COMPLEX TESTS

COMPLEX Test 1

READING

Task 1

Read the text below. Make choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO CHOOSE FRIENDS

There is nothing better than being surrounded by good friends. You may look at some people and their friends with envy as they chat away happily and participate in activities together. It may be hard to figure out where to start in your search for good friends. There are many things to keep in mind when choosing people to consider as friends.

Instructions

1. _____

Join a group or class that meets for activities such as biking, bird watching, scrap-booking or aerobics.

2. _____.

Trust is a big part of working relationships. Make sure that the people you are considering as friends are people you that want to know more intimate details of your life.

3. _____.

Groups of friends have similar interests but also have qualities that make up for traits that others in the group do not have.

4. _____

Just because someone is nice and has similar interests as you do does not mean you have to be their friend. Friendships take time and effort, they are an investment.

5. _____

Make sure that you do not waste your energies on half-hearted or fair-weather friends. The friends you choose can enrich your life or take you on a negative roller-coaster of time and feelings.

A Choose friends that make you feel and be your best.
B Choose a friend that gives and takes in the relationship as much as you do.
C Invest wisely.
D Find people with similar interests as you.
E Be picky.
F Do not disclose too much personal information immediately.
G Surround yourself with positive people.
H Look for personalities that compliment you own.

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on a separate answer sheet.

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BETHANY HAMILTON

Bethany Hamilton was born in Hawaii. She lived with her parents and two brothers, Noah and Timmy. Both of her parents were surfers who moved to Hawaii from the continental United States for the surfing opportunities. Hamilton was taught how to surf by her parents and, in her book, says that she couldn't have done it without support from her brothers. Her surfing abilities progressed very quickly. She entered two of her first major surfing competitions at the age of eight, taking first places in both.

With dreams of a career as a surfer, Hamilton began competing more seriously at the age of nine. She won the 1999 Haleiwa Menehune Championships 23rd annual conTest. In February 2000, she placed 1st at the Volcom Puffer Fish conTest. She picked up a sponsor, Rip Curl, who aided her with her plans of becoming a professional surfer.

On October 31, 2003, Hamilton went for a morning surf along Tunnels Beach, Kauai with friend Alana Blanchard, and Blanchard's father and brother. Around 7:30 a.m., she was lying on her surfboard with her left arm dangling in the water, when a 14 ft tiger shark attacked her, ripping her left arm off just below the shoulder. If the shark had bitten two inches further in, the attack would have been fatal. Hamilton had lost almost 60% of her blood that morning. Her friends helped paddle her back to shore, and rushed her to hospital. Her dad was supposed to have a knee surgery that morning but she took his place in the operating room. She then spent seven more days in recovery at the hospital.

Despite the trauma of the incident, Hamilton was determined to return to surfing. Less than one month after the incident, she returned to her board and went surfing again. Initially, she adopted a board that was longer and slightly thicker which made it easier to paddle. After teaching herself to surf with one arm, she has again begun surfing competitively. She is now back to using competitive performance short-boards again.

In July 2004 Hamilton won the ESPY Award for Best Comeback Athlete of the Year. She was presented with a special courage award at the 2004 Teen Choice Awards. In 2005, with one arm, Hamilton took 1st place in the NSSA National Championships, a goal she had been trying to achieve since before the shark attack. In 2008, she began competing full-time on the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) World Qualifying Series (WQS). In her first competition against many of the world's best women surfers, she finished 3rd.

6. Bethany learned to surf

A with the help of her parents
B with the help of her family
C herself
D with the help of her brothers

7. Bethany took part in her first important competitions

A when she was nine
B when she was eight
C at the age of ten
D at the age of eleven

8. Haleiwa Menehune Championships takes place...

A every month
B every year
C every five years
D every February

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9. The shark attacked Bethany
   A when she was taking part in the competitions
   B when she was teaching her friend Alana Blanchard to surf
   C when she was resting on the board
   D when she was surfing with Blanchard's father and brother

10. ... rushed her to hospital.
   A Her dad
   B Her brothers
   C Her friends
   D Her friend's father

11. Bethany started to surf again .... after the accident.
   A less than one month
   B more than a year
   C less than a year
   D more than a month

Task 3

Read the passages below. Match choices (A-H) to (12-16). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet

FIVE WAYS TO BE A BETTER FATHER

12. _____

Whether you're the primary parent or not, you are the one in charge of formally disciplining the kids. You decide and administer all punishment. As a result, the kids love and fear you. You know and understand that discipline is an important part of development for your kids, so you try to teach them responsibility, justice and accountability.

