

Part 2

Read the text below and choose the **best** word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Making Friends

Learning to make and keep friends is (0) an ongoing process. It begins in infancy and continues right (9) _____ adulthood. It (10) _____ not an easy task as many adults are still struggling to get it right. Therefore, it is not surprising that making friends can be equally (11) _____ for children. But this should not be seen as an (12) _____.

Friendships are important for a child. Learning to get along well with other children will give the child self-confidence and teach him or her (13) _____ such as sharing, loyalty and generosity. As a parent, there is a lot one can do to help his or her child build and (14) _____ relationships with his or her peers. Parents can impart various social skills (15) _____ being good role models to their children or provide them with opportunities to spend time with other children. Parents can also resort to coaching and role-playing when they find their children having hard time making friends.

Social skills don't come (16) _____ to all children. Some children act in ways that push others away from them. They have trouble taking turns or controlling their anger if they do not get their way. Some children are unsure of how to assert themselves and so stay at the margins of playgroups. In these (17) _____, parents can tell them the importance of taking turns and sharing during family playtime. They can also explain that friends (18) _____ in the same good behaviour. Parents can also role-play what their children ought to say and do if they want to join a playgroup.

[10 marks]

- 9 A since B after C until D before
- 10 A is B are C was D were
- 11 A easy B normal C difficult D complicated
- 12 A obstacle B disturbance C interference D disadvantages
- 13 A ideas B gifts C values D talents
- 14 A save B give C create D maintain
- 15 A by B at C of D for
- 16 A nature B natured C natural D naturally
- 17 A samples B instances C illustrations D occurrences
- 18 A except B accept C expect D aspect