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Decide whether the statements from 1 to 4 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for question 5 and 6.

There are new people to meet everywhere - the person who is next to you in a class or someone who is in front of you in the lunch line. There are many different ways to start a conversation with someone new, but it is always a good idea to smile and make eye contact before you begin. Just say 'hello' and ask questions like, 'Where are you from?'. The weather is always a good topic for conversation. You can say, 'It's a nice day, isn't it?'. It's important to keep the conversation light and it's also a good idea to follow a 30/70 pattern during small talk when possible. This is 30% talking and 70% listening.

The Internet is a great way to get to know people and make friends. It isn't always necessary for friends to have common interests. Some good friends are people who are very different from each other! However, it's easy to spend a lot of time online with someone who you think is a friend and then find there's no chance to meet them because of time and distance.

Sports clubs are great places to keep healthy and make friends at the same time. They are not just for people who are good at playing a sport- they are for everyone. The important thing is to enjoy what you do and have fun. A sports team isn't the only way to a good social life. If you play a musical instrument or sing, there are bands or choirs you can join too.

Question 1: It is a good idea to talk about serious topics when you meet someone new.

Question 2: It is a good idea to listen than to talk.

Question 3: Some good friends are very different from each other.

Question 4: A sports team is the best way to meet new friends.

Question 5: When you meet someone new, it is important to ____.

A. talk B. laugh C. smile D. cry

Question 6: According to the passage, the following statements are true EXCEPT:

A. Asking about the weather is a good way to start a conversation.

B. You may not have a chance to meet your online friends.

C. Sports clubs are only for people who are skilled in sports.

D. Playing a musical instrument can be a way to make friends.