

Instructions: Read the text and answer the questions.

Differences make us stronger!

As a teenager, it's sometimes difficult not to compare yourself with other people or with influencers in social networks like Instagram. Looking at more attractive or more intelligent people at school can make you feel sad, but the worst is when you doomscroll for hours checking



pictures of influencers with, apparently, the most incredible life... then, you feel the least interesting person in the world until... you realize that there are a lot of filters that change their appearance, and learn that what you see on a picture is not real.

What is definitely real is the life you live everyday with your family, friends and classmates at school. Every day there are chances to meet new people that are completely different. For example, my best friend Gina is taller than me so she plays basketball and she's the best player at school. I am not tall, I'm short, but I can run faster than her. So, when we play soccer together, Gina uses her height to plan strategies to move the ball better, and I run as fast as I can to score a goal.

Then, Juan is another good friend I have, I think he's the smartest person in science I know. He even helps other classmates to prepare for their exams. But... I am the strongest in our group of friends at languages, I know English, French, Italian and I'm studying Japanese. So, when we work together in the Trivia Night to get extra points in class, we are unstoppable.

I also have another very good friend, her name is Liz. She is funnier and more sociable than me. "You are the most serious person I know" she says. So, Liz helps me a lot to meet new people, to feel less nervous and be more outgoing. And sometimes she likes about my personality is that I am quieter than her, and that makes her feel calm. So, we are also a great team.

We are all very different, but that doesn't tear us apart, the other way around, that is what makes our friendship stronger!

I. Choose the best option.

1. Why does the author feel sad when looking at influencers on Instagram?
2. What is the author's special talent compared to Juan?
3. What helps the author realize that influencer pictures on Instagram are not real?

II. Choose the correct option a, b, c, or d.

1. Who can speak four different languages, including Italian and Japanese?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
2. Who is the tallest person in the group and plays basketball?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
3. Who is a very smart student and helps classmates study for science exams?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
4. Who is the most serious person in the group and feels nervous about meeting new people?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
5. Who is very funny, outgoing, and helps others to be more sociable?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
6. Who is the fastest runner when they play soccer together?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author
7. Who feels calm because one of their friends is a quieter person?
a) Gina b) Juan c) Liz d) the author