UNIT 3: TEEN STRESS AND PRESSURE

C. READING

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

You can do a few things to make homework less (1)_____. First, be sure you understand the assignment. Write it (2)_____ in your notebook or day planner if you need to, and don't be afraid to ask questions about what is expected. It is much easier to take a minute to ask the teacher during or after class than to struggle to remember later that night! If you want, you can also ask how long the particular homework assignment should take to complete so you can plan your time.

Second, use any extra time you have at school to work on your homework. Many schools have libraries that are specifically designed to allow students to study or get homework done. The more work you can get done in school, the (3)_____ you will have to do at that night.

Third, pace yourself. If you don't finish your homework during school, think about how much you have left and what else is going on that day, and then plan your time. Most high school students have between 1 and 3 hours of homework a night. If it is a heavy homework day, you will need to devote more time to homework.

No one is (4)_____ to understand everything, and maybe you need some help. The first place to turn for help is your teacher. But what if you don't feel comfortable with your teacher? If you are in a big enough school, there may be other teachers who teach the same subject. Speak to other teachers directly and you may be in luck. Sometimes it just helps to have someone (5)_____ something in a different way. (6)_____, you might also be able to get some help from another student. If there is someone you like who is a good student, think about asking that person if you can study together.

1. A. stressful	B. purpose	C. advantage	D. control
2. A. up	B. into	C. off	D. down
3. A. more	B. less	C. little	D. better
4. A. stopped	B. leaved	C. expected	D. marked
5. A. do	B. make	C. ask	D. explain
6.A. Meanwhile	B. Therefore	C. Although	D. Moreover

II. Read the following text about Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft and choose the best answer.

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Bill Gates is the co-founder of Microsoft, the world's largest PC software company. He is among the richest people in the world. Bill Gates' interest in computers started when he was a teenager. After high school, he was accepted to several top colleges in the USA: Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. He chose to go to Harvard to study law. At Harvard, he focused more on his interest in computers than on coursework. He often relaxed by playing video games in Harvard's computer lab. He left Harvard before graduating because he wanted to open a software company with his friend Paul Allen. However, he later said, 'I don't think dropping out is a good idea.' In 2007, he received an honorary degree from Harvard. He began his speech by saying this to his father in the audience. 'I've been waiting more than 30 years to say this: Dad, I always told you I'd come back and get my degree.' Bill Gates is no longer working full time for Microsoft. He is now, with his wife, running The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which aims to improve healthcare, reduce poverty, and promote education around the world.

1. When did Bill Gates first develop his interest in computers?

A. during his teenage years
B. when he went to university
C. when he was at nursery school

2. What did he study at Harvard University?

A. computer science B. business C. law

3. What did he often do to relax while at Harvard?

A. play sports B. play video games C. go to parties

4. Why did he drop out of Harvard?

A. because he was ill
B. because he wanted to study at another university
C. because he wanted to start a software company

5. What did he receive from Harvard in 2007?

A. an honorary degree. B. a job C. a company

6. What is the purpose of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation?

A. law
B. healthcare, poverty reduction, and education
C. computer software

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