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Answer all the questions. Use separate sheets where necessary.

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1 Fill in the blanks with suitable words in the box. Each item may only be used once.

across	after	against	along	at
in	on	outside	to the left	to your left

- Dad It's been a long time since I came to this hardware store. Do you remember where the gardening section is?
- Mike It's right(1)..... the back of the store, Dad, (2).....the paint and brushes section.
- Dad Get a trolley, Mike. We have a long list of things to buy.
- Mike I can't find any trolleys(3).....the trolley bay.
- Dad I think I saw a few over there(4)..... that wall.
- Mike Dad, could we look at these shelves first? Can we buy this door knocker? It would look great(5)..... our front door.
- Dad All right. I like that picture, Mike. What do you think?
- (5 marks)

2. Write suitable answers to the questions

1. Question: What is missing from the library?
 Answer:
2. Question Who does Leena resemble?
 Answer:
3. Question What questions haven't you done?
 Answer:
4. Question: Who do Amar and Kabir learn Tamil from?
 Answer:
- 5 Question: What aren't your sisters happy about?
 Answer:

(10 marks)

3. Make one sentence from two using who/that/which. One is done for you

1. A girl was injured in the accident. She is now in hospital.

The girl who was injured in the accident is now in hospital.

2. A man answered the phone. He told me you were away.

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3. A waitress served us. She was very impolite and impatient.

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4. A building was destroyed in the fire. It has now been rebuilt.

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5. Some people were arrested. They have now been released.

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6. A bus goes to the airport. It runs every half hour.

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(10 marks)

4. Rearrange the words to make sentences.

1. are - knows - she - who - you.

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2. I - me - remember - taught - what - you.

.....

3. doing - guessed - he - what - were - you.

.....

4. me - met - tell - they - who.

.....

5. is - love - she - singing - we - what.

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(5 marks)

5. Read the passage and answer the questions below.

It was dark in the attic (a small room below the roof), as Miss Manning had warned him. Weston found the small window in the roof and forced it open, thus letting in more light. He could just make out the boxes which Miss Manning had told him about.

"When my father died," Miss Manning had said, "his large library was sold up. His papers, and some other possessions of no great value, were stored in boxes and put up in the attic. They've been there ever since. I don't suppose the room has been opened for over ten years."

"What about his diaries?" asked Weston. "In one of his letters to a friend, Colonel Manning mentions that he kept a diary."

"I don't remember seeing any diaries," said Miss Manning, with a puzzled look on her face. "Of course, he may have destroyed them before his last illness. Otherwise they must be in those boxes in the attic."

"I see," murmured Weston. "In that case, will you allow me to examine those boxes? If I can find the diaries, I'll be able to write a much more complete account of your father's life."

"Certainly you may," said Miss Manning. "You can't imagine how thrilled I am that anyone should want to write a book about father. I would have taken more care of his papers if I had known."

After searching through a number of drawers, Miss Manning found the key to the attic.

"You won't find it easy to see up there," she said as she handed him the key. "There's a small window in the roof, but I expect that it will be too dirty to see through."

There were about a dozen boxes in all. Weston did not know where to begin. He opened first one, then the other, but found nothing that looked like diaries. Then he decided to try the largest box. It was full of papers. As he turned these over, a bundle of exercise books, tied together with string, caught his eye. On the cover of the top one were written the words "DIARY, 1935-36".

I) Choose the best answer.

Weston wanted to find Colonel Manning's diaries because

- (i) he was interested in the colonel's private life
- (ii) they were mentioned in one of the colonel's letters
- (iii) he thought that the colonel's daughter was not taking enough care of her father's papers
- (iv) he wanted to write as complete as possible an account of the colonel's life

II) Answer the following questions. Use one complete sentence for each answer

- a) Why was it dark in the attic?
- b) When were the boxes put up in the attic?
- c) Who was Weston?

III) Complete the following sentences. Your answers must be related to the ideas contained in the passage.

- a) There was more light in the attic after
- b) Miss Manning looked puzzled when Weston
- c) Miss Manning thought that..... before his last illness.
- d) Weston wanted to find the diaries in order to
- e) When Weston opened the largest box, he found that.....

(15 marks)

6. Three immigrants talk about their life in the USA. Read the passages and answer the questions below.

LIVING IN THE USA

Roberto Solano from Mexico

Roberto came from Mexico to New York ten years ago. At first he missed everything—the sunshine, the food, his girlfriend. But now he has a successful business with his three brothers and his sister. They run a soccer store in a small town near New York City. Roberto's girlfriend is now his wife, and they have two children.

