

## SPEAKING

1 Circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

**Question 19.** John and Peter are talking to each other at the school gate.

John: "Have a nice weekend!"

Peter: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- A. You are the same.                      B. The same to you!  
C. So do I.                                      D. Will you?

**Question 20.** Smith is talking to John at the office.

Smith: "I'm afraid I can't come with you."

John: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- A. What a pity!                                B. It's shameful!  
C. Thank you.                                    D. I don't think so.

## READING

1 Read the following text and circle the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.

Friends are an essential part of our lives. They provide companionship, support, and a sense of belonging. A good friend is someone who understands you, shares your interests, and respects your opinions. True friendship goes beyond just having fun together; it involves trust, loyalty, and a deep connection.

Friendships can be formed in many different ways. Some people become friends because they have known each other since childhood, while others meet later in life through work, school, or shared activities. The strongest friendships often grow from **shared** experiences, such as working on a project together, travelling, or facing challenges as a team.

Good communication is key to maintaining a strong friendship. It is important to be honest and open with your friends, sharing your thoughts and listening to theirs. However, misunderstandings can sometimes happen, even between the best friends. When this occurs, it is important to talk things through and find a solution together.

Another important aspect of friendship is support. Friends should be there for each other in difficult times, offering a helping hand or just a listening ear. This mutual support is what strengthens the bond and makes friendships last.

While it is natural for friendships to change over time, true friends will always find a way to stay connected, no matter the distance or circumstances.

**Question 21.** What is a key element of a true friendship?

- A. Having fun together
- B. Always agreeing on everything
- C. Trust, loyalty, and a deep connection
- D. Companionship, support, and a sense of belonging

**Question 22.** The word **shared** in the passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. common
- B. divided
- C. combined
- D. different

**Question 23.** What is important for maintaining a strong friendship?

- A. Keeping secrets from each other
- B. Communicating openly and honestly
- C. Travelling often together
- D. Spending money on gifts

**Question 24.** What might happen to a friendship if one friend is always giving support but never receives it in return?

- A. The friendship will grow stronger over time.
- B. The supportive friend might feel unappreciated and distant.
- C. The friendship will remain unchanged and steady.
- D. The supportive friend will continue to feel happy and fulfilled.

**Question 25.** What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The different ways friends can meet each other
- B. The qualities that make a friendship strong and lasting
- C. The challenges of keeping in touch with friends
- D. The benefits of having many friends

**II** *Read the following text and fill ONE correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.*

Social relations involve interactions and connections with others, which can take various forms, such as friendships, family (26) \_\_\_\_\_, and professional relationships. Maintaining healthy social relations is important (27) \_\_\_\_\_ it can provide emotional support, increase feelings of belonging, and contribute to our mental and physical health.

However, building and sustaining positive social relations can sometimes be challenging. Factors such as misunderstandings, differences in (28) \_\_\_\_\_, or cultural background can lead to conflicts. It is crucial to have good communication skills to express one's feelings and thoughts effectively. Additionally, showing empathy and (29) \_\_\_\_\_ willing to compromise can help resolve disputes and strengthen relationships.

In today's digital age, social media platforms have changed the way people interact with each other. While these platforms make it easier to connect with others, they can also lead to (30) \_\_\_\_\_ relationships and misunderstandings. Therefore, it is essential to find a balance between online interactions and face-to-face communication to maintain genuine social relations.

**Question 26.** A. links      B. bonds      C. ties      D. contacts

**Question 27.** A. so      B. although      C. if      D. because

**Question 28.** A. person      B. personality      C. personal      D. personnel

**Question 29.** A. to be      B. is      C. be      D. being

**Question 30.** A. deep      B. strong      C. superficial      D. meaningful

## WRITING

1 *Circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.*

**Question 31.** It is essential that all students attend the meeting.

- A. All students don't have to attend the meeting.
- B. All students must attend the meeting.
- C. All students may attend the meeting.
- D. All students could attend the meeting.

**Question 32.** The last time we met Peter was two years ago.

- A. We haven't met Peter for two years.
- B. We didn't meet Peter two years ago.
- C. We haven't met Peter for the last time two years ago.
- D. We have met Peter for the last time two years ago.