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**PART I: Reading and Use of English**

**(60 MARKS)**

**1. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

**(8 × 1 = 8 marks)**

**Friendships in teenage years**



I heard several people saying how wonderful teenage years are; for me, they are years of immaturity, jealousy, and endless arguments.

When I was in secondary school, I was close to a girl named Joanna. We were both (0) immigrants to the States from Mexico and we were look-alikes, pairing long wavy hair with fringes, a bit overweight, always in plain black clothes. I might have been a bit darker as I have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ this from my dad. They called us identical twins not only because of our appearance but also of the

admirable friendship we had. I remember myself (2) \_\_\_\_\_ everything in her. We would stick up for each other and we would never let anyone pick on any one of us.

We got along like a house on fire until the day, John, a boy we both had a crush on, approached me and asked me out. I remember clearly that day, I was open-mouthed for a few seconds before I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ nervously “Yes,” with my friend (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at us from the opposite building through some filthy curtains. Excited, I rushed to share the “good news” with her, but she got so jealous that I couldn’t recognise her. She (5) \_\_\_\_\_ me for being a disloyal friend and said she shouldn’t have trusted me in the first place about her crush and that she couldn’t rely on me as a friend anymore. Her reaction was undoubtedly irrational, I couldn’t reason with her, but the worst followed the next days. She spread rumours about me and my family; she even told almost everyone at school that I had stolen some money from her bag while we were still friends.

She finally interfered (6) \_\_\_\_\_ my relationship with John and, as soon as we broke up a few weeks later, she started dating him. My heart sank, the pain was unbearable, and I couldn’t stand seeing them together. Since then, I hated school, and I went there (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The only thing I wanted for me was to (8) \_\_\_\_\_! Now looking back, as an adult I’m glad these years are over. Now, communication and willingness to understand each other are the basic ingredients in my friendships.

1	A	adapted	B	inherited	C	invented	D	resemble
2	A	relying	B	trusting	C	telling	D	confiding
3	A	agreed	B	screamed	C	stammered	D	accepted
4	A	glancing	B	peering	C	laughing	D	ignoring
5	A	accused	B	blamed	C	told	D	yelled
6	A	in	B	on	C	at	D	for
7	A	reluctantly	B	happily	C	willingly	D	suddenly
8	A	appear	B	varnish	C	vanish	D	encounter

2. Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning. (8 × 1 = 8 Marks)



### Fame born from corn

A boy's love for corn has made him an Internet celebrity. Tariq's fame was accidental. He was **0. at** a food festival when Julian Shapiro-Barnum interviewed him. The comedian is a YouTuber taking fun interviews from kids.

"We were really exhausted that day because it was **1.** \_\_\_\_\_ hot that we didn't know if we could do a full episode. Then we came up **2.** \_\_\_\_\_ the idea to ask kids what their favourite things are," Shapiro-Barnum told *Insider.com*.

While Tariq was enjoying grilled corn, Shapiro-Barnum asked his opinion about the food. In the interview, Tariq was passionate **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ corn. He said that corn **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ changed his life and that he couldn't imagine a more beautiful thing than that. "It seems that the more he eats, **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ happier he gets" his mother added.

The video, posted online on August 4, 2022, went viral instantly. It gained further popularity after a band turned the interview into a song and posted it on YouTube. **6.** \_\_\_\_\_ then the "Corn Kid" has appeared in a commercial for a Mexican fast-food company. He's also appeared as a guest on television talk shows. In September 2022 he **7.** \_\_\_\_\_ named "corn-ambassador" **8.** \_\_\_\_\_ Governor Tomas Noem.

Adapted from: <https://www.dogonews.com/2022/9/23/how-seven-year-old-tariq-became-a-social-media-celebrity>

3. Complete the text with the correct form of the words in capitals.

(8x1= 8 marks)

**Adult Journey**

As we journey through 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**ADULT**), we often encounter various challenges that test our level of 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**RESPONSIBLE**). It's important to be cautious, especially if the risks are high. In times of crisis, our loyalty may be tested, but we must stick to our values and 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**BELIEVE**).

