Practice 3

We interviewed six pupils about teens' opinions on keeping pets.
Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

A. Tania – 17 years old

I always feel happier coming home from school because I know my full-grown tabby will be jumping in excitement to see me. It's true that school schedule can be hectic at times but even at my grumpiest, playful Jeanne always has its ways to turn my frowns upside down. Truly, cats are adorable!

B. Farhad – 15 years old

My little sister insisted to have a pair of sugar glider as her 10th birthday so we did get her one. She was all hyped up on the first few days taking care of the gliders, but all too soon, she noticed that keeping them requires extra patience, responsibility and special care. She probably wasn't ready for that so in the end, I had to parent the pair.

C. Geetha – 16 years old

Some days, I love my puppy more than my two little twin brothers. At least he would never roll his eyes at me or steal away my personal items. In fact, he loves my singing and would never be embarrassed by it. I always find talking to my pet after the boys are sound asleep at night is a great stress buster. It gives me calmness.

D. Borhan – 15 years old

My classmate accidentally saw a polaroid of Milo and I during our Science class and it sparked an interesting conversation on exotic pets. We never fail to exchange stories and pictures of our Iguana and chameleon every time we got back from school holidays. It is nice to have a best buddy who shares a similar interest.

E. Rosie – 17 years old

I have seen many teens wanting to adopt a pet but eventually they get bored and ignored them at home. In some cases, they even leave the cats or dogs unattended while being away for a long holiday. I really think it is inappropriate and unacceptable. Perhaps it's best to remind ourselves that like humans, pets need to be cared for too.

F. Lim – 16 years old

Having a pet is a terrific idea for my small family. We enjoy taking care of our Dalmation from bathing him weekly to finding him a good summer outfit! Being the only child, I consider Tommy as my best friend and he always knows how to make me laugh with his antics.

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Matching:

Which person (A – F) describes the following experiences of keeping pets?

Statements	Person
33. Keeping pets supports teens emotionally.	
34. Pet ownership comes with commitments.	
35. Pets teach teens value of companionship.	
36. Responsibility and love are important to caring for pets.	

Questions 37 – 40

Keeping pets provides teens with various health, social and emotional benefits. Pets namely cats and dogs can be a great listener to many and sometimes they can turn their owners' (37) ..... upside down. They also give teenagers something to talk about and a shared (38) ..... with other friends thus helping them to bond socially. Caring for pets at home also provides young kids with comfort and (39) ..... They get to unwind from stressful routine by spending some quality time with their pets before bedtime. However, for families who struggle with tight schedules and are often on the go having pets is probably not the best option. It is important not to leave their indoor cats or dogs (40) ..... for more than a day as pets need to be constantly cared for.

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