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Name:	Class:	Mark:

1- California resident, Tara Hearn and her New York pen pal, Laura Potter, began their relationship 30 years ago through a letter, and on Jan. 28 of this year, they finally had the opportunity to meet face to face in Destin.

2- The first letter was written when the two were in the sixth grade. Tara was in California and Laura in New York. It was a school project, and the two were picked to be pen pals.

“We each received a postcard telling us who our pen pal was going to be,” Tara said. “It had each other’s name and address. Once we got the postcards, we both wrote first letters. The letters were mainly introductions, telling each other where we were from, what school we went to and what we liked to do in our spare time.”

Tara said it was interesting and exciting because they were each so different. Tara was from the west and Laura from the north. Tara was an only child, while Laura had a large family. She said they both had very different ideas of how each other’s lives actually were. As the years went by and the relationship grew, so did the writing.

3- “We talked about everything,” Tara said. “Things that you might be afraid to tell your best friend who sits next to you in class, you could tell your pen pal because she was a *whole* country away. It was like a best friend 3,000 miles away.”

The two continued writing through grade school, high school and even after that. As technology advanced, so did the medium by which they communicated. Tara said, they haven’t physically written a letter in years, but they now communicate through email and over social networks.

4- After 30 years of communication, the two friends finally met in Destin.

“When we saw each other for the first time,” Tara said. “We immediately ran to each other and hugged each other. It was like we were schoolgirls again. Finally meeting Laura was a dream which came true.” Tara encouraged any young person who wants to start writing a pen pal.

5- “Pen pals give you the opportunity, not only to learn another culture,” Tara said. “But, they also give you a friend who always has your side.”

“We have had our children together and raised them, and now we are talking about grandchildren and retirement together!

Reading comprehension: (15 marks):

1-Choose the best answer (1mark):

The text is: a-descriptive (....) b-narrative (....) c-argumentative (....)

2- Complete the table with information from the text :(2marks):

name	relationship	Place of residence	First time they met
- Tara		~.....	
- Laura	~.....

3-These statements are false .Correct them with details from the text :(4marks):

- a- It was Tara who wrote the first letter.
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- b-Tara and Laura haven't stopped writing letters for 30years.
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- c-Tara is against pen pals relationships.
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- d-Laura and Tara are single.
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4 - Complete the paragraph with reference to paragraphs 2and 3: (2marks):

Tara enjoys writing to Laura because they hadabout life. She didn't feelto tell Laura about everything because she was miles away.

5 - Answer the question with reference to the text: (1mark):

What are the benefits of having a pen friend according to Tara?
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6- What do the underlined words refer to? (2marks):

a-It (par 2)..... b- -Which (par 4).....

6- Find words from the text having the same meaning as the following.(2marks):

- a- method of giving information (par 3).....
- b- held tightly in the arms to show love (par4).....

Do you enjoy having a pen friend? Why or why not? (1mark):

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Language (10marks):

1-Put in the right tense or form (3marks):

Back in the early 1990's my wife and I were *(live)*.....in an old Victorian home *(build)*.....in 1888 . It was loaded with charm. One day, my wife was taking her winter coats out of a closet where they had been stored over the summer .She discovered, much to her surprise, that the linings of these coats were covered with mold. Within two days she had moved out ; she was having some health problems at the time so she moved in with her parents and I was left to sell the house , which I *(be able)*to do in a few weeks . We *(begin)*looking for a house. After some *(discuss)* , we agreed that we would instead, build a house. We went through all of the normal steps of buying land, designing the house, selecting building contractors and finally 17months later, our home *(be)* ready.

2-Fill in the blanks with words from the list .There is one extra word. (3,5marks)

Played - bought – still – for – e-mails – no longer – surfing – addicted – of

Sam was in Junior High school when his parentshim a computer. He immediately took to internet and soon discoveredand chat rooms. His parents watched over his shoulderthe first few weeks and discussed the need to be careful with personal information and made sure that Sam was notunsafe websites. As they became comfortable with Sam's behavior on the internet , they watched over him while he chatted with his friends andonline games . However, problems soon started. He becameto the internet and was irritable when he was away from his computer.

3- Write the correct answer in the space provided. (3, 5marks):

My friendship with Laura , my best English cat mate started ten years ago *(how / where / when)*my dad needed to have an operation . It was hard for us to find a donor with rhesus negative blood type. I decided to do something *(myself / himself / yourself)*to help my lovely dad. I sent my problem to a philanthropic organization site and gave them my own e-mail. Just a week later, I got an e-mail from a young writer named Laura *(who / which / whom)*offered her help. She was coming to India to hold a conference *(to / about / of)*.....her new book. Two months after the operation, my dad got *(best / good / better)*.....and went back to his press company. Since then, daddy has *(published / publishing / publishes)*every new book *(wrote / written writing)*.....by Laura with low costs.

Writing (15marks)

A-Guide Writing (5marks):

• Use the following notes to write a five – line paragraph about neighbours.

In the past	Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• visit each other• Know everything about each other• Helpful / close /.....	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Busy• Careless• Have other means of communication and entertainment

In the past neighbours.....

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B-Your friend is going to sit for his Bac exam. He /She feels nervous, tired and he/she doesn't eat well. Write him/her a letter in which you give some tips about how to revise well and keep healthy.

Dear.....

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Good work