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**OPTION A: "A Very Special Postman."**

- 1 Peter works as a postman in Springfield, Illinois. One day, when he got to Susan's house, she was waiting for him at the entrance  
2 because she had a story to tell him.  
3 About six months earlier, it seems that he had delivered a letter to her which had her street number on it, but was addressed to  
4 another house with the same number on a different street in the neighbourhood. As she was going out for a walk, she decided to drop off  
5 the letter at the correct house. It turned out that the letter was addressed to Robert, a young man who happened to be single. They talked  
6 for a little while, and some time later, he called her and they started dating.  
7 Peter was embarrassed about his mistake, but he was pleased because he had brought these nice people together. The following  
8 spring, there was a "For Sale" sign in Susan's garden, and then the wedding invitations were sent out. Soon after the house was sold, the  
9 wedding took place and Susan moved into Robert's house.  
10 A few months later, Peter saw a "For Sale" sign in their garden. He feared the marriage might be in trouble, therefore, he made up  
11 an excuse to go to their door and check on them. Susan opened the door, smiled broadly and pointed to her huge stomach. "We're having  
12 twins," she said. "This house won't be big enough, so we have to move." As Peter was leaving, he was suddenly overwhelmed by the  
13 thought that his wrongly delivered letter was giving two little yet-to-be-born people the opportunity to come to life. It was sublime.

I \* **COMPREHENSION** (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. **How did Susan meet Robert? Explain.**
2. **Why did Susan and Robert decide to sell the house where they lived?**
3. **How does Peter feel about the consequences of his mistake in the end?**

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. **The postman delivered the letter in the wrong street.**
5. **The postman was worried because he thought Susan and Robert were having problems.**

II \* **USE OF ENGLISH** (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "**happen**" (verb).
7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE for "**single**" (adjective) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 5).
8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "**embarrassed**" (adjective) (LINE 7).
9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE EXPRESSION MEANING "**to invent something**."
10. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH:  
"**Did they fly to Norway yesterday?**" Susan asked me.
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.  
"I \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) the car if I had known you needed it."
12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS:  
"**They have been studying Chinese for at least five years.**"
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE:  
"**I've just been stung by a mosquito!**"

III \* **PRODUCTION** (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS. FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE TOPIC:  
**Would you like to use the Internet to meet other people? Explain.**

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**OPTION B: "Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence."**

1 To animal lovers, violence against animals is cruel and difficult to understand. To the rest of the world, it is  
2 'just an animal, humans matter more.' But aren't humans really the cruellest species of all? Most animals kill for food  
3 and territory, but humans kill also for sport, fashion, and cosmetics!

4 Many researchers have found that violence against animals indicates a high propensity for interpersonal  
5 violence. Simply, those who abuse animals usually do the same to human victims. Although not all animal abusers  
6 become serial killers, most serial killers began their murders with animals. Violence against animals, according to  
7 Hildegard George, is directly related to our culture of violence. This culture of violence gives us an excuse to abuse,  
8 harm and deny rights to those we discriminate against. This is evident, for some people, in the slavery of black  
9 people in America in the nineteenth century, mistreatment of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany and world-wide  
10 abuse of animals to perpetuate the human race.

11 What we must do is change our perceptions and open our eyes. After all, animals inhabited this world long  
12 before we did. What right do we have to dominate them in order to 'improve' our lives? Governments must be  
13 conscious of this connection between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence, and laws must be changed to punish  
14 or rehabilitate animal abusers. Pets should be treated as family members, not as an inferior species. If children were  
15 taught to respect all animals in this way, they would respect all life. People must understand that many lives, animal  
16 and human, can still be saved.

**I \* COMPREHENSION** (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; questions 4-5, 0.5 points each)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. **Why can humans be considered the cruellest species?**
2. **Is there a close connection between animal abusers and most serial killers? Explain.**
3. **How does the culture of violence affect our relation with animals?**

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. **Only few people think humans are more important than animals.**
5. **Authorities should pass new laws regarding animal abuse.**

**II \* USE OF ENGLISH** (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; questions 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: **"To penalize for an offence."**
7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR **"make-up"** (noun).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE FOR **"kind"** (adjective).
9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION:

**He is going to speak \_\_\_\_\_ animal cruelty.**

10. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: **"How many people we convinced?"**

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE:

**"Spain won the World Football Championship in 2010."**

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE:

**"If I were you, ..."**

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH:

**The doctor asked: "Is there anything in your past that you regret?"**

**III \* PRODUCTION** (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS. FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE TOPIC:

**What do you think of having pets at home? Discuss.**