UP English Center

Name: _____

Class: _____

1. For each question, choose the correct answer.

BAD WEATHER

Liza

I live in the north of Finland. We're used to snow there, but one year we had a very bad snowstorm. When we woke up one morning the snow was nearly as high as the house. It covered our car and our garden, and we couldn't open our front door. We didn't have any electricity, and it was dark and cold. Luckily, we were prepared, and we had a radio with batteries, a torch and warm clothes. For me it was like an adventure, but my mum and dad were very worried.

Hannah

My family and I often go sailing, but last summer we had a bad experience. The day began well. It was hot and sunny so we decided to take the boat out. An hour later the weather changed very suddenly. The wind became stronger, clouds covered the sun, it started to rain and the sea became very rough. I thought we were going to die. Luckily, after a few hours the storm passed, but it was the scariest day of my life.

Paula

My village is near the sea, and a few winters ago something very strange happened. The wind became very strong and big waves started crashing over the harbour edge onto the road. Overnight, the temperature dropped so low that the seawater turned into ice. The next day the sea looked like a giant ice rink. There was also ice on the roads and the cars. Luckily nobody was hurt, but it was the strangest weather I've ever experienced.

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	Liza	Hannah	Paula
1. Who says that her feelings were different from her parents?	A	B	C
2. Who says that something very unusual happened?	A	B	C
3. Who thought that the weather would become bad?	A	B	C
4. Who had everything she needed when the weather became bad?	A	B	C
5. Who describes an activity her family does a lot?	A	B	C
6. Who says that she couldn't leave her home because of the bad weather?	A	B	C
7. Who was in danger because of the bad weather?	A	B	C

2. For each question, choose the correct answer.

The festival of light

Diwali is an (1) _____ Indian festival. It takes place every year in October or November during the autumn, and it lasts for five days. The word 'Diwali' (2) _____ from Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language, and it (3) _____ 'row of lights'. During the festival, people clean their homes, decorate them with lights and oil lamps, and enjoy (4) _____ time with friends and family.

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They give each other gifts and sweets, eat delicious food, (5) _____ fireworks and wear new clothes. Many people in the UK also celebrate Diwali. In the city of Leicester, thousands of people go out into the (6) _____ to enjoy light shows, music and dancing.

1.	excellent	interested	important
2.	comes	goes	looks
3.	seems	means	looks
4.	making	spending	doing
5.	listen	look	watch
6.	streets	area	place

3. Re-write the sentences below using "used to".

1. Last month, I rode my bicycle to school. Now, I don't ride my bicycle to school.

   I used to ride my bicycle to school.

2. Ten years ago, I studied Japanese. Now, I don't study Japanese.

3. Before, I didn't do exercise. Now, I do exercise.

4. Last year, my classmate didn't study hard. Now, he studies hard.

5. A long time ago, people didn't have electricity. Now, people have electricity.

6. When I was young, I was lazy. Now, I'm not lazy.

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4. Write about your daily routine before and now.

In your writing, you should say:

- what your daily routine used to be like
- what your daily routine is like now
- what has changed
- how you feel about it
- why your routine changed

Write 250 words or more.

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