

## `II) Language: (12 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with words from the box. There are 2 extra items. (4 marks)

age / their / meets / need / achieve / help / friendship / into / rare / class-mate

Man is a social by nature. He cannot live alone. Men of similar dispositions are naturally attracted towards each other. In course of time, intimacy grows between them. They begin to trust each other. This is called ..... . It is a feeling of mutual trust, support and affection between two people. A friend can be a companion, workmate, ..... or any person with whom our feelings of affection are attached. There is a mutual exchange of emotions, trust and supports among friends. Friendship, generally, grows between people of the same ..... . They have similar passions, emotions and sentiments. When a student ..... another student in a classroom, he finds that they both have the same vision and objective for life. This shared vision towards the same goal help them to come closer and ..... each -other. This is why, generally, people of the same age turn ..... friends. Even offices, various people work together as a team to ..... the organizational goal. The achievement of the organizational targets will in turn improve ..... chances of individual success. In some cases, we make our best friends for life at our workplace.

2) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (4marks)

There is a question on whether parents should be strict or not, and how strict they should be. If a parent (**be**) ..... strict, many tend to think that such parents are always unfair to their children, but these parents tend to think that the (**good**) ..... parents are strict. This is because every parent tries to instill discipline in his or her children. By (**be**) ..... strict, parents feel that the children will always take them seriously and, therefore, (**act**) ..... to the teachings of their parents. Children raised by strict parents will always respect their parents as well as other elders. It is (**importance**) ..... to instill discipline when children are young because they will grow up with (**strongly**) ..... values. Therefore, parents should be strict enough (**instill**) ..... values, but they should also be their children's good friends. The friendship between parents and children should be of paramount importance because children should learn to trust their parents (**much**) ..... than anybody else. Caring parents will never lead their children astray, and they will always lead their children on the right paths.

3) Circle the correct alternative. (4marks)

In these modern days of instant text messages and emails, many kids might think it's strange to write a letter by hand using pen and paper. If you give it a try, though, you might just (**discovering / discover/ discovered**) a whole new method of communication that has its own unique benefits. For hundreds of years, letter writing has (**been / be / was**) a favorite pastime of many. In the past, it could take a long time (**write / to write /wrote**) a letter by hand and then have it delivered by horse or ship or train. After regular postal service was established, delivery of letters (**becomes / became/ become**) quicker and more reliable. Many decades ago, teachers began to encourage (**they/them/their**) students to find "pen pals" around the country or even around the world. Through the regular (**share / give / exchange**) of handwritten letters, students could practice their writing skills while getting to know more (**about / of/ on**) other people, countries and cultures. Today, pen pals are still popular, although the Internet has changed (**why/ how/ what**) many people communicate with their pen pals. Instead of writing letters by hand and mailing them, many pen pals communicate via email.



## Transcript

Audio bank - Dialogues © BBC | British Council 2006 [www.teachingenglish.org.uk](http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk) Dialogue 1:  
Two students in a language school café.

A: Hi! I'm Hong lei. What's your name?

B: Hello, Hong Lei. My name's Ricky.

A: Hi Ricky. Are you a new student here?

B: Yes, I had my first lesson this morning. Are you a new student too?

A: No, I've been here for six months.

B: Six months. That's a long time.

A: It's not so long really. What class are you in? Intermediate or ...?

B: Intermediate Three. And what about you?

A: I'm in Advanced One. Who's your teacher?

B: I can't remember her name, but she's got curly red hair.



A: Ah! Does she wear glasses?

B: Yes, I think so. A: That's probably Anne Wallis.

B: Yes that's right. Do you know her? Is she your teacher too?

A: No. But she taught me last term. How long have you been here?

B: Only a week. A: Wow, not long. Where do you live? With a family?

B: Well, I'm staying at the YMCA at the moment. I'm looking for somewhere more permanent. Do you know of any good places?

A: Yes. Actually my friend has a spare room in here apartment and she's looking for a flat mate. Would you like her phone number?

B: That would be great! Thanks for your help. Can I buy you coffee?