SECTION C: READING

I. Read the passage and choose the best answer from A, B, C or D.

A RICH TEENAGER

Computer programmer David Jones earns £35,000 a year designing new computer games, yet he cannot find a bank prepared to let him have a cheque card. Instead he has been told to wait another two years, until he is 18. The 16- year- old works for a small company in Liverpool, where the problem of most people of his age is finding a job. David's company releases two new games for the expanding home computer market each month.

But David's biggest headache is what to do with his money. Despite his salary, earned by inventing new programs within tight schedules with bonus payment and profit-sharing, he cannot drive a car, take out a mortgage, or obtain credit cards. He lives with his parents in their council house in Liverpool, where his father is a bus driver. His company has to pay £150 a month in taxi fares to get him five miles to work and back everyday because David cannot drive.

David got his job with the Liverpool - based company four months ago, a year after leaving school with six O- levels and working for a time in a computer shop. "I got the job because the people who run the company knew I had already written some programmes," he said. I suppose £35,000 sounds a lot but in fact that is being pessimistic.

I hope it will come to records and clothes and he gives his mother $20 a week. But most of his free time is spent working. "Unluckily, computing was not a part of our studies at school," he said. "But I had been studying it in books and magazines for four years in my free time. I knew what I wanted to do and never considered staying on at school. Most people in this business are fairly young anyway. "

David added, "I would like to earn a million and I suppose early retirement is a possibility. You never knew when the market might disappear. "

1. What is David different from other young people of his age? - He
   - A. earns an extremely high salary
   - B. is unemployed
   - C. doesn't go out much
   - D. lives at home with his parents

2. David's greatest problem is
   - A. making the banks treat him as an adult
   - B. inventing computer games
   - C. spending his salary
   - D. learning to drive

3. He was employed by the company because he_
   - A. had worked in a computer shop
   - B. had written some computer programmes
   - C. works very hard
   - D. had learned how to use computers at school

4. He left school after taking O- levels because he__
   - A. did not enjoy school
   - B. was afraid of getting too old to start computing
   - C. wanted to work with computers and staying at school did not help him
   - D. wanted to earn a lot of money

5. Why does David think he might retire early?

A. He thinks he is too young to write computer programmes.

B. He wants to stop working when he is a millionaire.

C. He thinks his company might go bankrupt.

D. He thinks computer games might not always sell well.

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II. Fill in each numbered blank with ONE suitable word.

A DOCTOR

A doctor who worked in a village was very annoyed because many people (1) _____ to stop him in the street and ask (2) _____ his advice. In this way, he was never paid for his services, and he never managed to earn much (3) He made up (4) _____ mind to put an end to do this. One day, he (5)_____ stopped by a young man (6) _____ said to him, "Oh, doctor, I'm so happy to see you. I've got a severe pain in my left side". The doctor pretended to be interested (7) _____ said, "Shut your eyes and stick your tongue (8) _____ of your mouth". Then he went away, leaving the man standing in the (9)_____ with his tongue hanging out and a large crowd of people laughing (10) _____ him.

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SECTION D: WRITING