When asked why he came to the United States, Roberto says without hesitation, "Because I want to work hard and have my own business." He certainly works hard. He's at the store all day, then works as a driver in the evening. "That's why I like America," he says. "You can be whatever you want."

"When I first came here, I only spoke Spanish. Then I went to high school and learned English. The people were friendly, but I missed my family. Now nearly all my family are here. We meet about once a month and have a huge Mexican meal that takes about five hours! We're all happy here."

Endre Boros from Hungary

Endre is a professor at Rutgers University in New Jersey. He came from Budapest 13 years ago. "I had an opportunity to come here for two years." After a year, his wife came to join him, and since then they've had a daughter, so they decided to stay.

"At first it was very strange. Everything is so big here," he says. "I started to feel happy when I bought a car. Now I go everywhere by car. In Hungary, we only use the car on weekends, but here your car is part of your life. Nobody walks anywhere."

What does he think of the people? "Very friendly. The first question everybody asks you is 'Where are you from?' People talk to you here, they start conversations."

What about the way of life? "The thing I like best is the independence. Nobody tells me what to do. Here you can do what you want, so you learn to make decisions for yourself. I feel in control."

Yuet Tung from Hong Kong

Yuet is her Chinese name, but in English she's known as Clara. She came to the United States eight years ago and studied fine art. Now she works on Madison Avenue for a publishing company. She married a Vietnamese American three years ago, and they live in a suburb of New York. They don't have any children yet.

How does she like working in New York? "It's very similar to Hong Kong. It's a busy city, very exciting, and people walk very fast! I like the stores here. They're huge, and it's cheaper than Hong Kong. In Hong Kong everyone uses public transportation because it's good and it's cheap. But you need a car here. At first I hated driving, but it's OK now."

What does she like best? "The space. Here I live in a house with a yard, in Hong Kong it is so crowded. And the people here are friendly. When I go jogging, everyone says 'Hi!' And the food is from every country in the world."

- a) Complete the table below based on the information about the three people.

Name	Roberto Solano	Endre Boros	Yuet Tung
Why did he/she come to the USA?			
When did he/she come to the USA?			

What does he/she do ?			
What does she/he like about living in the United States			
What was difficult at the beginning			

b) Answer these questions.

1. What do the people have in common?
2. Who has other members of their family living in the United States?
3. Do they all have children?
4. What do Roberto and Endre like about the United States?
5. What do they say about their own country?

(15 marks)

Writing

1. Suppose you have completed a degree in Arts and would like to get an employment abroad because you don't find a suitable employment in Sri Lanka. Write a letter to your friend who is in Maldives explaining your situation. Assume all other necessary details. Use around 150 words.

(10 marks)

2. Pollution, especially garbage disposal is the biggest problem in your city, but the Municipal council is very ignorant about this problem. Write a letter to a newspaper about this problem. Include the following; how it happens, what the dangers are, how we can control this etc. Use around 200 words.

(15 marks)

3. In the following telephone conversation rewrite the jumbled sentences in a meaningful order.

Receptionist: Thank you for calling the Molokai Grand Hotel. Cathy speaking.
How can I help you?

Guest: reservation / make / like / a / I'd / to

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Receptionist: For what dates?

Guest: It's for two nights, the thirteenth and fourteenth of this month.

Receptionist: single / want / do / room / or / double / a / And / you / a

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Guest: A single. Non-smoking if it's available.

Receptionist: OK. Yes, that's fine. I have a room for you. And your name is?

Guest: Robert Palmer.

what / you / Can / tell / the / is / me / rate

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Receptionist: Yes. That's \$150 a night. Would you like to guarantee your reservation with a credit card?

Guest: Yes, sure. It's a Visa. 4929 7983 0621 8849.

Receptionist: Thank you.

number / could / And / telephone / please / I / have / a

.....

Guest: 00441258796854

Receptionist: You're all set, Mr. Palmer.

forward / look / seeing / on / you / We / to / thirteenth / the

..... Bye-bye

Guest: Thanks a lot. Good-bye.

(5 marks)

4. You work for an NGO which works against child abuse. Your boss has asked you to prepare a handbill to be distributed among the public to make an awareness of child abuse. Write 5 captions (slogans) for the handbill.

(10 marks)