

TEXT

1. Peter never dreamt he'd marry but last November, he and Lily tied the knot. Their story began in 1996. Lily, a 42-year-old woman from Los Angeles, was feeling bored and lonely. "I had few friends and felt I had nowhere to turn for support," says Lily. "I went on the Internet one day to see if I could meet some friends." Lily chatted to several people. But one man stood out. He was Peter Sinclair from Kent, England, and the pair began to chat regularly. Peter said he was in a wheelchair as he'd been born with an incurable condition which affects muscles and growth.

2. The pair stayed just friends for a while, but their relationship changed in March 2000 when Lily suffered a family bereavement. Grief-stricken, she poured out her heart to Peter. "He was patient and kind when I needed it most," she says. "Suddenly I felt closer to him than any other person in my life. I realized my feelings went beyond friendship." That July, Lily told Peter she loved him. He said he loved her, too—but he knew he'd have to tell her just how badly his condition affected his life. "It was very hard because I wasn't sure how she'd react," he says. "I was terrified she'd reject me."

3. Over e-mail, Peter said : "I can't walk or dress myself and I need help with eating. Worst of all, I could die at any time."

"I knew he was in a wheelchair but I never realized how bad his condition was," says Lily. "I burst into tears."

In September the pair began speaking daily on the phone, then the following month Peter proposed. "Even though I'd never met Peter, I knew that I'd never connected with anyone like him before," says Lily.

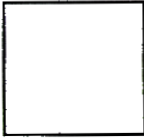
"We shared so many interests." But marriage would mean moving to Peter's country. "Some people thought I was mad."

4. Lily and Peter married in November 2004 and they hope to move into a home of their own.

"We're so happy together. The fact he's disabled is irrelevant," says Lily.

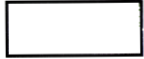
Peter has full-time carers, but Lily helps out. "She's amazing. For the first time in my life, I dare to think of the future," says Peter.

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I – READING COMPREHENSION (14 marks)

1. Tick the most appropriate option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about

- a – how love cuts across distances.
- b – a case of love at first sight.
- c – a love story between two handicapped persons.

2. Pick out complete sentences from paragraph 3 to show that the following statements are false. (3 marks)

- a – Peter's handicap doesn't pose a threat to his life.

- b – Lily remained unaffected when she knew about Peter's conditions.

- c – Peter and Lily didn't like the same things at all .

3. Answer the following questions with reference to the text. (2 marks)

- a – How long had Peter and Lily known each other before they got married ?
 They had known each other for
 before they got married.
- b – Why can we say that Peter was honest with Lily ?
 Peter was honest with Lily because he

4. Tick the right alternative. (3 marks)

a – *She poured out her heart to Peter (paragraph 2)* means :

- She talked freely about her sad feelings.
- She kept her sad feelings to herself.
- She was unable to express her sad feelings.

b – *My feelings went beyond friendship (paragraph 2)* means :

- My feelings of friendship changed into love.
- I wasn't sure what feelings I had for Peter.
- I couldn't remember what feelings I had for Peter.

c – *By the end of the text, Peter sounds*

- rather unsure about the future.
- rather pessimistic about the future.
- fairly hopeful about the future.

5. What does the underlined phrase in the text refer to? (1 mark)

Peter's country (paragraph 3) refers to.....

6. Find in the text words or phrases meaning nearly the same as : (3 marks)

- a – got married (paragraph 1) :
- b – be brave enough to do something (paragraph 4) :
- c – The loss of a relative (paragraph 2) :

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

Do you think that the couple will live happily ever after ?

I think that the couple
because

II– LANGUAGE (16 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with eight words from the box. (4 marks)

leads – throughout – malnourished – poverty – infects – devoted – leaves – trade – these – deeper.

Televised images of starving children have brought the problem of global hunger home to people in rich countries. Sadly, however, the problem is far than an immediate lack of food. Around a billion people are, and around a sixth of are children. That is a deplorable human tragedy which to measurable economic losses—i.e, further..... Lives are shortened, causing lost production and income. Those who survive the effects of malnutrition may be less productive, perhaps..... their lives. Hunger also often..... people more susceptible to disease, so that more production has to be to health care.

2. Circle the right alternative. (4.5 marks)

Most mothers-to-be hope to give birth safely to a baby that is alive and well and to see it grow up in good health. Their chances of doing [so – therefore – then] are better at present than ever before – not least because they are becoming aware [by – to – of] their rights. With today's knowledge and technology, the vast majority of the problems that [heal – threaten – ban] the world's mothers and children can be prevented or treated. Most of the millions of untimely [deaths – celebrations – recoveries] that occur are avoidable, as is much of the suffering that [provides – derives – comes] with ill – health. A mother's death

is a tragedy unlike **[others – other – another]**, because of the deeply held feeling that **[anyone – someone – no one]** should die in the course of the normal process of reproduction and because of the **[beneficial – expected – devastating]** effects on her family. In all cultures, families and communities acknowledge the need to care for mothers and children and try to do so to the **[average – best – large]** of their ability.

3. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (4.5 marks)

Dr Nigel Chapman yesterday issued a warning over the dangers of digital music players. Following the death of a young **[finance]** analyst. Matthew Johnson, 22, was rushing to work while **[listen]** to music through headphones on his MP3 player when he **[hit]** by a lorry. Dr Chapman warned that thousands who received MP3 players and walkmans as a **[give]** this Christmas should take extra care. " There are huge dangers when you **[be]** not fully aware because you are listening to music on some device," Dr Chapman said.

Mr Johnson, who **[employ]** by a large company, was just 15 minutes to work. A witness who **[drive]**behind the lorry said : "He **[wear]** headphones and listening to music. It looked as if he wanted **[cross]** behind the lorry but somehow hit the back edge."

4. Match the sentence parts in Column A with the appropriate ones in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. The sentence parts in Column A are in the right order. Be careful, there is an extra sentence part in Column B. Write your answers in the box below. (3marks)

Column A	Column B
1. Mobile phones can damage family life by	a) suffer high levels of stress.
2. A study found regular phone users	b) they are phoning to tell you they don't know what to do.
3. They also take their work worries with them,	c) that allow job concerns to affect family life with negative consequences.
4. For both men and women, mobile phones provide a point of access	d) blurring the boundaries between work and home.
5. In the case of job worries,	e) their kids might be calling to say they've locked themselves in the home.
6. If you have left the office and someone phones you up,	f) mobile phones make you much more accessible.
	g) disrupting their family life.

ANSWERS	1 + ...	2 + ...	3 + ...	4 + ...	5 + ...	6 + ...
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III– WRITING (10 marks)

1. There are six mistakes in the following paragraph. They have been underlined and numbered for you. Write the correction of each mistake in the space provided. (3 marks).

Monster waves caused by an earthquake measuring nine on the Richter scale have killed at last¹ 120,000 people. As much² as 50 tourists are feared dead after the massive earthquake underwater³ triggered huge waves, which devastated coastlines across southern Asia.

Each wave was more than 30 ft height⁴ and witnesses described walls of water rising out of the sea without warn⁵. Many of the deads⁶ were sitting on beaches or swimming in the sea when the tsunami struck.

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2. A magazine is organising a competition to select the best article about the ideal school. Write a 12-line article in which you describe your dream school. You may write about some of the following aspects: timetable, subjects, learners' and teachers' roles, discipline, the exam system and extra-curricular activities (sports, cultural activities, etc.) (7 marks)

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