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**The Ministry of Education**

**First Exam**

**Name: ............................................................................................................................. Class: 9 Th Grade**

**THE GREATEST GIFT OF LIFE**

**1**□Two women are sitting in a café together. They're drinking coffee and sharing a piece of chocolate cake. One woman is talking. The other woman is listening carefully. The first woman seems sad. She starts crying. The other woman doesn’t speak; she just hands her companion at issue. The first woman stops crying and smiles.

**2**□According to psychologists, we get on with people who share the same background,

opinions, interests, personality and even physical appearance. People with glasses often sit

next to other people with glasses. The saying that ‘opposites attract’ appears not to be true. If

you love sport, your friends probably love sport too.

**3**□Good friends are fun to be with but they’re hard to find. It’s true you can make lots of contacts on social media, but are they real friends or just acquaintances? Can you be open with them? Can you rely on them? Sometimes we don’t even know if an online ‘friend’ is a real person or someone with a fake identity.

**4**□True friendships last for a lifetime, but to have a real friendship you need to do things together and share your feelings and opinions. Studies show that true friendship survives even when friends are in different countries. But only if you keep in touch. If you don’t, friendships can die.

**5**□An old proverb tells us that ‘a friend in need is a friend indeed’. That means you can tell who your real friends are when you’re in trouble. Real friends stay with you and help you when you need them. They never let you down or turn their back on you.

**6**□Finally, what’s the difference between a good friend and your best friend? Well, a good friend knows about your life; your best friend lives your life with you. Best friends know what you’re thinking and how you feel. You don’t have to pretend when you’re with your best friend; you can be yourself.

**3 Read the article again and match headings A–G with paragraphs 1–6. There is one extra heading**.

**A ;** A helping hand

**B;** Closer than close

**C;** Similar to ourselves

**D;** How to keep it going

**E;** An example of friendship

**F;** Let’s get started!

**G;** When is a friend not a friend?

**4★ Read the article again. Complete the sentences below using 1-3 words. Use information from the article.**

**1** Psychologists believe that people who wear *……………………..*often stay close together.

**2** If someone you meet wants to be friends, you often want to………………………….. with them.

**3** According to the text, it’s not easy to find ………………………….

**4** Online contacts may not actually be…………………………

**5** It’s important to…………………………… if you want to stay friends with someone who lives abroad.

**5 ★ Look at these statements from the text. In pairs, say if you agree or disagree with**

**them. Say why.**

**1-** Opposites attract.

**2-** Good friends are fun to be with, but they are hard to find.

**3-** True friendships last for a lifetime.

**4-** Best friends know what you’re thinking and how you feel.

**6 ★ Complete the statements with the verbs from the box. be get keep let make rely share spend turn**

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| **be** | **get** | **keep** | **let** | **make** | **rely** | **share** | **spend** | **turn** |

**1:** I find it easy to *……………………..*friends with people.

**2:** I \_\_\_\_\_\_ on well with everyone.

**3 :**I \_\_\_\_\_\_ more time with my friends than with my family.

**4:** I don’t usually \_\_\_\_\_\_ in touch with my classmates during the holidays.

**5:** I never \_\_\_\_\_\_ my back on anyone when they need help.

**6 :** You can’t help everyone but I never \_\_\_\_\_\_ friends down.

**7:** I think it’s easier to \_\_\_\_\_\_ open with friends than family.

**8:** My best friend and I \_\_\_\_\_\_ our feelings.

**9:** I don’t think I can \_\_\_\_\_\_ on all my friends.

**HOW SIMILAR ARE YOU AND YOURFRIEND?**

**1-** Do you go to the same school?.....................................

**2-** Are you the same nationality?......................................

**3-** Are you the same age? (plus or minus 12 months)………………………………….

**4-** Are you the same height? (plus or minus five centimetres)……………………..

**5-** Do you weigh the same? (plus or minus five kilos)………………………………………………

**6-** Is your hair more or less the same colour?..........................................................

**7-** Are your eyes more or less the same colour?..........................................................

**8-** Do you both wear (or both not wear) glasses?....................................................

**9-** Do you live near each other? (about ten minutes on foot)……………………………………..

**10-** Do you like the same things?.....................................................

**11-** Do you listen to the same kind of music?.............................................

**12-** Do you wear the same kind of clothes?...................................................

**1★ Complete the fragments from Hala’s diary with the family words below.**

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| **brother/sister-in-law** | **only child** | **Second cousin** | **siblings** | **twin** | **widow** | **widower** |

My mother died when I was young, so myfather is a **1***……………………..*My brother has just got

married. His wife, my new **2** …………………, is calledHala like me! It's a shame my grandfather

missed the wedding. He died last year so mygrandmother is a **3………………………………** .

Abeer has got an identical **4** …………………………….sister called Nour. The twins are my cousin Lubna’sdaughters, so my son Hussein is their **5** …………………………………... I only have one son, so Hussein isan **6………………………………..** and does not have……………………………………….. **7 ………..**

**2★★ Find the personality adjectives from thebox in the descriptions. In pairs, decide if they are positive, negative or neutral.**

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| **bossy** | **generous** | **gentle** | **helpful** | **strict** | **kind** | **nervous** | **selfish** | **shy** | **sweet** | **vain** |

**1:** My uncle Imad isn’t very ………………………... He buys himself lots of things but he never

remembers my birthday. I think he’s a bit …………………………..

**2:** My second cousin Lubna is …………………..and……………………..but she’s really ……………….. She talk to herself when she’s doing something difficult.

**3:** My oldest cousin Hani is a bit…………………………………..he's always telling me what to do. He’s ……………………, too –he never lets me do anything I want to do. And he’s really …………….. – he looks at himself in the mirror when he’s driving!

**4:**My youngest sibling Asma loves to be by herself. She’s …………………….and …………………..but I like her.She’s ………………………..

**3 ★ In pairs, take turns to choose positive or neutral personality adjectives to describe**

**your partner. Say if you agree or not.**

**A:** You’re helpful and kind.

**B :…………………………………………………………………..**

**A** : …………………………………………………………………….

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**Reflexive pronouns**

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| **I** | myself |
| **you** | Yourself/ ourselves |
| **he** | himself |
| **she** | herself |
| **it** | itself |
| **they** | themselves |
| **We** | ourselves |
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