

Integrated module

CANDIDATE DETAILS

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B1 Progress

Paper M2-25

Instructions for candidates:

1. Do not open the exam until you are told to do so.
2. Check your name and candidate number on the cover sheet.
3. Listen to the instructions and answer carefully in the spaces provided. You will listen to each audio twice.
4. Write clearly in pen, not pencil. Correction fluid is allowed.
5. Please ask any questions now.

A

Your friend Karim has a new streaming platform "Shows4U". Yesterday he used it for the first time to watch a TV show. Listen to his voice message. Choose the most suitable reply.



1.

2.



3.

B

Listen to a podcast about the TV show that Karim watched.
Complete the missing information.

Why you can't miss "Friends"

"Friends" is one of the most popular TV shows of all time. Millions of people watched it every week during its ¹ _____ seasons. The show is about six friends who live in ² _____ City.

Each character is special and funny. Rachel loves ³ _____, Ross is a ⁴ _____, Monica is a chef and likes everything clean and ⁵ _____. Chandler is anxious and insecure. Joey is an actor who is not very smart but has a big ⁶ _____. Phoebe plays the guitar and writes ⁷ _____ songs. Some fans said it was the most realistic ⁸ _____ they had ever seen. By the end, the actors had become superstars. Each of them earned ⁹ _____ dollars per episode! In ¹⁰ _____, the cast got together again for a special episode.

Even after many years, "Friends" is still shown on TV and streaming platforms today.

C

Read the information about two other famous TV shows and add a tick in the correct column of your notes. If the information is true about both shows, write a tick in both columns.

“The Big Bang Theory”

“The Big Bang Theory” is a popular comedy series that started in 2007 and ended in 2019, after 12 successful seasons. It is about a group of friends who live in California. One of them is Sheldon, a scientist with strict habits and an unusual personality. The actor who played him is Jim Parsons. He received several awards for his amazing performance, including a Golden Globe and four Emmys.

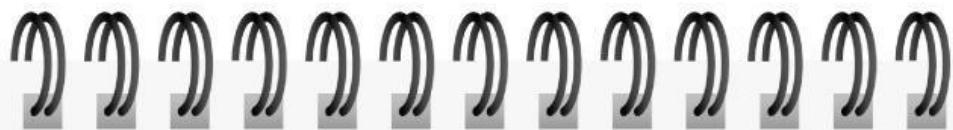
The show is full of jokes, science references, and funny situations about friendship, love and being different. Over time, characters grow up, marry, and start families. It became one of the most successful TV shows of all time. The actors became internationally famous, and people still watch the series on streaming platforms. If you enjoy science and clever humour, don't miss it!

“How I Met Your Mother”

“How I Met Your Mother” started in 2005 and ended in 2014. The show follows Ted, played by Josh Radnor, as he tells his son and daughter the long and funny story of how he met their mother. The show is set in New York City, where Ted lives with his close friends. Each episode mixes comedy, romance, and sometimes emotional moments, as characters learn from their mistakes.

The series received several awards and was watched by millions around the world. It is still very popular on streaming platforms. The cast became very popular during the show's 9 seasons.

Some fans think the ending was disappointing, but others believe it was perfect. If you've never seen it, you should give it a chance—it may become your new favourite show.



Notes

| | The Big Bang Theory | How I Met Your Mother |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The show has less than ten seasons. | | |
| 2. It's about a group of friends living in the same city. | | |
| 3. The protagonist received a famous prize. | | |
| 4. The show can be watched on platforms today. | | |
| 5. Not many people liked the ending. | | |
| 6. The actors became very famous thanks to the show. | | |
| 7. Characters in the show get married. | | |
| 8. The story includes love and humour. | | |
| 9. There are clever jokes in this story. | | |
| 10. The protagonist has children. | | |

D After reading the information about "The Big Bang Theory" and "How I Met Your Mother", you decide to start watching one of them. Choose one of the TV shows and write a WhatsApp message inviting your friend Karim to watch it with you.

