

B2 Communication and relationships (READING)

1

So it's finally happened! Mum and Dad are going to get a divorce! They told me and Jake this evening while we were having dinner. Even though I'd anticipated it, it's still kind of a shock now that they've told us. I know the divorce rate's never been higher but I can't believe my family's actually going to be one of those statistics. We won't be the classic nuclear family anymore. The thought of that makes me miserable but I'll just have to get used to it, just like all other kids of divorced parents. Me and my brother don't want to have to choose sides between my parents – as far as I can see, they're both at fault – and it'd be best if we make that clear to them. I've always had a close bond with Dad and I really hope it'll stay like that after he moves out. Dad says we can go and stay with him whenever we like once he moves into his new apartment. That'll be awesome because he'll let us eat whatever we want when we're there. He's quite relaxed about stuff like that, which suits me just fine! What a day. Hopefully no more bad news tomorrow. Or any day this week. Or ever again!

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1 e 2 a 3 b 4 c 5 d

3

1 Yes 2 Yes 3 Yes 4 No

4

1 I've always had a
 2 We won't be the / The thought of that
 3 That'll be awesome because / Dad's quite relaxed about
 4 Me and my brother

5

1 upbringing 2 stigmatised/stigmatized 3 immediate 4 suck

6

1 contradicts 2 confirms 3 stick 4 keep

7

1 arguing 2 believed 3 a collection of houses that are near each other 4 difficult

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0 C 1 A/C 2 A/C 3 C 4 D 5 B/D 6 B/D 7 A 8 D 9 C 10 B

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Questions 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

B2 Living spaces and domestic environments (READING)

1

1 out **2** tenant **3** fully **4** share **5** split

2

3 thrilled **2** commute **3** privacy **4** untidy **5** vacuum cleaner

3 B

4 Answers will vary – sample answers below:

A is wrong because it doesn't fit with/follow on from the stem. Residents of the Idyll can employ people for housekeeping services but they would have to pay for this service – they must not expect it for free.

C is wrong because the text doesn't say anything about 'advance showings' of movies. It just says there is a cinema room which will show movies.

D is wrong because it doesn't fit with/follow on from the stem. Residents of the Idyll can hire a personal trainer if they like and work with them in the gym there, but they should not expect this service to be provided.

5 Students' own answers

6 C

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0 B 1 D 2 A 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 B

B2 Transport and tourism (READING)

1

1 avoid **2** useable **3** go with **4** an increase **5** make a small effort **6** arrive

2

1 who/that **2** which/that **3** whose **4** where **5** who/that **6** where

3 A

the overall meaning of the sentence when the two parts are combined / the conjunction at the start of the phrase in A and B / the verb tense used in option A and B

4 Students' own answers

Sample answer: who do not actually have a legal licence to sell on the streets

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0 D **1** G **2** A **3** K **4** F **5** C **6** J **7** B **8** I

Dis.: E, H

B2 School and education (READING)

1**1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 T****2****1** According to my parents, getting a tertiary-level education is a no-brainer. In their eyes it's a must!**2** it's not that I'm consciously trying to undermine parental authority, ...**3** ... we teenagers can do just as well for ourselves, if not better, by entering the University of Life. In other words, leaving school, getting a job ...**4** Tuition fees at many universities are outrageous, ...**5** We shouldn't underestimate the power of a bit of hard work as a school-leaver to open doors for the future.Statements **2**, **3** and **4** say the opposite of the text**3****2** a life lesson – numerous hard life lessons **3** collective – critical**4** job – subject **5** expenses – goals **6** good luck – hard work**4****1** informed decision **2** sore **3** disbelieving **4** disrespectful **5** justification**5****1** graduate **2** psychologist **3** field/s **4** tricky **5** nagging**6****1a 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 b****7**

0 T – But is having a workplace fixed	1 T – Personally I believe that	2 F – And in terms of	3 T – In the
6 T – UNICEF stresses the importance	4 F – While there is clearly	5 T – Furthermore while educating young	7 F – Recent research by Aflatoun

B2 Rules, laws and regulations (READING)

1

1 out 2 up 3 in 4 into 5 on

2

(in no particular order:)

cause trouble	drug trafficking	commit a crime	crime scene
civil disobedience	gun ownership	public safety	unlicensed protesting
prison sentence	violate the law	mass shooting	

3

1 mass shooting 2 civil disobedience 3 prison sentence

4 & 5

The fact that there is more crime in cities than in rural areas is logical from a statistical point of view, since more people live in cities and, therefore, there are more chances of **crimes** being committed **there**. It is also where there are higher numbers and more obvious cases of social and economic inequalities, aspects which, very often, trigger **these acts**.

