

PART 2: READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

1- READING. (10 MARKS)

Read the blog about what makes teenagers happy.

What makes teens happy?

I'm Ana. Welcome to my blog. Or 'Willkommen' as we say in German!

Recently, my teacher told us about some reports on teen happiness. What do you think makes teens happy? Is it money, going out or owning things? No, you're wrong. The reports show that teens are happy when they have good relationships with their friends and families.

Everyone needs friends, but young people seem to be with their friends all the time! That's OK – young people need to spend time with their friends because it helps them to learn how to be around other people. We see our friends at school all day, and when we get home, we go online to chat there. Going online for an hour or two isn't a problem. Most teens understand this and don't spend all of their time online. The internet makes us happy and we must have it because our friends have it, but we're happier when we go out with our friends in real life.

How do we feel about our parents? The reports say teens think their parents are annoying sometimes, for example, when they text too much or ask too many questions, but teens are pleased to have their parents' help and love. Happy teens have parents who often spend time with them, eating as a family and talking about what's happening at school. In fact, spending time just talking is the number one activity to do with parents at home that makes teens happy.

And what makes us unhappy? Exams! We often worry that exams will be difficult and our marks will be bad. Many students are worried about tests that they have prepared well for! We also worry about money – we want to have enough for the things we enjoy, but we don't want to ask our parents for it all the time. It also makes us unhappy when our parents don't understand us. But we can just sit down at the dinner table and talk about it. Problem solved!

Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1 Teens are happy when they have good relationships with the people they are in touch with.

2 Teens use the internet because that's the only way they can contact their friends.

3 Most teens are online during most of their time.

4 Students don't worry about the results of their exams.

5 It makes teens unhappy to ask for money.

READING 2 (10 MARKS)

Read the article.

Regina Flores talks about her year abroad as an exchange student

When I went to Britain last year, I was a fifteen-year-old student from Brazil who didn't know a lot about life outside of my country because I'd never been overseas before. It was time to experience a new lifestyle and Culture. So, for a year, I lived with a British family and went to a local school.

The Browns were really kind and helpful. They realised that I felt a bit scared and uncertain because I was in a new place and far away from my own family. There are three children – fifteen-year-old twins Charlie and Max, and ten-year-old Holly.

When I first got the information about the family, I thought Charlie was a boy because that's a boy's name. But when we had a video call I found out 'he' is a 'she'! Her real name is Charlotte. She became my best friend. We shared her bedroom and we often talked for ages before we fell asleep.

My school in Brazil is very different to the one in Britain. In Brazil, it's big. There are a lot of students and the area the school is on is huge. The buildings are all on one level. But in Britain my classroom was on the second floor so I had to walk up and down the stairs a lot!

Also, I wore a uniform – with a tie! – for the first time in my life. It felt really strange at first because I wear jeans to school in Brazil. After a week, I realised my day began better when I didn't have to think about what to wear! And everyone is equal – I think that's what I like best about the uniform. Back in Brazil, young people like to look fashionable all the time and it makes some students feel bad because they don't have nice clothes.

On my last day at school, my classmates surprised me with a present and a card that they all wrote messages in. I cried when I said goodbye! The next day, the Browns drove me to the airport in London. I didn't cry then. Do you want to know why? Because Charlie is coming to stay with me in Brazil next month. It's her turn to live and study in another country for a year! Hooray!

Now choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

1 How did Regina experience life in Britain?

A She went there with her family at age 15.

B She visited a school there.

C She lived like a local person.

D She compared it to Brazil.

2 How did Regina feel when she was away from her family?

- A She was kind to the Browns.
- B She was a little unhappy at the start.
- C She didn't like the new place.
- D She understood her feelings.

3 When Regina first saw the Brown family...

- A she met Charlie's sister Charlotte.
- B she realised Charlie and Max were twins.
- C she found out all their names.
- D she knew she was wrong about something.

4 How is Regina's school in Brazil different to her British school?

- A There is more space at the school in Brazil.
- B More students go to the British school.
- C The school in Britain has more buildings.
- D There are a lot of stairs at the school in Brazil.

5 What does Regina say about school uniforms?

- A She didn't know that ties were part of the uniform.
- B She believes it's a good idea for students wear them.
- C She thinks they aren't as nice as fashionable clothes.
- D She prefers to wear jeans when she goes to school.

USE OF ENGLISH

A- Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences. (5 marks)

1. It was **raining/rained** when we **were going / went out**.
2. It's a nice day today. The sun **was shining / is shining**.
3. I got up early and **have / had** a shower.

4. The phone **was ringing / rang** while Mary **cooked / was cooking** dinner.
5. Tom isn't at home at the moment. He **travels / is travelling** abroad.
6. How often **you go / do you go** on holiday ?
7. I'm **not watching / don't watch** TV very often.
8. The children are in the living room. They **watch / are watching** TV.
9. I went / was going to work when I **was meeting / met** my boyfriend.
10. We **go / went** to the cinema yesterday.

B) Choose the correct answer (A, B or C). (5 marks)

Hi. My name's Carlo. I'm from Milan – it's a city (1).....the north of Italy. I'm fourteen (2) I go to my local high school. When I'm not studying, I (3).....a lot of time with my friends. We sometimes go to a skate (4).....in our neighbourhood. My friends (5).....part in skateboarding competitions there. I can skate too,(6).....I'm not very good at it yet. I need to practise more to (7)..... better. I actually prefer basketball (8).....I really enjoy team sports and I'm a good player, too. I live in a nice (9).....block, on the fourth floor. My best friend lives in the same building on the third floor, (10).....we see each other every day.

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| 1 A in | B from | C to |
| 2 A because | B but | C and |
| 3 A give | B make | C spend |
| 4 A place | B park | C stop |
| 5 A take | B have | C do |
| 6 A so | B but | C and |
| 7 A go | B make | C get |
| 8 A but | B so | C because |
| 9 A department | B apartment | C pavement |
| 10 A because | B so | C but |

C- Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. (5 marks)

- 1- Stella was walking to school when she dropped her phone on the **pavement / station** and it broke .

- 2- I didn't have breakfast this morning and now I'm **bored / starving**.
- 3-That writer's books are about **ordinary / ancient** people like you and me.
- 4-It's a **special / scary** day today – it's Nick's eighteenth birthday.
- 5- I'd like / I like spending time with my best friend.
- 6-At the end of the long race, the runners were **confident / exhausted**.
- 7-There are some very nice villages **on / in** the coast.
- 8-We walked along a **crossing / path** in the forest.
- 9- I send my homework to my teacher in an email **because/but** we don't have a printer.
- 10- My laptop is good **but/ and** it doesn't have a big screen.

D- Complete the gaps with only ONE word from the box. (5 marks)

did- nothing-are-an- because were-much-does-where-anything.
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- 1-Holly has.....unusual hobby – she collects spoons.
- 2-How.....time will it take to drive to London?
- 3- A:you seeing your friends tonight? B: No, I'm tired.
- 4- A: What.....she do? B: She's a doctor.
- 5- A:did they go for their holiday? B: They went to Greece.
- 6-Alex and Mike.....working hard when I saw them.
- 7- A:you send Alice an email? B: No, I forgot.
- 8- A: Is there anything in the box? B: No, there's..... It's empty.
- 9-Did you see.....interesting on your holiday?
- 10-My mobile is my favourite device.....I always use it to chat with my friends.

