I. MATCH THE ANTONYMS

boring	unpopular
informative	calming
awful	unemotional
moving	interesting
funny	depressing
popular	wonderful
scary	uninformative

II. DRAG THE WORDS TO THE PLACES THEY BELONG TO.

cool **soap** **series** **remote** **channel** **presenter** **documentary**

1. She was speaking in her capacity as a novelist, rather than as a television _____.
2. These robots will work by _____ control.
3. Millions tune in to our _____ every morning to hear the local news.
4. The new _____ opera will be screened, wait for it, five times each day.
5. The _____ took a fresh look at the life of Darwin.
6. He's the creator of a successful cartoon _____.
7. I know it won't look very _____, but this hat will keep the sun out of your eyes.

III. CHOOSE THE CORRECT PREPOSITION.

This evening there will be a live broadcast _____ the debate.

She switched _____ another channel to watch football.

They showed a documentary _____ animal communication.

Next up on Channel 4 is the first episode _____ a new medical dramar set in Chicago.

It's boring to sit _____ the plane with nothing to read.

Who is in charge _____ the remote control in your house?

Who usually turns the TV _____ in your house?

What time do you usually switch the TV _____?

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IV. READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE HEADLINES FOR EACH PART.

1. Why is the musical about Shrek successful?
2. What makes Shrek different from traditional fairytale characters?
3. The voices of which celebrities can we hear in the cartoons about Shrek?
4. What famous films do the cartoons about Shrek remind us of?
5. Why do children like the cartoons about Shrek?
6. Why can Shrek's story be interesting to computer gamers?
7. What person does Shrek look like?

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A. Somewhere in a far-away magical kingdom, there lived a beautiful princess, a prince and animals who could talk like humans. This is a typical plot for many fairy tales. In 1990, a short story for children about Shrek, a big green troll, appeared. Unlike previous heroes he looked ugly and scary but had a big, kind heart. In 2001, DreamWorks studio made the first animated Shrek cartoon.

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B. All the characters of the cartoons about Shrek are easy to remember and have a good sense of humour. The cartoons are full of episodes about friendship, good and evil, love and family values. The cartoons present an amusing mixture of traditional fairy tales and real-life events familiar to everyone. All that made the story of the troll very popular, especially with children.

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C. Maurice Tillet was a famous professional French boxer and wrestler of the 20th century. Unfortunately, at the age of twenty he got a rare disease which changed his body and appearance. It made him look like a huge troll. Few people know that Shrek's appearance copies that of Maurice Tillet. However,in contrast to the cartoon character, Maurice Tillet was highly intelligent – he spoke fourteen languages and was good at writing prose.

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D. Several scenes in cartoons about Shrek are based on scenes from famous movies. For example, the 'Welcome to Duloc' song sounds like the popular Disney tune 'It's a Small World'. During the fight between Fiona and Robin Hood's men, the camera moves as in 'The Matrix'. There are hints of the 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'Mission Impossible'.

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E. The famous story was also made into a Broadway show, 'Shrek the Musical'. Technically, the musical show is not the same as the film but it has its advantages. Children and adults enjoy seeing celebrities in the roles of Shrek and Princess Fiona. The success of the musical is also based on a nice combination of new and old popular songs.

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F. The stories about the green troll and his friends are for all ages. Teenagers and grown-ups may enjoy modern computer games about Shrek. Computer stories have attractive design and dynamic plots, so gamers and fans will not be bored. Though the images of Shrek and Fiona are a bit different from the film, they are easily recognizable.

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