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GRAMMAR

1 Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I *hadn't seen/hadn't been seeing* any Pixar films until last night.
- 2 I could see she *had cleaned/had been cleaning* all morning because the floor was still wet.
- 3 By midday, we *had waited/had been waiting* for an hour.
- 4 The food wasn't ready because he *had started/had been starting* cooking too late.
- 5 They *had played/had been playing* half the match when the referee stopped it.

Score: /5

2 Choose the correct words or phrases.

- 1 *Even though/Despite* he can't swim, he loves going in the sea.
- 2 The food in this restaurant looks very nice. *Although/However*, I don't think we can afford it.
- 3 They're still best friends *despite/although* they argue all the time.
- 4 The teacher asked us to work on our projects over the holidays *in spite of* we were *complaining/our complaints*.
- 5 There's nothing good on TV. I watch it every evening, *however/although*.

Score: /5

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

after along in round up

- 1 I wanted to drop _____ on Alison but I think she's gone out.
- 2 I've always looked _____ to my brother because he's so clever.
- 3 A lot of people say I take _____ my mother; we've got similar personalities.
- 4 Do you want to go _____ to Sarah's house later?
- 5 She tends to get _____ with most people. She's very friendly.

Score: /5

4 Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

I met Patty when I was five years old on a camping holiday. Patty and her family were staying next to us on the campsite and we (1) _____ friends immediately. We spent the next two weeks together so when it was time for her family to leave, I was very upset. I remember running (2) _____ their car as they were driving away! But it wasn't the end of our (3) _____; in fact, it was just the beginning. That was 10 years ago and we've never (4) _____ touch. We write to each other regularly and I always (5) _____ it when I get an email from her.

1 A did B gave C made
2 A about B after C around
3 A relative B relations C relationship
4 A lost B found C stayed
5 A admire B appreciate C support

Score: /5

5 Read the definitions and write the correct word. The first letter has been given.

1 This is the top of a mountain. s _____
2 This is a small narrow river. s _____
3 This is an area of high land which is often near the sea. c _____
4 This is a way from one place to another that you can walk along. p _____
5 This is an area of land between mountains or hills. v _____

Score: /5

6 Complete each sentence with a preposition from the box.

about against from in with

1 I'm not optimistic _____ winning the race.
2 We need to find some shelter _____ this wind.
3 This company specialises _____ adventure holidays.
4 They warned us _____ going out after dark.
5 I don't think there's anything wrong _____ helping other people.

Score: /5

READING

Queenstown Outdoor Activities

Queenstown is a paradise for lovers of the great outdoors. Situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand's South Island, Queenstown offers amazing views of the water and the surrounding snow-capped mountains of the Southern Alps. Here are just a few of the activities you can do there.

A Hobbit Tour

If you're a Tolkien fan, then you won't want to miss this amazing tour of the mountains, glaciers and waterfalls, where *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films were made. Starting with a helicopter ride over nearby Mount Earnslaw, you can experience some of the awe-inspiring scenery which you are sure to recognise from the films. You will then be transferred to a four-wheel drive vehicle for a closer look at some of the films' other locations around Queenstown. The tour does involve some trekking, so you should wear outdoor clothing and bring some water. But most importantly, don't forget your camera!

B Cycling at the Rabbit Ridge Bike Resort

Situated in Gibbston Valley, just outside Queenstown, the resort, which offers access to bikes, extends over 40 kilometres of hills and flatter terrain. The bike trails within the Rabbit Ridge resort are popular with cyclists looking for an adrenaline-filled downhill experience, but if you're looking for something more relaxed, don't worry. There are gentler trails, which are suitable for inexperienced riders, as well as workshops for those new to the sport. You can take your own bike, but if you don't have one, there are packages which include bicycles and helmets. I'd definitely recommend buying one of these complete tours to save money. And if you're not feeling very energetic, you can even hire an electric bike!

C Skyline Stargazing

If you love the stars and want something to do in the evening, this is the activity for you. The package includes a ride up to the top of Bob's Peak on the Skyline Gondola. The Gondola is a cable car which takes you 450 metres above Queenstown, giving you breathtaking views of Lake Wakatipu below and the mountains in the distance. From the top of the mountain, you will have clear views of the night sky. It's perfect for stargazing and our modern telescopes will let you see the stars as you've never seen them before. Make sure you bring warm clothes for this tour as temperatures can get very low at the top!

D Bungee Jumping at the Kawarau Bungy Centre

Kawarau is well-known by extreme sports enthusiasts because it's the place where commercial bungee jumping was born in the 1980s. It involves attaching an elastic rope to your feet and jumping off a tall structure like a bridge or a cliff. Jumpers have the experience of free-falling to earth but the rope stops them from actually hitting the ground. Many people say that it's the most exhilarating experience of their life. At Kawarau, visitors can go on a tour which explains the history of bungee jumping, but most people go there to jump off the famous bridge where it all started. And if you're nervous about jumping on your own, don't worry – you can do a tandem jump attached to a friend!

7 Read the article. For each question, choose from the activities A–D. The activities may be chosen more than once.

Which activity

- 1 is good for people who are new to it? _____
- 2 was made famous near Queenstown? _____
- 3 takes you to various places? _____
- 4 takes place at the summit of a mountain? _____
- 5 involves different forms of transport? _____

Score: /5

USE OF ENGLISH

8 Write a form of the word in capitals in each gap.

Being a group leader

I've been a (1) _____ group leader for five years now and I love it! My main (2) _____ are planning and organising activities for young people in my town. They don't always have the (3) _____ of going into the countryside, so we do lots of outdoor activities. We give the children a (4) _____ but they seem to enjoy the teambuilding activities most. In these activities, you can only find (5) _____ to problems by working with your teammates. I find it really satisfying to see the children working so well together.

YOUNG
RESPONSIBLE
POSSIBLE
CHOOSE
SOLVE

Score: / 5