Dear Ian,

How are you? I (1) ________________(not hear) from you for a long time. Is everything all right?

Last week, I (2) ________________(win) the school's English writing competition. This was the first time I won this competition. My English teacher, Miss Cheng, (3) ________________(be) a great help to me. She (4) ________________(give) me a lot of writing practices. I can (5) ________________(write) much better now. I (6) ________________(keep) it up! Since I (7) ________________(get) good grades in the exams, Mum (8) ________________(take) me on a trip to Japan in the coming holiday.

(9) ________________ you still ________________(play) basketball? We used to play basketball together before you moved. I could not find another partner after you moved.

Luckily, my school (10) ________________ just ________________(set) up a new basketball so I join the club. I think it'll be fun.

Best wishes,

Kenny
B. Read Kenny's diary and fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions. 6% @1%

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Sunday, 9th December

Today is my 12th birthday. I held a birthday party at home. (1) _______ noon, I went shopping with Mum. We bought a lot of food and drinks (2) _______ the party.

My friends arrived (3) _______ the afternoon. I got a lot of presents (4) _______ them. I like the presents very much. We enjoyed the food together. We sang songs and we played games together too. I was very happy to have the celebration (5) _______ my friends.

I gave Mum a big hug to thank her for preparing the food. She is the greatest Mum (6) _______ the world!

C. Kenny is telling his classmates about his favourite transport. 8% @2%

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My aunt lives on Hong Kong Island. She likes travelling by tram. (1) _______ it is slow, it is cheap. She can look at the view of the streets. I like travelling by MTR. It is uncomfortable and crowded (2) _______ it is fast. When I go back home in the afternoon, I like travelling by taxi (3) _______ I can hide from the heat. I sometimes travel by bus (4) _______ I hate waiting for a long time for the bus. The most comfortable way of travelling is in my dad's car.
D. Kenny went to Ocean Park on Sunday. He is telling Kitty about his visit.  
Fill in the blanks with the correct letters.  12% @2%

A. Where did you go first?      E. When did you arrive?          
B. What did you do for your birthday?     F. Why did you go there?        
C. How did you go there?          G. Who went there with you?    
D. How long did it take?   H. Did you try the rides?          

Kitty : (1) _____________   
Kenny : I had a party on my birthday, and I went to Ocean Park the next day.  
Kitty : How great! (2) _______________   
Kenny : Mum and Dad went there with me.   
Kitty : (3) _____________   
Kenny : The park is on Hong Kong Island so we took the MTR train and the bus to get there.  
Kitty : (4) _____________   
Kenny : We arrived a little earlier than 10 a.m.  
Kitty : (5) _____________   
Kenny : We went to see the pandas first because I like them very much.   
Kitty : (6) _____________   
Kenny : Yes, I did! I tried all the rides!

E. Complete the passage with the appropriate pronouns. 20% @1%

It was seven o'clock in the evening. Our mother was preparing dinner for (1)_____________.  
(2)_____________ is a great cook. We love (3)_____________ cooking very much. When  
(4)_____________ were waiting for our delicious meal, David shouted loudly, 'Mum, did  
(5)_____________ see (6)_____________ sport shoes? I need (7)_____________ tomorrow.'  

Mum did not answer (8)_____________. (9)_____________ just kept on cooking. A  
few minutes later, David shouted again, 'Mum, (10)_____________ have found the shoes  
(11)_____________ in my room. (12)_____________ were under (13)_____________  
bed. Why didn't (14)_____________ answer (15)_____________ just now?'  

Mum replied, '(16)_____________ want to force (17)_____________ to take care of  
your belongings. You always depends on (18)_____________. It's time for all of  
(19)_____________ to learn how to take care of (20)_____________.'  

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F. Cindy's sister, Rebecca wants to go to Tai Po Health Centre. She gets lost on her way. She is asking a woman for directions. Read the map.

Fill in the blanks with the words given.

Woman: First 1. _______ Brown Road. 2. _______ the footbridge to cross Red Street and turn 3. _______.

Then 4. _______ Sunny Florist's. Tai Po Health Centre is 5. _______ the florist's.
G. Read the poem and answer the question that follow. 16%

Fun at Beach

Come on, my friends
Let's play at the beach
On a hot, hot day
it costs you little each.

If you're feeling hot
Jump into the cool water.
Swim as quickly as a fish
Float as freely as you wish.

To enjoy the shining sun
Lie on the smooth, golden sand.
Read a book, sip a coke
Slowly you'll get a tan.

Why not pick the pretty shells
And make necklaces with little bells?
Why not build a sandcastle
Or search for some lovely turtles?

Let's play volleyball
Before a tasty BBQ meal.
There's much fun at the beach
How excited I do feel!

Fill in each blank with ONE word. Not all the words can be found in the poem. @2%

The writer invites his (1) ______________ to go to the beach. He thinks it is (2) ______________ because it costs them little and it is (3) ______________ because they can have a lot of activities. If they feel hot, they can (4) ______________ in the sea. They can lie on the beach to (5) ______________ to get a tan. They may even find sea (6) ______________ like turtles.

In stanza 1 (line 1 – 4), 'beach' rhymes with 'each'. @1%

Find two other pairs of rhymes in stanza 2 and Stanza 5.

(7) Stanza 2 (lines 5-8): ___________ and ___________

(8) Stanza 5 (lines 17-20): ___________ and ___________
Chow Tai Ho Watch Shop in Tuen Mun was robbed yesterday. The robbers had an accident when they were trying to escape. No watches were stolen. However, a customer was seriously injured.

When two young men rushed into the shop at 10:00am, one of them took out a **pistol** from a bag and fired a shot into the ceiling.

The other man broke the glass top of the counter with a hammer and grabbed the most expensive watches, including 16 diamond watches and ten gold watches.

There was only one customer in the shop. Although she was ordered to lie on the floor, she tried to escape. The robber hit her head with a hammer. The customer was badly hurt.

At the same time, one of the three shop assistants secretly pressed a button under the counter and sounded the alarm. Although the robbers wanted to put more watches into their bag, the sound of the alarm frightened them. Therefore, they left the shop immediately.

When the robbers were running across the road, a passing lorry knocked them down. They could not move. The police came and arrested them.

The robbers and the injured customer were later sent to Tuen Mun Hospital.

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**Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

1. How many robbers were there in the watch shop when the robbery took place?

2. What is the 'Hong Kong Morning Post'?

3. On what date did the robbery happen?

4. Read line 5, what is a 'pistol'?

5. Why did the robbers run away?

6. What did the robbers get in the end?