



## PASSAGE 1

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

To many people, their friends are the most important things in their life. Really good friends (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the good times and the bad times, help you when you've got problems, never (2) \_\_\_\_\_ you and never turn their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on you. Your best friend may be someone you've known all your life, someone you've grown (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with and been (5) \_\_\_\_\_ lots of ups and downs with.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. A. divide    | B. share   | C. allocate | D. distribute |
| 2. A. criticize | B. comment | C. judge    | D. praise     |
| 3. A. heads     | B. hearts  | C. backs    | D. faces      |
| 4. A. up        | B. out of  | C. on       | D. into       |
| 5. A. over      | B. in      | C. out of   | D. through    |



## PASSAGE 2

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If you are invited to someone's house in America for dinner, you should (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a gift, such as a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates. If you give your (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a wrapped gift, he or she may open it in front of you. Opening a present in front of the gift-giver is considered polite. It shows that he or she is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ about receiving the gift and wants to show his or her (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to you immediately. Even if the host doesn't like it, he or she will tell a "white lie" and say how much they like the gift to prevent the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from feeling bad.

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| 1. A. take         | B. carry        | C. bring     | D. get        |
| 2. A. lord         | B. host         | C. boss      | D. hostage    |
| 3. A. eager        | B. enthusiastic | C. keen      | D. excited    |
| 4. A. appreciation | B. pleasure     | C. enjoyment | D. admiration |
| 5. A. visitor      | B. customer     | C. client    | D. guest      |



### PASSAGE 3

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The London marathon race was the idea of Chris Brasher, a former Olympic (1) \_\_\_\_\_. In 1979, friends told him about the New York Marathon, during (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the runners are encouraged to carry on to the end of the course by the enthusiastic shouts of the spectators. He flew to the USA to run in the race and was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ impressed by it that he decided to organize a similar event in Britain. Many problems had to be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ before the first London Marathon took place in 1981. Chris Brasher still takes a keen interest in the event, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ he is no longer the organizer.

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| 1. A. player   | B. member     | C. athlete     | D. sportsman  |
| 2. A. that     | B. it         | C. this        | D. which      |
| 3. A. very     | B. too        | C. so          | D. much       |
| 4. A. overcome | B. overturned | C. overdone    | D. overlooked |
| 5. A. so that  | B. because    | C. even though | D. however    |