

The Text

1-Jill Smith last saw her father when she was just eight years old.Her parents had divorced and her father had moved to Ireland.As she grew up, Jill often wondered whether she might have a younger half - sister or brother and decided to investigate.

2-But last summer, Jill's search ended in the most unexpected way. "I'd gone online looking for a cake recipe,which was taking forever to download,so I decided to check my e-mail while I waited"says Jill,55,a retired news editor from Cornwall. "I'd recently registered with GenesConnected,a website that traces your relatives and ancestry.A new e-mail from Genesconnected informed me a name had just been added to to the Smith family tree that I'd created via the website.When I went to the site and entered my dad's name,Francis Colin Smith,and his place of birth,Bristol,the name Deborah Smith appeared on the screen,along with an e-mail address."Trying to quell her excitement by reasoning that Smith was a common surname, Jill e-mailed Deborah,asking if her dad,Francis Smith,had lived in Plymouth during the 1950's-where Jill lived when her mum and dad were still together.The answer popped back : Yes.**They** exchanged more details and discovered that they were,in fact,half-sisters.This was for Jill,who'd grown up as an only child,quite an emotional experience. "I burst into tears,"she says.

3-For the next two months,they e-mailed,they e-mailed,texted and phoned each other constantly,and in October 2003, Jill flew to Ireland to meet the sister she never knew she had. "We were both very nervous,but the moment we met we knew we related-we were both tall , just like dad ,"says Jill. Jill had always hoped she would be reunited with her father , and saw this as her chance-but , sadly , Deborah had to break the news to her that he died in 1981,a year after Jill's mother's death.The two sisters have since visited their father's grave together.Despite her sadness at not being able to see her father before he died , Jill is overjoyed to find that she has a whole new family,including a nephew,Stuart,19. "He's the spitting image of our father,and **he** even has the same wicked sense of humour,"says Jill.

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I-READING COMPREHENSION (15 pts)

1-Tick the most appropriate title for the text (1 pt)

- a) Modern communication technology makes miracles. ()
- b) Surfing the net keeps family members apart. ()
- c) Surfing the net as a means of entertainment. ()

2-Complete the following table with information from the text (3 pts)

characters	Relationship between characters	The way they reunited
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III- LANGUAGE (10 pts)

1-Fill in the blanks with words from the box (3.5 pts)

**Kicked – shot - field – teams – game - supporters
- player – sent off - referee**

And finally, some football news.

We have just heard that Cowford Town are champions for the fourth time! A few minutes ago the....., blew the whistle at the end of the.....against Grimeton. Our reporter at the match, Kevin Anderson, is waiting to talk to us at the stadium.

Studio: Kevin, was it a good game?

Kevin: Yes, excellent, very fast but unfortunately a bit rough. Cowford's star....., Tony Ancock was because he.....one of the Grimeton players. The Grimeton goalkeeper was hurt when he crashed into one of the goalpost He was taken off the..... with leg injuries, so both Played with only ten men. for the last minutes .

2-Put the words / verbs in brackets in the correct tense or form (3.5 pts)

I know my children think I am authoritarian and narrow-minded. In fact, they are wrong. I simply want to provide them with the **(good)**.....education I can. I really think they are still too **(youth)**.....and not **(responsibility)**.....enough to **(give)**.....any initiative. If I give them the **(free)**.....to take any important decision, I'm sure they **(make)**.....the wrong **(choose)**.....

3-Match the sentence parts in A and B to get a coherent paragraph. There's 1 extra item in B. (3 pts)

A	B	Answers
1-Friends play	a) about friends and music and then without knowing it ,they were exchanging photos of their grandchildren.	1-.....
2-Helen and Violet's friendship is	b) to such a wonderful story.	2-.....
3-Though they were thousands of miles apart,	c) friendship for ever.	3-.....
4-They first started talking	d) an important part in our lives and although we may take friendship for granted, we don't often clearly understand how we make friends	4-.....
5-Nothing separated the two friends.	e) an unbelievable story.	5-.....
6- that put an end	f) they syood together and exchanged opinions and ideas about their different interests.	6-.....
	g) It was only death	

II-WRITING (15 pts)

1-Omit the slashes ,add the missing words and put the verbs in the correct tense or form to achieve coherence .(5 pts)

1-E-mail / be / probably / most popular electronic service.

2-It's / text which you can simply type / your keyboard.

3-It is then / send to another user / the network.

4-It must specify the address / the person it is / send to.

5-The best advantage of / use / an e-mail is that it reaches its destination faster / traditional mail.

E-mail.....

It's.....

It is then.....

It must specify.....

The best advantage.....

2-Essay (10 pts)

"Travel is fun and it broadens the mind." Do you agree with this statement ?

Write a 12-line paragraph to speak about travel and to state your opinion .

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