Cities offer a whole host of opportunities for criminals, from potential victims to attack, to large numbers of shops and homes to burgle to steal valuables. Although being surrounded by others, such as when **in crowds** on public transport, may give us the feeling of natural protection, it can also create the perfect setting for criminal acts to take place. In **this context**, there are **certain circumstances** when humans blend in with crowds. **This** explains anti-social behaviour and acts of vandalism carried out by large groups of people during demonstrations, for example, in which vehicles and wheelie bins are set on fire or shop windows are destroyed. **Economic inequality** is also higher in cities and **this** is illustrated with material elements like luxury cars and homes that can be targeted by violent criminals.

where-in cities; these acts-crimes; it-being surrounded by others; this context-in crowds; this-certain circumstances; this-economic inequality

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1 until/unless	2 however	3 even though	4 therefore
5 it	6 them	7 these	8 while/when

7

0 D 1 F 2 I 3 B 4 G 5 J 6 K 7 C 8 H

Dis.: A, E

B2 Arts and culture (READING)

1

1 event **2** crossover **3** groundbreaking **4** established **5** care

2

1 put up with **2** called off **3** bear in mind **4** ask for **5** put off

3

1 – 5 **2** – 2 **3** – 4 **4** – 3

4

1 items / boosted P **2** countries / butlers E **3** Italians / own P **4** historic / houses E

5

1 entertaining **2** adequately **3** beautiful **4** very **5** certain

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0 – a cultural phenomenon

1 – (traditional) English butlers

2 – The International Butler Academy

3 – impressive art collections

4 – dinner with the owners

5 – luxury British wallpaper

6 – exports of British gin

7 – the British aristocracy/nobility

B2 Communication and relationships (LISTENING)

1

1 crap 2 sucks 3 rubbish

2

1 stick together (responsibility for) 2 contradict me 3 takes after her mother 4 taken on
5 spouses 6 have confirmed

3

a) The following words should be underlined: children, find most challenging, only ever, part of a single-parent household, live in, extended family, remain in a dysfunctional family, first, become part of, blended family

b) Students' own answers

c) Answers will vary - sample answers below

A – a household/family unit that only has one parent most of the time

B – a family unit that includes several generations of one family or blood relatives such as aunts, uncles and cousins

C – a family unit that doesn't function well and has lots of problems

D – join a family unit made up of a new adult or parent figure and the children of that adult

d) D

e) Distractor C – the speaker doesn't say anything about this
Distractor B – the speaker actually says the opposite of this
Distractor A – the speaker doesn't say this is challenging for children

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0 D 1 B 2 B 3 C 4 A 5 D 6 A

5

Students' own answers

B2 Living spaces and domestic environments (LISTENING)

1

Students' own answers; sample answers below:

- | | |
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| 1 most challenging, moved into, studio flat | 4 facility, least enjoy using |
| 2 feel, residents, campus accommodation | 5 drawback, living alone |
| 3 hoping to have, left, family home | |

2**1** D **2** D **3** D **4** S **5** D**3**

- 1** decent sized room with a small kitchenette and an ensuite bathroom/was it hard/the trickiest thing/ B
2 your place at uni/halls of residence/do you enjoy it / B
3 I was most looking forward to when I moved away from my parents' place / P
4 cue words are the same / B
5 am independent now/there are disadvantages/the main one for me / T

4

- 1** doing her own laundry/doing the laundry
2 disappointed because they're childish/noisy/selfish/inconsiderate
3 some privacy/time to sleep in
4 (a/the) communal kitchen
5 lower standard of living

5**1** in **2** concerns **3** some home insurance **4** spacious **5** human right**6**

- 1** flatmate – it's a person but the other words are all places
2 construction site – it's a place to work but the other words are all jobs
3 landlord – this is a person who rents property to people and the other words are all words for people who live somewhere
4 dismal – it's negative in meaning but the other words are all positive in meaning
5 household chores – this is a general phrase meaning jobs to do in the house but the others are examples of jobs that people do in the house

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- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1 hasn't (got) a clue/doesn't have a clue | 4 to get by |
| 2 has attracted/attracted | 5 came by |
| 3 to have a roof over my head | |

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- 0** – the National Housing Foundation
1 – multi-generational accommodation
2 – boats and/or caravans / caravans and/or boats
3 – electric cars
4 – energy and utility bills / utility and energy bills
5 – smart delivery boxes
6 – health and activity / activity and health
7 – generate/produce solar power/energy
8 – technological advancement/advances

B2 Transport and tourism (LISTENING)