13. _____

You are the one in the middle between your kids and each other and/or your kids and mum. It is your job to resolve conflicts within the home. Being a man, this is not always easy, as it requires lots of empathy and excellent listening skills. It is frustrating, though, to deal with the same problems over and over again. Your goal is to achieve peace and harmony in the family, as well as encouraging everyone to play nice.

14. _____

This is often a fun way to connect and see your kids interact in a group setting. You gain great satisfaction by teaching them to share, compete and achieve goals. You like to see your kids participate in competitive activities (and win), although you are proud of them for doing their best whether they win or lose. The strategies you use often spill over into the home.

15. _____

You are the master repair man of the home. You enjoy helping your kids, and it gives you great satisfaction to see the look on their face when you hand them a repaired toy. You like to teach the kids how to be industrious and useful. They learn a lot of handy skills from you. At times, you may feel like you struggle to find other ways to connect with them on a personal level.

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16. _____

You are the kind of dad who spends a lot of time making sure the house is 'baby-proofed' and all things potentially harmful are secure and out of reach. You tell your kids often about the dangers in the world, and you assure them that you won't let anything bad happen. Your family knows they can count on your for security and protection. You feel good about creating a safe environment for the kids, but it's hard for you to let go and allow them to make mistakes on their own.

Which father is:

A The Outdoorsman
B The Coach
C The Deaf Ear
D The Fixer
E The Tech Guy
F The Protector
G The Enforcer Dad
H The Referee

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one that best fits each space (17-22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate sheet paper.

TRAVELLER'S TIPS – BEST OF BRITISH

It's funny that the meteorological term best known to the British layman is 'a depression'. Given that depressions characterize so much of our weather, even a forecaster might think that's fair enough, and rather appropriate too. We all know the familiar welcome that greets us (17) _____. You board the plane in bright sunshine and fly home through peerless blue skies. Then, as you approach home, the plane descends through a thick carpet of cloud; underneath it's all unceasing grey (18) _____.

Unceasing grey and drizzle? Yet monotonous is exactly (19) _____. We have the pure, blind luck to live in a maritime climate which never stops surprising. More than one maritime climate, in fact, (20) _____ – namely Arctic, Polar, Tropical and Returning Polar. Add to that the two Continental air streams – Polar and Tropical - and it's a complex, volatile picture. No wonder that we have such a highly developed forecasting network. And no wonder that we're a nation of obsessives: (21) _____?

It all makes travelling around Britain a risky business. A romantic weekend in the Lake District can be a wash-out and Brighton isn't much fun in the pouring rain. The trick is to be flexible in when you go: (22) _____ – high pressure is generally A Good Thing – before heading off for that weekend. Of course, this tip doesn't hold good for Bank Holidays.

A what British weather isn't
B as four of the six major air streams that dictate our weather are Maritime
C wait until there's a nice stable weather system
D when we return from whatever sunny paradise we've been visiting
E have some of Britain's finest scenery

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F and drizzle and you'd never know the blue was up there.

G but they receive a frighteningly high proportion of the rainfall

H where else would tens of thousands of people tune into the shipping forecast for pleasure

Task 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23-34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Inkheart is a fantasy film directed by Iain Softley and starring Brendan Fraser, Eliza Bennett, Paul Bettany and Helen Mirren. It is (23) _____ on the novel with the same name by Cornelia Funke. The film was (24) _____ on 12 December 2008 in the UK and 23 January 2009 in the US.

The story begins with Mortimer "Mo" Folchart and his wife Resa reading the fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood" to their (25) _____ daughter Meggie. As Mo reads the story, a red velvet hood appears. A narrator explains that people known as "Silver Tongues" are born with the gift that (26) _____ they read a story aloud, their elements come into reality, and that some are completely (27) _____ of their gifts.