Through every trial, it's essential to focus on personal 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**GROW**) and development and to seek out 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**INFORM**) resources that can guide us in making decisions. Don't be afraid to 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**ENQUIRY**) and seek knowledge beyond what we know. However, it's important to refuse certain opportunities that don't serve our purpose or lead us down on an 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**NECESSARY**) difficult path. When facing difficulties that feel impossible, we sometimes find ourselves struggling 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**SUCCEED**). Yet in these moments, we can reflect on the usefulness of the lessons we've learned and use these struggles to inspire ourselves to keep moving forward.

4. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

(4 × 3 = 12 marks)

**The Buy Nothing Movement**



Social media, magazines and shop windows bombard people daily with things to buy, and British consumers are buying more clothes and shoes than ever before. Online shopping means it is easy for customers to buy without thinking, while major brands offer such cheap clothes that they can be treated like disposable items – worn two or three times and then thrown away.

In Britain, the average person spends more than £1,000 on new clothes a year, which is around four percent of their income. That might not sound like much, but that figure hides two far more worrying trends for society and for the environment. First, a lot of that consumer spending is via credit cards. British people currently owe approximately £670 per adult to credit card companies. That's 66 percent of the average wardrobe budget. Also, not only are people spending money they don't have, but they're also using it to buy things they don't need. Britain throws away 300,000 tons of clothing a year, most of which goes into landfill sites.

People might not realize they are part of the disposable clothing problem because they donate their unwanted clothes to charities. But charity shops can't sell all those unwanted clothes. 'Fast fashion' goes out of fashion as quickly as it came in and is often too poor quality to recycle; people don't want to buy it second-hand. Huge quantities end up being thrown away, and a lot of clothes that charities can't sell are sent abroad, causing even more economic and environmental problems.

However, a different trend is springing up in opposition to consumerism – the 'Buy Nothing' trend. The idea originated in Canada in the early 1990s and then moved to the US, where it became a rejection of the overspending and overconsumption of Black Friday and Cyber Monday during

Thanksgiving weekend. On Buy Nothing Day people organise various types of protests and cut up their credit cards. Throughout the year, Buy Nothing groups organise the exchange and repair of items they already own.

The trend has now reached influencers on social media who usually share posts of clothing and make-up that they recommend for people to buy. Some YouTube stars now encourage their viewers not to buy anything at all for periods as long as a year. Two friends in Canada spent a year working towards buying only food. For the first three months they learned how to live without buying electrical goods, clothes, or things for the house. For the next stage, they gave up services, for example haircuts, eating out at restaurants or buying petrol for their cars. In one year, they'd saved \$55,000.

The changes they made meant fewer cars on the roads, a reduction in plastic and paper packaging and a positive impact on the environment from all the energy saved. If everyone followed a similar plan, the results would be impressive. But even if you can't manage a full year without going shopping, you can participate in the anti-consumerist movement by refusing to buy things you don't need. Buy Nothing groups send a clear message to companies that people are no longer willing to accept the environmental and human cost of overconsumption.

Adapted from <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/b2-reading/buy-nothing-movement>

**1. What point does the writer make in paragraph one?**

- A. Cheaper products are produced nowadays.
- B. Low-quality products are available online.
- C. People are encouraged every day to buy things online.
- D. Online shopping has made people buy more and more.

**2. Which statement is NOT true? The human tendency to spend is worrying because...**

- A. people pollute the environment.
- B. people spend an important amount of money to renew their wardrobe.
- C. people can get into debt.
- D. people waste money on unnecessary items.

**3. Charity shops...**

- A. send clothes to other countries.
- B. sell easily their products.
- C. sell mainly the latest fashion.
- D. face economic problems.

**4. The main aim of the 'Buy Nothing' trend is to...**

- A. encourage people to throw away their credit cards.
- B. make people change their shopping habits.
- C. influence YouTube viewers to save money.
- D. take part in anti-consumerist movements.

5. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – G the one which fits each gap ( ). There is one extra sentence, which you do not need to use.

(6 × 2 = 12 marks)

### Traditional Wedding

Everybody loves a good wedding and I'm no exception. I've been to a load of them in my native Britain and I must say that I usually have a great time. 1\_\_\_\_\_. No two weddings are ever the same and I really enjoyed this one for one or two of the differences from those in the UK.

