I. PUT A HEADING TO EACH PARAGRAPH. THERE IS ONE HEADING YOU DO NOT NEED. THERE IS AN EXAMPLE AT THE BEGINNING (0).

A. What would surprise people most about you?
B. What scares you?
C. If you could change anything, what would it be?
D. What’s the best thing about your work?
E. What do you do in your spare time?
F. What makes you angry?
G. Who would you most like to have lunch with?

JON BON JOVI

0. G Who would you most like to have lunch with?

My mother. At the peak of Bon Jovi’s early success, the group went through a period of real extravagance. We hired private planes, chartered the biggest yachts in the world, took all our friends on holiday to exotic islands, bought each other Ferraris and gave our parents expensive presents. But Mum would always much rather I went round for Sunday lunch instead of buying her another gift.

1. Being a rock’ n’ roll star is not as romantic as people think. It’s actually a very strenuous job – especially when you’re on the road 240 days a year. Songwriting, creating something that you can have forever, is what gives me the greatest thrill.

2. It’s really irritating when someone who hasn’t even listened to your album comes and starts asking stupid questions about your hair or the way you dress. I wish they would pay more attention to my music than they way I look.

3. I’d spend more time with my wife, Dorothea, and my kids, Stephanie and James. I take them with me whenever possible. They all came to live with me in London for three months while I was filming the thriller The Leading Man, but still don’t see enough of them.

4. I used to worry about living up to the success of the last record, especially after Slippery When Wet sold 14 million copies. But these days, I’m much relaxed and personal artistic satisfaction means more than commercial success.

5. That I’m not out on the town every night. When I was in London filming, I would drive to work at 6 am and see people coming out of the clubs and feel thankful that I’d had a good night’s sleep. I’m all for drinking alcohol now and again, but you can’t do it every night.

10 points
II. READ THE TEXT BELOW AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD (A, B OR C) FOR EACH SPACE. THERE IS AN EXAMPLE AT THE BEGINNING (0).

It was love at first (0) A for Joel Emerson and Lisa Bunyan, which was lucky (1) _______ they met for the first time on their (2) _______ day.

As a publicity trick, a local Australian radio ran a seven-week (3) _______ which they called “Marrying Strangers”. The radio station voted Joel Emerson, 24 and a marketing consultant, the ‘most eligible bachelor’ (that is, the most suitable unmarried partner). Lisa Bunyan, (4) _______ works at a management training centre, was one of the 300 (5) _______ women who rushed to the phone to offer (6) _______ as his bride.

The only direct contact they had (7) _______ they met for the first time was when Joel proposed over the telephone on the radio. An estimated 50 000 (8) _______ witnessed the romantic (but not particularly intimate) moment Lisa said ‘yes’.

The groom’s mother was not amused and (9) _______ a local newspaper that she was truly shocked. As the couple left (10) _______ their honeymoon in Paris, they told the same newspaper, ‘We know that we’re doing the right thing.’

0. A sight       B view         C look
1. A however     B so           C because
2. A marriage    B wedding      C celebration
3. A discussion  B competition  C event
4. A who         B whose        C which
5. A only        B alone        C single
6. A herself     B her          C she
7. A in front of B until        C before
8. A spectators  B listeners    C viewers
9. A told        B commented    C said
10. A on         B at           C for

10 points

III. COMPLETE THE TEXT. WRITE ONE WORD FOR EACH SPACE. THERE IS AN EXAMPLE (0) AT THE BEGINNING.

Mongkut (0) did not become King of Thailand (1) _______ he was 46 years old. Before that he (2) _______ spent 25 years as a Buddhist monk, and this experience was a very important influence when he later became king. (3) _______ Thailand, most men spend some time during (4) _______ lives in the monkhood. Usually they go to live for a (5) _______ months in a monastery with other monks. There they live very simply, and study the Buddhist religion.

In the Buddhist monkhood, men come (6) _______ all levels of Thai society, rich and poor, farmers and merchants, and they all live together as equals. So when the young Prince Mongkut joined a monastery, he (7) _______ not called "Prince", but simply became known (8) _______ "Mongkut the Beggar". It is a rule that all monks (9) _______ leave the monastery every day to walk in the streets and to beg for food from the people, so in (10) _______ way Mongkut came to meet and know ordinary people.

10 points
DAVID BECKHAM

As a Real Madrid player, David Beckham is used to winning, and failure is something that he is simply unaccustomed to. He is one of the most famous Englishmen in the world today.

Of course, it is impossible to have an impartial opinion of this young man or the team that he plays for. If you are a Real Madrid fan, you love him. If you aren’t a fan of this team, then your opinion of Mr. Beckham may be quite different. In fact, in recent times, his treatment by fans of other teams has been extremely unacceptable, especially when he has been playing for England. Some of the worst comments have not even been aimed at Beckham but at his wife and young children, which is a bad thing. It has been hard for the football authorities to control such unruly behaviour. How can you discipline people for their comments when so many people are guilty?

Beckham’s attitude when faced with such problems has been cool-headed though. Under the pressure of being shouted and sworn at by so many people, he has always kept calm.

Of course, a lot of the bad things written and said about Beckham are due to his own actions. He is a very fashionable young man, but some of the clothes he has worn have been simply amazing. Why a person in his position would choose to wear a skirt in public is truly incomprehensible! Furthermore, to wear such things in unseasonable times as mid-winter seems even crazier!

His behaviour on the football pitch has also been unpredictable at times. Sometimes he is brilliant; sometimes he does crazy things. Some of the most famous footballing incidents involving Beckham are not his spectacular goals but his ungainly tackles. The most famous occasion was in France ’98, when a clumsy tackle led to him being sent off.

A. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER (A, B OR C).
Example: 0. David Beckham plays for:
   A Manchester United
   B Real Madrid
   C Villarreal

1. Beckham is used to:
   A losing.
   B being criticized.
   C winning.

2. Beckham’s family often get:
   A friendly congratulations.
   B serious warnings.
   C negative comments.

3. Football authorities try to:
   A control the fans’ behaviour towards Beckham.
   B neglect the fans’ behaviour towards Beckham.
   C describe the fans’ behaviour towards Beckham.

4. When shouted at by fans of opposing football teams Beckham:
   A gets angry.
   B remains undisturbed.
   C feels upset.

5. The clothes Beckham wears are usually:
   A funny
   B striking
   C plain

6. Beckham’s behaviour on the football pitch is
   A difficult to predict
   B easy to predict
   C important to predict.

B. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. How can you describe Beckham’s style in clothing?

2. Thinking about football, what does the passage say Beckham is most famous for?
V. CHOOSE ONE OF THE TOPICS AND WRITE A COMPOSITION (100-120 WORDS).

1. What famous person would you like to meet and why?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Television has destroyed communication among friends and family”? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

15 points
KEY LEVEL B1

I.
1. D
2. F
3. C
4. B
5. A

II.
1. C
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. C

III.
1. until
2. had
3. in
4. their
5. few
6. from
7. as
8. was
9. must/have to
10. this/that

IV.

A.
1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. A

B.
1. Extravagant. He likes wearing expensive, fashionable clothes and to be in the public eye.
2. He is famous rather for his unpredictable behaviour and failures than for his goals and success.