

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with a new word or phrase formed from the words in brackets.

- Sheila's children are very badly-behaved. They ______. (murder)
- To be a famous actor you have to love the _____. (light)
- _____ is that advertising of tobacco products is detrimental to public health. (wisdom)
- Tom likes to _____ his younger brother Darren. (tabs)
- Young children often _____ famous footballers and pop stars. (look)
- The new school headmaster is much more _____ when it comes to new ideas. (accommodate)
- Jake is very _____, always relaxed and friendly with everyone. (easy)
- First-born children get a lot of attention so sometimes second-born children feel that their parents _____ them. (look)
- The new company director decided to _____ some of the decisions made by his predecessor. (ride)
- I don't like Terry very much. He's very self-centred and _____. (manipulate)

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

Just because you come from the same family doesn't necessarily mean that you have the same ¹ _____ traits. My elder sister, while generous and friendly, can come across as a ² _____ blanket, or a ³ _____ violet in some social situations. But my younger sister is the life and ⁴ _____ of the party. So my sisters' personalities are like ⁵ _____ and cheese. My younger brother is more unpredictable – he can seem as ⁶ _____ as pie one minute, but he also has a very short ⁷ _____ if he doesn't get his own way. In contrast to my siblings, my own personality seems more balanced. I have a good head on my ⁸ _____ and I'm very down to ⁹ _____, though I admit I can be quite dogmatic and opinionated sometimes. I'm also quite thick-¹⁰ _____ and able to take criticism from anyone. I usually make friends most easily with people who are witty and sociable.

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Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Your ideal teacher

According to the findings of a recent survey of UK secondary school children, successful teachers have specific personality characteristics and behaviours. Most students agreed that down-to-earth and accommodating teachers were the most effective. While students thought that it was nice to have teachers who made them laugh, this wasn't as important as having a teacher who was able to control and manage classes. Surprisingly, monitoring both students' academic progress and their behaviour was considered to be very important. Also surprising was the fact that students did not rate a teacher's knowledge of a subject over their ability to teach it. Practically all respondents thought that teachers who could communicate ideas and bring them alive in the classroom were the most successful teachers.

Teachers who appeared to listen to their students and make them feel valued were ranked the most effective. The survey ranked unfair teachers number one on the least effective teacher type list. In second place, were teachers who seemed not to be interested in their students, followed by boring teachers. To sum up, effective teachers need to be able to manage, engage with and to communicate with their students. Calm, creative and considerate were the top three desirable teacher personality adjectives students identified in the survey.

- Effective teachers have a wide range of personality characteristics.
- The teacher's ability to discipline was not considered to be important.
- Students valued teachers' humour over teachers' management skills.
- Teachers who listen or accept new ideas were rated highly.
- Boring teachers were thought to be not as bad as unfair teachers.

Marks: __ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What was the objective of the survey?

- Who took part in the survey?

- What teacher characteristics did students rate most highly?

- What behaviours did students find the least effective?

- What was surprising about the survey?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences.

- 1 A My mock exam results were generally very good.
I should do well in the exams.
B Mine _____. I'll have to study a lot to improve them.
- 2 A I've got three sisters and two brothers.
B What a coincidence, me _____.
- 3 My careers guidance officer doesn't believe in personality tests and I don't _____.
- 4 Mary has applied to go to Oxford University and I _____.
- 5 A I love filling out those lifestyle questionnaires you get in magazines.
B I _____. I think they are a complete waste of time.
- 6 A Should I bring along an umbrella and a raincoat?
B I _____. According to the forecast, it's going to rain.
- 7 Many people are not happy with the new government, and _____ I.
- 8 A I haven't read the recommended books for the geography project yet.
B Oh, I _____. They're really useful.
- 9 My brother wanted to get a kebab for lunch, but _____.
- 10 A You won't be able to buy a bike if you keep spending like that.
B You're right! I _____.

Marks: ___ /10

6 Look at the underlined word in each sentence. Is it incorrect or not necessary? Write the correct word, or write X if the word is not necessary.

- 1 Some people eat more than is it necessary.

- 2 Children in the developing world have less access to education than American children are. _____
- 3 Teenagers don't spend as many on music and books as they do on clothes. _____
- 4 Extrovert people are generally more healthier than introvert people. _____
- 5 Girls spend more on beauty products than boys spend.

- 6 There weren't as many people at the football final as there weren't last year. _____
- 7 I don't go skating as much as my brother do.

- 8 Smokers are more at risk of developing heart disease than are non-smokers. _____
- 9 More information was collected than was needed to.

- 10 Women these days are spending that much on mobile phones as men are. _____

Marks: ___ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Tina Do you ever watch the TV soap opera *Jasmine Avenue*?
- Liza I certainly ¹ _____.
- Tina They introduced Craig's new wife Julia last night.
- Liza Yes, I saw that ² _____. She's such a ³ _____ blanket.
- Tina Well, she's not as boring as Craig's sister, Emily.
- Liza Yes, she's terrible. What do you think of their mother?
- Tina She's really manipulative and ⁴ _____-offish, and I don't think the business tycoon will marry her.
- Liza I don't think so ⁵ _____.
- Tina He'd have to ⁶ _____ tabs on her.
- Liza Indeed! Emily and her mother are like ⁷ _____ and cheese, aren't they?
- Tina They are, but there's something about Emily that I don't like.
- Liza Me ⁸ _____, and Craig always lets her get away with ⁹ _____.
- Tina I bet you won't miss the next episode?
- Liza You're right. I ¹⁰ _____.

Marks: ___ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B Yes I think she is. Mrs Jackson is very normal and practical.
- A ² _____?
- B No, I don't. I think she always likes to plan things carefully.
- A I don't like Mr Hurd very much.
- B I ³ _____. He's really pretentious.

Dialogue 2

- A Is your brother easy-going and patient like you?
- B No, ⁴ _____.
- A Fuse? What does that expression mean?
- B It ⁵ _____.

Marks: ___ /10

Writing

9 Write an essay comparing and contrasting two different fictitious people from either a film, a novel or a TV programme. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs.

- Write about the personalities you are comparing.
- Write about one similarity or difference between the two personalities.
- Write about a second similarity or difference between the two personalities.
- Write a conclusion.

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TOTAL: ___ /100