I. Underline the correct alternative.

1 Vietnam is *by far/far* the most interesting countryI've ever visited.

2 The film wasn't as *good/better* as I expected itto be.

3 This is the *smaller/smallest* size we have.

4 This brand is exactly the same *as/than* that one,but half the price.

5 James is one of the tallest *boy/boys* in his yearat school.

II. Underline the correct alternative.

A: What's your new boss like, Gail?

B: Well, I know I [1]*should/shouldn't* say this, but she's abit strange.

A: Why's that? [2]*Do you have to/Must you* work veryhard?

B: Oh no, it's just that she has some strange rules.

A: Like what?

B: Well, for example, we [3]*don't have to/mustn't* wearanything blue. It's unlucky for her.

A: Really? She [4]*has to/shouldn't* tell you what to wear.

B: I know! But it's not all bad. At least we [5]*have to/don't have to* work on Saturday any more. She thinks the weekend [6]*must/should* be a time forrest.

III. Underline the correct alternative. If both arepossible, choose *would*.

When I was a child, I [1]*would/used to* sometimes go towork with my dad. He [2]*would/used to* be a travelling salesman and we [3]*would/used to* drive hundreds of miles each day in the car for meetings in different parts of the country. You might think it was boring for me as a young child, but I [4]*would/used to* love it. I [5]*would/used to* go into the meetings with my dadand sit there quietly drawing a picture or reading acomic.

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IV. Underline the correct alternative.

1 You haven't got the time, *have/got* you?
2 We're going to lose, *going/aren't* we?
3 James and Cathy don't like Charlie, *does he/do they*?
4 I failed the exam, *wasn't/didn't* I?
5 You won't tell her, *will/won't* you?

V. Underline the correct alternatives.

1 Liam lost his job for being too *aggressive/ independent* after he shouted at a customer.
2 Maryam gets to her new job an hour early everyday. She's very *keen/moody*.
3 I have to be *reliable/punctual* for work. If I'm late,my boss gets annoyed with me.
4 I don't want my employees to ask me for help.I want them to be *honest/independent*.
5 My colleague's really *moody/sensible*. You neverknow if she's going to be happy or angry.

VI. Read the article about how the working day has changed andanswer the questions.

1 What happened to working days in the last century?

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2 What has changed the way we work most of all?

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3 Where couldn't people work in the past but can now?

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4 What can people do if they are on the move?

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5 What might happen in the future?

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From fields and factories to the comfort of your sofa

The world of work has changed so much in the last few years, but what will it look like in the future? Two hundred years ago, the majority of people worked in fields on farms, working long hours and doing backbreaking work for little money. Then, for many countries, came industrialisation and the beginning of a modern urban life.

We saw the greatest changes in the last century, with people working shorter days and the beginning of the 9-to-5 routine and office life.

The types of jobs we do have also changed dramatically, with people working more in the service industries, such as finance and banking. An even greater change has been where we work and when, due to technology.

Since the 1990s technology has advanced rapidly, with the greatest change being the birth of the internet. People now seem to spend most of their working days reading and sending emails in order to complete their daily tasks. The internet has also made an important difference to where people do their work and there is a growing trend for people to spend more time out of the office and working from home or in connected environments, such as cafés.

In many towns and cities across the world it has been common for some time now to see people tapping on their laptop keyboards in cafes, using the free wifi to get their work done. There has also been a huge increase in the number of people renting 'hot desks' for the day or even a few hours, so they can get their work done while on the move.

What about the future? How will we work in 100 years' time? Maybe the idea of a work-free weekend and 9-to-5 working will no longer exist. People will be able to choose when and where they want to work.

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