Flash forward 12 years into the future, Mo and Meggie are (28) _____ the European countryside in their van for a book for which Mo has been (29) _____ years. He has come to learn of his gift, and nine years (30) _____ , Resa had vanished, much to the (31) _____ of her extended family. Hearing the calling of books from a bookstore one day, Mo, a (32) _____ book repairer, leaves Meggie outside and ventures inside after being offered to (33) _____ the shelves. He finds the book "Inkheart" in the (34) _____ and is overwhelmed with a mixture of fear and joy.

	A	B	C	D
23	founded	made	based	produced
24	freed	produced	released	created
25	teenage	infant	adolescent	underage
26	everywhere	whenever	wherever	whatever
27	unknown	known	aware	unaware
28	trolling	strolling	wandering	striding
29	looking at	looking after	looking for	looking out
30	later	prior	soon	past
31	need	distress	misfortune	calamity
32	decent	presumed	reputed	notorious
33	browse	find	look for	seek
34	shelves	reserve	supply	stock

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Task 6

Read the text below. For each empty space (35–46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on a separate answer sheet.

THE LEGEND OF THE RICE

In the days when the earth was young and all things were (35) _____ than they now are, when men and women were stronger and of greater beauty, and the fruit of the trees was larger and sweeter than that which we now eat, rice, the food of the people, was of (36) _____ grain. One grain was all a man could eat; and in (37) _____ early days, such, too, was the merit of the people, they never (38) _____ gathering the rice, for, when ripe, it fell from the stalks and rolled into the villages, even unto the granaries. And upon a year when the rice was larger and (39) _____ than ever before, a widow said to her daughter "Our granaries are too small. We (40)_____ them down and build larger." When the old granaries (41) _____ down and the new one not yet ready for use, the rice was ripe in the fields. Great haste (42) _____, but the rice came rolling in where the work (43)_____ on, and the widow, angered, struck a grain and cried, "Could you not wait in the fields until we were ready? You (44) _____ us now when you are not wanted." The rice broke into thousands of pieces and said "From this time forth, we will wait in the fields until we (45) _____," and from that time the rice (46) _____ of small grain, and the people of the earth must gather it into the granary from the fields.

	A	B	C	D
35	good	best	better	the better
36	largest	the larger	larger	the largest
37	these	those	that	this
38	had to toil	has to toil	has toiled	had toiled
39	plentifuller	more plentiful	most plentiful	the most plentiful
40	would pull	will be pulling	will pull	would be pulling
41	were pulled	pulled	had pulled	was pulled
42	made	was made	had been made	has been made
43	went	had gone	was going	was gone
44	should not bother	may not bother	cannot bother	mustn't bother
45	want	have wanted	are wanted	wanted
46	had been	were	was	has been

WRITING

Write (100–120 words) about the newspapers or magazines you and your family read.

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Include the information:
- **what sort of newspapers or magazines you prefer;**
- **why you enjoy reading these newspapers or magazines;**
- **what information you usually expect to find in them;**
- **what advice you can get from press.**

Complex Test 2

READING

Task 1

Read the text below. Make choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT GIFT

1. _____.

Playing Secret Santa to a co-worker you don't know well can be tricky, and buying a gift for that special someone after you've just started dating is no picnic. Even buying a gift for mom and dad can be a chore. After all, you've been exchanging gifts with them for years, and nothing's going to top your elementary school handiwork in their eyes. Fortunately, there are a few simple things you can do to hone in on the perfect gift no matter who the recipient might be.

2. _____.

When it comes to gift-giving, it really is the thought that counts. A great gift demonstrates that you've given some thought to a person and his or her interests. If you're not sure where to start, try the following:

3. _____:

The best gifts are the most thoughtful gifts. Consider the person on your list. What does he or she like? What will make that person feel like he or she is appreciated and not just a holiday chore to cross off a list? Consider the following areas of interest: Films, Books, Music, Travel, Food, Hobbies, Sports, etc.

4. _____:

Check out the gift recipient's MySpace or Facebook page. Does the person have an Amazon wish list or Netflix queue? Snoop around to find out what he or she likes.

5. _____:

If you're playing Secret Santa and don't know what to give, ask the person's closest friends and colleagues what he or she might like.

A Go snooping online.
B Make Your Gift.
C Understand that gift-giving isn't an easy thing.
D Do Cool Things with Photos.
E Find out what the person is interested in.
F Pay attention.
G Brainstorm Gift Ideas.
H Ask a third party.

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