First, the two families spent at least three weeks before the big day preparing all the food, from wonderful homemade delicacies to simple traditional bread and pasta. 2\_\_\_\_\_! In the week leading up to the wedding there is a dinner or some form of celebration every day - training for the stomach, I guess. I know that we have the traditional Bachelor party and Bachelorette party, but this is more family orientated and certainly a little less rowdy. The ceremony itself was in a beautiful country church. 3\_\_\_\_\_, which was really similar to what happens in the UK, even down to the string of tin cans trailing behind the car!

The reception itself was also very similar until I realized that the seven tables in the hall each sat sixty guests - an average number for Sardinia that would be considered a very large wedding where I'm from.

The wine flowed, as did the chatter - the famous Italian exuberance showing itself to the full. There were the five or six courses of wonderful food, screaming kids running wild, the ceremonial cutting of the cake by the bride and groom - but no speeches! Not one. 4\_\_\_\_\_, followed by the groom and finishing up with that of the best man. This is meant to be the highlight of the lunch / dinner, generally having a good laugh at the groom's expense, but here the groom was spared that discomfort.

5\_\_\_\_\_, in which six or seven of the male guests pass round the hall banging trays, drums, pots, pans or basically anything that makes a horrendous noise, selling pieces of the groom's tie which has been cut into tiny bits. 6\_\_\_\_\_. Really nice. Finally, the evening saw a lot of traditional dancing, a little disco dancing and some karaoke. Pretty much the part I like best, and again I wasn't disappointed. Can't wait for the next one.




<https://www.esl-lounge.com/student/reading/3r12-traditional-wedding.php>

#### Sentences


- A. Afterwards the couple was driven to the reception in a wonderfully decorated classic Fiat 500
- B. The money raised is then given to the happy couple to help them set up their new life together
- C. In my experience, in the UK that onerous task is left to the caterers
- D. In the UK it's traditional for the father of the bride to propose a toast
- E. Wedding customs differ around the world, and this makes it an appealing challenge
- F. Instead, there was a delightful custom which I'd never seen before
- G. I've also been to a few abroad, including the Caribbean and Spain, and most recently (last week in fact) to one in the mountains of Sardinia

6. Read the text and choose the correct answer. The sections may be chosen more than once. (12 × 1 = 12 marks)

### Collecting things

<p>A.</p> 	<p>John Hill shares his home with about 200 sewing machines. His passion began when he was searching for bits of second-hand furniture and kept seeing 'beautiful old sewing machines that were next to nothing to buy'. He couldn't resist them. Then a friend had a machine that wouldn't work, so she asked John to look at it for her. At that stage, he was not an authority on the subject, but he worked on it for three days and eventually got it going.</p> <p>Later he opened up a small stand in a London market. 'Most people seemed uninterested. Then a dealer came and bought everything I'd taken along. I thought, "Great! This is my future life." But after that, I never sold another one there and ended up with a stall in another market which was only moderately successful.'</p> <p>Nowadays, he concentrates on domestic machines in their original box containers with their handbooks. He is often asked if he does any sewing with them. The answer is that, apart from making sure that they work, he rarely touches them.</p>
<p>B.</p> 	<p>As a boy, Will Smith collected hundreds of vintage cameras, mostly from jumble sales and dustbins. Later, when the time came to buy his first house, he had to sell his valuable collection in order to put down a deposit. A few years after, he took up the interest again and now has over a thousand cameras, the earliest dating from 1860.</p> <p>Now Will 'just cannot stop collecting' and hopes to open his own photographic museum where visitors will be able to touch and fiddle around with the cameras. Whilst acknowledging that the Royal Camera Collection in Bath is probably more extensive than his own, he points out that 'so few of the items are on show there at the same time that I think my own personal collection will easily compete it.'</p>
<p>C.</p> 	<p>Kate Williams is one of the foremost authorities on plastics in Britain. She has, in every corner of her house, a striking collection of plastic objects of every kind, dating from the middle of the last century and illustrating the complex uses of plastic over the years.</p> <p>Kate's interest started when she was hired to write her first book. In order to do this, she had to start from scratch; so, she attended a course on work machinery, maintaining that if she didn't understand plastics manufacture then nobody else would. As she gathered the information for her book, she also began to collect pieces of plastic from every imaginable source: junk shops, arcades, and the cupboards of friends. She also collects 'because it is vital to keep examples. We live in an age of throw-away items: phones, computers, hair dryers – they are all replaced so quickly.'</p>



