Read the following reviews of the top four reality shows.



A. Big Brother

Big Brother is a new series in which ten volunteers spend up to two months in a house in an environment where every single activity is monitored on camera 24 hours a day. Each Friday one or two participants, chosen by their housemates, are ceremoniously thrown out of the game if they lose viewers' votes. Their lives and personal moments become the property of all!

C. Survivor



Survivor brings us reality TV with some particularly unusual contestants, one of whom was caught smuggling meat onto the island in his clothing! In fact, out of the sixteen people deserted on the South Sea Island competing to win the prize money, there wasn't one you would feel completely safe sitting next to!
The programme is actually all the better for it. Unless there is a sudden wave against reality TV, it should be a great hit. With swooping helicopter shots and time-lapse photography, the millions spent on the series is evident. The largest budget, however, might not be to its advantage as the glossiness detracts from what should be a down-to-earth show about life on a desert island.



B. Fame Academy

In this particular show the contestants sing in order to be allowed to stay in a mansion which is heavily guarded, working 17 hours a day. The luxurious residence hosts the BBC's new multi-million pound show Fame Academy which is the latest in a wave of talent shows that has flooded screens in the last eighteen months. The show features a group of hopeful pop stars where viewers vote for one contestant to remain in the academy while two other contestants choose which one of the remaining contestants is shown the door.



D. American Idol

This show is US version of the huge British TV hit, Pop Idol. Simon Cowell, in his role as judge, has been up to his old tricks with contestants, fellow judges and the show's presenters. Mr Nasty is a hit with viewers after delighting and horrifying the American public with his ironic sense of humour.
Nine out of ten finalists have now been chosen, leaving Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul to make the final choice for the tenth place by selecting one of the twenty-one unsuccessful contestants.

A. Read the following statements and decide which reality show each refers to. <u>The first one is done for you.</u> (5 Marks)

0. contestants select who to leave the show every Friday.	0. A
1. contestants sometimes break the rules.	1. ...
2. contestants can be watched 24 hours a day.	2. ...
3. contestants live in style.	3. ...
4. one of the judges makes funny comments.	4. ...
5. some contestants seem to be strange.	5. ...

½ each

B. Match the following words with their definitions according to the reviews. <u>Note that there is an extra definition</u>. (5 Marks)

½ each

Answers	Word	Definitions
...	1. Contestant	a. Someone who is admired and respected very much.
...	2. Idol	b. People who share where they live.
...	3. Appeal	c. Someone who is chosen to speak officially for a group
...	4. Housemates	d. Someone who continues to live after almost dying.
...	5. Survivor	e. The quality in something that makes it attractive.
...		f. Somebody who takes part in a competition.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read this article about The Penny Farthing bicycle and answer the following questions.



The German Baron Karl Sauerbronn, invented the first bicycle sometime in the 18th century. This type of pre-bicycle, known as the "Running Machine", was made entirely of wood and had no pedals. As the name suggests, the rider had to push his/her feet against the ground to make the machine go forward. In addition to this there was no steering on this type of cycle. When you wanted to turn round, you had to get off and turn the cycle in the direction you wanted to go.

Then in 1861, a Frenchman called Pierre Michaux, added pedals to the front wheels of the bicycle and the "boneshaker" was born. This cycle was made of iron with wooden wheels. The wheels had iron rims like that of a wagon wheel. This bike really did shake your bones! As one can imagine, riding a bicycle with this type of wheel on rough roads made for a very uncomfortable ride, indeed!

The Penny Farthing was invented in 1871 by British engineer, James Starley and was probably the first really efficient bicycle of its time. It consisted of a small rear wheel and large front wheel, turning on a simple lightweight frame with tyres made of rubber. Riding these bicycles was extremely difficult unless you were tall, as when the pedal was at its lowest point, the rider's leg was almost straight. Fortunately, these cycles came in various sizes in order to fit small children and short adults.

At the height of the Penny Farthing boom, there were over 500 companies in Britain alone producing these bicycles. It was around this time that bicycle clubs became popular, too. These clubs were formed in many parts of the world and provided protection for the riders against stagecoach owners who refused sharing the roads with the cyclists and on many occasions attacked them.

The cyclist can enter the Knutsford Great Race, which takes place in Cheshire once every decade. The event is a three-hour long race with competitors on Penny Farthing, riding solo or in relay teams. This year's race attracted 72 entrants and the money raised went to the charity "The Children's Society".

½ each

A. Decide whether the following statements are true (✓) or false (×). (5 Marks)

1. The earliest bicycle was invented by a German man. ( )
2. Michaux came up with the idea of a bicycle with pedals in 1861. ( )
3. The first efficient bicycle was invented in 1781. ( )
4. Less than 500 British companies were producing Penny Farthing at that time.( )
5. The Children Society got the raised donations lately. ( )

½ each

B. Put the following events in the correct order according to the article. (5 Marks)

- Knutsford Race in Cheshire .....
- The invention of Penny Farthing .....
- The invention of the boneshaker .....
- Bicycle clubs became fashionable .....
- The Running Machine was invented .....

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