Include:

- A short description of the show
- Why you think it will be good
- When and where you can meet
- What food you'd like to buy

Idea #1

- "The Big Bang Theory"
- Good because...
- My home (send address just in case)
- Saturday 15, 6pm
- Get pizza

Idea #2

- "How I Met Your Mother"
- Good because...
- Karim's home (check address just in case)
- Friday 14, 7pm
- Make pasta



E

You then read the following comments about “Friends: The Reunion” on a fan’s Instagram account. Match each of the comments to one of your replies. There is one extra reply you do not need to use.

Instagram

Comment 1



I had already seen the film when it first came out in 2021, and it made me cry so much. Watching it again last night brought back all those feelings. This time, I paid more attention to the old furniture and the small details. I'll watch it again soon!

Reply:

5h 1 Like Reply

Comment 2



My family and I watched it last week. My brother didn't like the special because it was too short and that the cast didn't do much. But I loved it! If you expect a full episode, you'll probably feel disappointed. I just wanted to see the cast together again.

Reply:

5h 2 Like Reply

Comment 3



I haven't seen the reunion yet, but I've watched every episode of “Friends” three times. I'm a big fan! However, I've read lots of comments online that said the special wasn't exciting and didn't include anything new. Should I watch it? I don't want to be disappointed.

Reply:

6h 1 Like Reply

Comment 4



The cast looked older, of course, but they were still so funny and sweet. It was great to hear all the stories from behind the scenes. Some were so touching! I didn't know they had become such good friends in real life. They stayed in touch after 17 years!

Reply:

7h 3 Like Reply



Reply A

Just like you, I've never seen the show. I know it's really popular, but I've always watched different kinds of series, with heroes and action. Maybe I'll try one episode someday, especially if the reunion is as full of emotion as people say.

Reply B

You're right! They looked different but they still made me laugh. Knowing they stayed close after all this time makes the whole show even more special. Some of those stories were incredible! If they decided to film a new episode, I think it would be a big success.

Reply C

I wouldn't miss it if I were you! You shouldn't believe everything that is said on social media. Anyway, remember that the special is not a complete episode, but it shows lots of parts of several episodes. You won't regret it.

Reply D

I see his point. Some interviews felt too short, and I also think the guest stars got too much attention. It wasn't as funny as I expected but it's a must for fans of the show. I agree with you: seeing the cast together again is the best part.

Reply E

Totally! Just watching it once is not enough. There are lots of details to pay attention to and you may miss them the first time. A lot of people said they felt emotional, especially during the part where the actors walked around the old apartment set.

Comment

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F

You then find an online article on the importance of friendship.
Read the text and circle the most suitable answer.

Why Friendship Matters

Friendship is not just about having fun. It can also help us in many important ways, especially when we are young. Friends can ¹**support / avoid / stress** us during hard times, share our happiness, and help us understand ourselves better.

When we talk to a good friend, we often feel ²**more / less / as** stressed and more relaxed. For example, if someone feels nervous about an exam, a friend can listen and ³**tell / ask / give** advice. This can make the situation feel easier to manage. Friends can even ⁴**get / take / keep** part in activities together, like sports or hobbies.

⁵**Unless / Because / Although** we don't always agree with our friends, learning to listen and respect each other teaches us important life skills. Sometimes, we may fight or feel jealous, but solving ⁶**the / these / no** problems makes friendship stronger. If young people ⁷**have / can have / don't have** friends, they might learn to share and solve problems together. Friendship ⁸**may not / wouldn't / shouldn't** be ignored. It must be cared for and appreciated. Friends make our lives ⁹**best / worst / better**. As the famous saying goes, "A friend is ¹⁰**anyone / everyone / someone** who knows all about you and still loves you."

G

You then decide to write a story about a friend who helped you or someone you know in a difficult moment.

Stories wanted for our online magazine

Have you ever had a friend who changed your life? Or a time when friendship helped you or someone you know through a difficult situation?
Let's celebrate friendship together.
SEND YOUR STORY TO US!





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