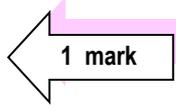


I. Listening comprehension: 8 marks

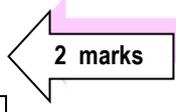
1. Listen and tick the right option. The listening script is mainly about

- How to revive an old friendship.
- Advantages of friend reunion websites.
- Old school-mates who separated forever.


 1 mark

2. Listen and fill in the following table

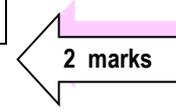
Name of the website	Year of foundation	Purpose	Founders of the site
.....


 2 marks

3. Listen and say whether the following statements are true or false.

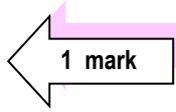
The website enables people to search for a school, college or university and to post a personal profile showing what the person is doing. (.....)

Many couples didn't manage to revive their relationships. (.....)


 2 marks

4. Listen and complete with the two missing words.

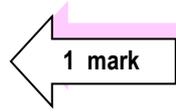
In particular, many people use the site to look up their..... sweethearts and many couples have actually revived relationships after each other through the site.


 1 mark

5. What does the following statement express?

Steve Pankhurst, one of the founders of the site, **thinks** that one of the reasons for its success is that some people like to be anonymous.

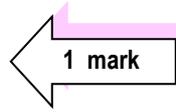
giving opinion - like - intention


 1 mark

6. Listen and sort the odd man out.

snoop - school - look - opportunity

site - family - reunite - online


 1 mark

II. Language: 12 marks

1. Fill in the blanks with words from the box. There are 2 extra words.


 0.5X 8= 4 marks

appreciation-care-supports-downs- strong-behaviour- deal with-raised-responsibility-which



What supports strong family relationships?

Two main dimensions of the parenting role have been found to have important effects on family relationships and on children's development, no matter what kind of family children are 1- in. These are:

- communicating with warmth and 2-
- establishing clear and appropriate limits for children's 3-.....

Positive styles of communication are a common element that 4- both of these dimensions. All families experience ups and 5- as they strive to do their best for children and 6- challenges that come along. A recent study asked Australian families of different kinds to nominate what they considered to be the characteristics that made their families 7- in spite of any difficulties they might face. The results have shown that loyalty, love, 7-..... and spending time together are the most important values that help establish a well-balanced family.

2. Circle the right option.

0.5X 8= 4 marks

Technology is evolving so quickly that many of us are barely aware of how our behavior is changing and how our most important relationships are threatened. You're driving down a city street and find yourself stuck (**above-up-behind**) someone going 15 mph below the speed limit. What's your first thought? That guy needs to get off his cell phone! You're sitting in the stands at a high school football game. You notice that (**many-most-much**) of the students are not only ignoring the game but they're also ignoring the friends seated beside (**they-theirs-them**)—instead they are busy (**exchanging- writing-texting**) other friends. You walk through an airport concourse and notice a man pacing back (**and-but-so**) forth, waving his hands while he talks (**on-at-in**) his cell phone in a voice that bounces off the walls 30 yards away. That's why I hope they never allow people to make calls with their cell phones on a flight. In the last 15 years the cell phone (**conquered-has conquered-will conquer**) the world. I could make a list of 50 ways these phones have improved our lives. But if you're like me and can (**remember-forget- mention**) what life was like before we all got cell phones, you may wonder if all the changes are really for the good. Remember those days when you could go to a movie and not worry about being (**distracted- addicted-hooked**) by ringing phones or by the white glow of someone texting a friend?

3. Supply the correct tense or form of the bracketed words.

0.5X 8= 4 marks

The factors that help couples make their marriages successful are now the subject of urgent research. (**Be**) marriage more suitable for some people than others? Recent work reveals that happily married couples are (**much**)..... willing to compromise than people who have (**divorce**) They have less difficulty in accepting that their partner has faults and do not expect their relationships to be perfect. Researchers have also made the discovery that people (**real**) do change as they get older. Surprisingly, when a person says to their partner, 'You're not the person I married,' it is likely to be the (**truthful**)..... . But some people have a (**greatness**) ability to accept their partners' changes than others. Again, psychologists tell (**we**) that people with happy marriages tend to be a lot more tolerant than those who have made the difficult decision to divorce. The (**evident**) does seem to suggest that divorcees are more demanding than those who stay married.



Friends Reunited

Have you ever wondered what your old **school-mates** are doing now? Well plenty of people in Britain do. One of the most successful internet **ventures** in Britain has shown how popular, and how **fruitful, memories** can be.

The website Friends Reunited was started for fun in 1999 by a couple who were interested to know what their old school friends were doing. The project **developed** and by 2005, the site had 12 million members. One extraordinary fact is that Friends Reunited has never advertised, its success is entirely due to **word-of-mouth**.

You can **search for** a school, college or university and find a list of the members who were there in any year. You can also **post** a personal **profile** showing what you are doing now, and read other people's details.

Steve Pankhurst, one of the founders of the site, thinks that one of the reasons for its success is that some people like to be **anonymous**. On Friends Reunited, you can **snoop** on other people's lives without **giving away** anything about yourself if you don't want to. It's also an opportunity **to strengthen your self-esteem** by **showing off** to everyone just how successful and happy you are now, even if you weren't while you were at school.

Friends Reunited has also led to many successful **school reunions**, and people meeting up with each other after many years. In particular, many people use the site to look up their **childhood sweethearts** and many couples have actually **revived** relationships after contacting each other through the site.

There have even been Friends Reunited weddings and babies, and Friends Reunited now has a new site called Friends Reunited Dating especially for people who are looking for love. The company has also launched other sites, such as Genes Reunited, which helps people to find **long-lost** relatives and build their **family trees** online.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/britain/070502_friends_reunited.shtml

