS**
   The smell of popcorn always _____the holidays.

6. We mustn't forget that it´s going to be very cold when we go to Alaska. **ACCOUNT**
   We must take _____when we go to Alaska.

H. Read the text and think of the word, which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

My favourite **(0) MEANS** of transport is the train. I have many happy memories of long train (1) _____ when I was a small child. I remember that we often took the train to go fishing with Grandad. My brother and I (2) _____get up early, get dressed and go to the kitchen. Grandma always gave us a picnic lunch to take with us. Then we went to the station and waited (3) _____ the train. When it arrived, we'd get (4) _____ it and find a carriage to sit in. Usually, while we (5) _____ talking excitedly, Grandad had a quick sleep.

(6) _____the train took us through the countryside to the sea, we got our fishing things ready. It wasn't a long trip, but to us it seemed to take forever. When we finally arrived, we had to walk a short distance (7)_____ foot. Finally, (8) _____we reached the sea, the fishing began. Grandad often checked his watch so that we wouldn't (9) _____ the last train.

Even now, so many years later, travelling by train (10) _____ me of those happy times.

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