Name: _____ Grade: _____

First Term 8th grade

1. **Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.**

I went to stay at Simon's house last weekend and met his family. They're lovely! I didn't have any plans and so when Simon called me and invited me to spend the weekend with him I was really (1) ..... He's got an older brother called Daniel, who is great fun. He asked me so many questions and just didn't stop talking. He really was very (2) ..... ! Daniel was studying most of the weekend because he's at university and has to work very (3) ..... to pass his exams. I thought that he would be in a bad mood because he had to study, but he was really (4) ..... and didn't seem to mind at all about the work. I also met his grandparents, who were lovely. They live with Simon because they are quite (5) ..... now. It was a really nice weekend!

1	**A** friendly	**B** sociable	**C** glad
2	**A** serious	**B** talkative	**C** nervous
3	**A** seriously	**B** hard	**C** well
4	**A** cheerful	**B** glad	**C** handsome
5	**A** elderly	**B** thin	**C** bright

2. **Complete the text with these adjectives. There are two extra adjectives. Write the corresponding letter.**

A. Crowded • B. dirty • C. historic • D. lively • E. modern F. noisy • G. quiet

My town is very old and (1) ..... – there are lots of buildings and monuments to look at. It has an old quarter which has lots of bars and restaurants. At the weekend the atmosphere there is always fun and (2) ..... I would recommend Donatello's restaurant as it has great pasta dishes. But on Friday evenings it's very popular and it gets really (3) ..... , so sometimes it's difficult to get a table. Also it's impossible to have a conversation with your friends because it's really (4) ..... with all the people talking

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at once. The town centre is very different to the old quarter. It was built quite recently so the buildings are more (5) ....., and it has a great shopping centre.

3. **Read the article about actors and their work. The headings have been removed from the article. Choose from the headings A–F the one which fits each gap. Write the corresponding letter.**

1 .....
Actors have lives which sometimes seem completely mad to the rest of us. Sometimes glamorous, sometimes chaotic but usually a little bit mad!

2 .....
Imagine having a job where you have to take on a new identity every week or month! That's what actors do. For every play or film, they have to become a different person, often with a different personality and different appearance. One week they're kind, generous and blonde, and the next week, they're tall, thin and arrogant! This chameleon existence must create a stressful life for actors. Or does it?

3 .....
Actors think about acting their new characters in different ways. Some, like Daniel Day-Lewis or Kate Winslet, use a technique called method acting to 'live' the role. They learn everything they can about the new person they are going to become. Then they do everything their character would do. They dress the same, they eat the same things, they talk in the same way and even try to walk like them. The idea is to start 'thinking' like the new character. And they don't behave like this only in the studio or on stage, but they take the character home as well! That must be difficult for the rest of the family! Who's going to be at breakfast with us today – Mad Max, Macbeth or the President of the USA?

4 .....
Other actors create their characters in different ways. Some say that changing their appearance helps them to become the new person. Costume and make-up are very important, but some actors do even more to change their appearance. Some actors eat more and work out at the gym to put on weight for some parts – like Chris Hemsworth in the *Thor* films – and then diet to get thin again for the next film! Some grow their hair long or even go bald! Some really good actors can make us believe that they're taller or stronger than they really are just by the way they act. Others need a bit of help – like Tom Cruise in his high shoes, or Robert Redford, who sometimes had to stand on a box because he's quite short!

5 .....
The best actors are the ones who don't take their own personality with them into the role. They take on the new identity completely and we don't think of the actor when we see them, but of the character. Heath Ledger, who died in 2008, was like this. He could change so completely that people don't immediately think 'Oh, that's Heath Ledger'! He could be handsome, ugly, blonde or dark. He could be clever, stupid, funny or serious. He was a master at changing identity.

6 .....
Actors have a difficult job and I admire them a lot. Personally, I think it's quite enough to have just one identity!

A Not a job for me!
B Living the role
C Physical changes
D Identity changes
E What makes the best actors
F The crazy world of actors

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Read the article again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)? Write the corresponding letter.

1 Kate Winslet and Daniel Day-Lewis go and live with the people they want to become on screen. ____

2 The writer thinks that an actor's life can be stressful for the actor's family at times. ____

3 Chris Hemsworth had to lose weight to play Thor. ___

4 Actors might be shorter than we think. ___

5 The best actors are those that maintain their own identities and personalities on stage. ___

6 The writer of the article would like to be an actor. ____

4. Listening

Listen to a girl telling a friend about a visit to a city. Choose the best answers, A, B or C. Write the corresponding letter.

1 The girl visited a city that ____
A she visits regularly.
B she lived in as a child.
C she has never visited before.

2 The centre of the city ____
A is exactly the same as last time she visited.
B is much busier than last time she visited.
C has changed quite a lot.

3 She thinks the changes ___
A are positive because change is always for the best.
B are positive, but she does feel a bit nostalgic.
C are upsetting and she thinks it was better before.

4 Her father ____
A is upset about some of the changes.
B likes the changes.
C likes the new pubs.

5 Her old bungalow ____
A is in the same place but with no garden.
B is in the same place but with a bigger garden.
C has been pulled down.

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