1

Students' own answers

2

Students' own answers

3

1 I have to admit that I find the idea of a 5-star vacation in Barbados very tempting indeed.

2 I have to run the whole thing by you first.

3 As we haven't been abroad in ages, we should check that our passports are still valid.

4

1 somewhere exotic this year

2 unlimited food and drink / unlimited drink and food

5

1 later/totally **2** totally/later

6

1 gets around **2** strike up **3** head out **4** turned back **5** stopped over

Sample answer: who do not actually have a legal licence to sell on the streets

7

1 shopping spree

2 time-consuming

3 safety reasons

4 ensured

5 currency

6 identification card

7 street pedlars

8 goods

9 tendency

10 ran into

8

0 – reduce her carbon footprint

1 – mobility challenges

2 – lifts your mood

3 – (unpleasant) airport delays

4 – podcasts / podcast episodes / a podcast episode

5 – travellers

6 – landmarks and cities / cities and landmarks

7 – broaden her mind

8 – a boost for museums

B2 School and education (LISTENING)

1

1 scholarships 2 thesis 3 ethics 4 struggling with her coursework
5 make an informed decision

2

1 question/reject 2 in exchange for 3 defying 4 psychologist 5 consistent

3

1 N 2 N 3 P 4 P

4

1 another two years at school followed by university to do a degree would work for me.

2 I didn't think I could manage another five or six years of books.

3 don't give up when things get tough, and this particular attitude has worked for me.

4 I didn't carry on thinking negatively after I'd made my first 10,000.

6

The following words/phrases should be ticked:

people need to understand the value of education / exams / a strong educational foundation gives us valuable skills

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1 Billie 2 Logan 3 Logan

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Billie uses the phrase 'finding it difficult' and this appears in statement B but the answer to B is Logan

Logan uses the phrase 'excel in my exams' and this appears in statement A but the answer to A is Billie.

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0 F 1 I 2 D/G 3 G/D 4 A/H 5 H/A 6 C/E 7 E/C

Dis.: B, J

B2 Rules, laws and regulations (LISTENING)

1

1 committed **2** Thefts **3** valuables **4** burgled **5** Shoplifting **6** petty offences
7 issuing a fine **8** vandalism **9** drug trafficking **10** public safety

2

1 Plagiarism **2** threats **3** legislation **4** resorted **5** law enforcement officers

3

1 Pa **2** F **3** Pr

4

1 A-3 **2** B-1 **3** C-2

5

1 will not be ready for at least two decades
2 to monitor the amount of rubbish generated by each household
3 and more street lights and security cameras will be installed within the next twelve months

6

1 Distractor **1** – d Distractor **2** – a and d
2 Distractor **1** – c Distractor **2** – c
3 Distractor **1** – f Distractor **2** – e

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0 B **1** H **2** D **3** J **4** I **5** E **6** G **7** C

Dis.: A, F

B2 Arts and culture (LISTENING)

1

Students' own answers; sample answers below:

- 1 reason, stopped attending festivals 4 group of people, catered to, festivals
 2 large number of people at festivals 5 Josh Neville
 3 place at festivals, health risk

2

- 1 tickets are (ridiculously/really/very/extremely) overpriced/expensive / the cost/price of tickets/
 the ticket cost/price
 2 it isn't safe/comfortable / it is not safe/comfortable
 3 the loos/toilets (at festivals)
 4 vegetarians and vegans (are) / vegans and vegetarians (are)
 5 an awesome recording artist

3

- 1 ... haven't been to any music festivals / a few reasons – L
 2 And they let in way too many people – S
 3 Think about the health risks – L
 4 ... more people are catered to now – L
 5 ... and that was Josh Neville – L

4

- 1 ridiculously 2 no 3 no 4 no 5 awesome

6

- 1 Anish Kapoor's exhibition at the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao has been receiving negative
 reviews from critics – everyone loves it! / rave
 2 In some cultures, there's a lot of folklore about supernatural people, such as angels and demons. /
 beings
 3 The Austrian composer Franz Schubert is one of the most largely regarded composers of all time. /
 highly
 4 It's common information nowadays that there is no scientific basis for superstitions! / knowledge
 5 Do you think there is much educational usefulness in taking students on trips to art galleries and
 museums during school time? / value/merit

7

- 1 simplicity 2 perception 3 humorous 4 called off 5 odds

8

- 0 – T-shirts and ashtrays
 1 – her destroyed early/earlier paintings
 2 – Is Painting Dead
 3 – her inner self
 4 – (some/various/trademark) spelling mistakes/errors
 5 – Young Brit/British Art/Artists
 6 – culture vultures
 7 – in/after (another) 200 years / not before 200 years
 8 – donations to charity