	<p>Kate's second book, <i>Classic Plastics: from Bakelite to High Tech</i>, is the first published guide to plastics collecting. It describes collections that can be visited and gives simple and safe home tests for identification. She admits that 'plastic is a mysterious substance, and many people are frightened of it. Even so, the group of collectors is continuously growing.</p>
<p><b>D.</b></p> 	<p>Jane Bruce already had twenty years of collecting one thing or another behind her when she started collecting 'art deco' fans in the 1990s. It happened when she went to an auction sale and saw a shoebox filled with them. Someone else got them by offering a higher price and she was very cross.</p> <p>Later, to her astonishment, he went round to her flat and gifted them to her. 'That was how it all started.' There were about five fans in the shoebox and since then they've been exhibited in the first really big exhibition of 'art deco' in America. The fans are not normally on show, however, but are kept behind glass. They are extremely fragile, and people are tempted to handle them. The idea is to have, one day, a black-lacquered room where they can be more easily seen.</p> <p>Jane doesn't restrict herself to fans of a particular period, but she will only buy a fan if it is in excellent condition. The same rule applies to everything in her house.</p>

<b>Which person</b>	
1. has a hobby which is becoming more and more popular.	
2. got the first items of his/her collection as a present.	
3. gave up his/her hobby for some period of time.	
4. is planning to exhibit his/her collection to the public.	
5. was tempted by their low price to take up this hobby.	
6. keeps similar objects in his/her personal space.	
7. was encouraged by a specific event to keep collecting.	
8. believes his/her collection is comparable in quality to a local collection.	
9. doesn't use the items s/he collects.	
10. wants to protect the items from breaking.	
11. is an expert at what s/he collects.	
12. owns a collection that can be useful to those studying the history of this item.	

**PART II: WRITING**

**(2 X 20 = 40 MARKS)**

You must answer **BOTH** writing tasks, 7 and 8.

**7. Write 140 - 180 words on the following topic in an appropriate style. (20 marks)**

In your English class, you have been talking about the advantages and disadvantages of asking for advice on online problem pages.

Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

**Notes:**

Write about:

- Strangers don't spread rumours or criticise you.
- Friends might give more suitable advice.
- ..... (your own idea)

**8. Write an answer to ONE OF THE THREE questions in this part. Put the question number: **8A, 8B OR 8C** next to your answer on your answer booklet.**

Write your answer in **140 – 180 words** in an appropriate style. **(20 marks)**

**8A - You are a member of your Town council's youth club.**

**Report wanted.**

A group of British students would like to visit your home town as part of an exchange programme. The youth club members have asked you to write a report about the entertainment facilities provided in your community. Describe the current facilities and suggest ways in which they would be improved to attract more visitors.

Write your **report**.

**8B - You see this announcement in your college English-language magazine.**

**Shop reviews wanted.**

Have you been to a cool shop recently?

- Write us a review of the shop, describing the products they sell, the decoration of the shop and the shop assistants' attitude.
- Tell us whether or not you would recommend this shop to other people.

The best reviews will be published in the magazine.

Write your **review**.



8C - You have received this email from your English-speaking friend David. Read the email and the notes (in bold) you have made.

Write your email to David using all the notes.

**From:** David

**Subject:** Taking up a sport

Hi,

I hope you did well in your exams! I passed with flying colours, but while I was studying, I kept eating and I put on some extra weight. So, I'm thinking of taking up a sport. What do you think? Is that a good idea? **Yes, it's great!**

I wonder which sport is the best to keep me fit and healthy. Can you help? **Suggest ...**  
Would you like to join me? It would be more fun to do it together. **Say yes and explain.**  
If yes, would you like to meet up during the weekend to talk about the details? **Answer the question.**

See you soon!

Write your **email**.

Good Luck!