Task 1. Read the text. For questions 1–6 think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap

A Eldest child
You are very careful because you want to do everything right. You were first, so you are the example! You enjoy doing (1)_____ homework, making lists and planning. You (2)_____ like anything unexpected to happen.

B Middle child
You consider other people's feelings and hate it when people don't agree. You want (3)_____ to be happy. You're friends (4)_____ all your brothers' and sisters' friends. You can be really funny, too.

C Youngest child
You never do anything wrong! You are (5)_____ baby of the family, and everyone loves you! You want everyone to watch you. You like people and people like you! Oh, and you really enjoy having surprises!

D Only child
You prefer being with adults, not children your own age. You're good (6)_____ everything you do. You love reading and have a clear view of the world. You hate it when you don't succeed.

Task 2. Read the newspaper article and answer the questions.

Do you find your school lessons boring? Many teenagers say they don't enjoy their classes and think the education system needs to change to make it more interesting and useful.

Around 80% of students said they were unhappy with their school life, and almost 50% said there were not enough courses to choose from.

When asked how they felt about their education, students said they often didn't find it very interesting. 'It does only a tiny bit to help us find employment,' says Naomi, 16, from Cardiff. 'This really needs to change so our education makes sure we are helped to become successful later in life.'

Nicholas, 13, from London says when he is studying in class, he is often exhausted because he is always doing tests, which makes him lose interest. 'It's always about getting good results in tests, not about giving you more knowledge to help you when you leave school to get a job.'

The other thing students say is a problem is that often the lessons don't include anything connected to their interests. 'They don't seem to know who we are as young people in the 21st century.

There isn't much technology used in the classroom, whereas in our personal lives, we – and everyone else – use technology in lots of different and exciting ways,' says Jessie, 16, from Winchester.

Education experts agree: 'Today's system is too focused on helping students pass exams and it doesn't help them prepare themselves for real life and work,' says Nigel Jones from EducateUK, an organisation that wants to make changes to the education system.

But what can be done to change this? 'We need to focus education on helping young people to develop the skills and knowledge they need in the modern world,' says Jones. 'We think that there should be a new, more relaxed course system that gives teachers more choices to make lessons more fun, interesting and practical.'

The idea is popular with students too. 'I'd love to have new, more useful classes at my school,' says Mark, 14. 'I'd like to learn computer programming so that I can become a video-games developer when I'm older.'

1 Most students say that they think their education is
   a good enough.
   b not good enough.
2 Naomi thinks that the education system
   a isn't very good at helping students find a job.
   b helps students be successful in life.
3 Nicholas says he feels tired because he
   a has a job after school.
   b does lots of exams.
4 Jessie thinks that teachers
   a don't use technology enough in the classroom.
   b use technology too much in the classroom.
5 Nigel Jones thinks education
   a needs to change.
   b should prepare students for exams.
6 Nigel thinks that lessons should be
   a more relaxing.
   b more useful.

Task 3. Read the blog. Decide if each sentence is true (T) or false (F).

Hacking

Hacking has been in the news a lot recently, and is a growing problem all over the world. But did you know that there are different types of hackers out there, with different aims? At first, I thought that these people were all just criminals trying to make money. I thought that they were the people who are responsible for those nasty emails I get in my inbox or for stealing money from people's bank accounts.

But then I did some research on the internet. I found out that there are different types of hackers, and each one has different reasons for hacking. Here is what I found out about some of the different types of hackers:

White Hat Hacker

This type of hacker is a professional hacker who works for companies and governments. These hackers are allowed to use their skills to hack computer systems so that the company or government can repair any weaknesses in its own system before another hacker tries to enter the system for criminal reasons.

Black Hat Hacker

This is the type of hacker that you usually read about in news stories. These hackers enter computer systems illegally to steal companies' or people's money and information. They also attack computer systems so that they stop working, and send spam emails.

Grey Hat Hacker

This type of hacker is between a White Hat Hacker and a Black Hat Hacker. Sometimes, these hackers find weaknesses in a computer system and repair it for the company for free. Other times they find the weaknesses and then tell the company about them and offer to repair them for cash.

Hacktivists

These people are different from the other types of hackers. They don't hack to make money or to find weaknesses in computer systems, but instead they have social or political reasons for hacking. They usually enter the computer systems of big companies and governments to steal their information.

So now you know that not all hackers are the same. Did any of this surprise you? Leave a comment, and tell me what you think!

1 At first the author didn't know that there were different types of hackers.
2 White Hat Hackers are criminals.
3 Black Hat Hackers help companies and governments to fix their computer systems.
4 Grey Hat Hackers always ask for money to fix weaknesses in computer systems.
5 Hacktivists don't have the same reasons for hacking as the other types of hackers.
6 Companies and governments pay hacktivists to steal information for them.