READING

Directions: From the list of heading A-E below choose the most suitable one for each paragraph of the text 1-5.

A. Not Mature Enough?
B. Decide for Yourself.
C. Socialising Is Important.
D. When Love Is Not Mutual.
E. When Your Trust Is Betrayed.

TEENAGE LOVE PROBLEMS

Are you finding the world of dating and love challenging? You're certainly not alone. The teenage love problems you're experiencing now are quite common. Here are some of them:

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It's pretty common to fall for someone who doesn't return your feelings, and it can certainly be painful. Keep in mind that just because one person does not share your interest, that does not mean that there is something wrong with you. This particular match just isn't right. Remember: when one door closes, another door opens. Don't worry about a lack of experience; living your life and just being happy are some of the best ways to attract someone. The right match will like you just the way you are.

2. _____
Did your significant other cheat on you? Does that make him or her a cheater for life? Maybe. Maybe not. Analyse your boyfriend or girlfriend's behaviour once you become aware of what took place. Did he or she tell you what really happened and do they seem truly sorry? Then you could consider giving them another chance. However, if a great deal of lying took place, the situation is different. If you can't rely on the person or if he or she seems disrespectful even after you've discovered the cheating, end the relationship immediately. It can have long-lasting effects as teenagers form their identity as to who they are in relationships.

3. _____
Even though you might not like to admit it, chances are that you really care about what your friends think about you and anyone that you may be dating. If your friends don't approve of your high school sweetheart, you might be in trouble. The same goes for dating within a group of friends. Keep in mind that friends who make negative comments about your love interests might be motivated by a desire to protect you, but they may also be motivated by jealousy or fear of being left behind if you get involved in a relationship. Listen to what they have to say, but make up your own mind.

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4. _____

While you may not want to admit it, the fact that you are young will have an impact on your dating relationships. You're not supposed to think and act like an adult; after all, you are a teenager. Learning how to stand up for yourself and say what you want when you're still trying to figure things out can be tough but it's a learning experience that will help you grow into a responsible, assertive adult. A guy might think a romantic evening is playing video games, while girls might have high expectations for love and romance. Being in a relationship takes two and there is a give and take that must satisfy both people, no matter what the age.

5. _____

It's not healthy to get so involved with someone you are dating that the two of you are always alone with each other. Don't distance yourself from your friends just because you have a boyfriend or girlfriend. While it's not uncommon to feel the need to be with your love interest all the time, it's not good for either of you in the long run. It's human nature to need more than one person in your life. Not having friends can be especially devastating if you break up. Keep your friends in your life and spend time with them, in addition to scheduling alone time with your romantic partner.

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