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9th form

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Name ———— Class —— Number ————

The text:

Today, more and more English People in big cities go to work on bicycles. There are many reasons why they prefer to ride to work.

First, bicycles do not need petrol. So, they cost less money. Also, **they** do not need much space on the street because they are small and it is easier to find a place for **them**. Another reason is that it is good for the health to ride a bicycle: riding bicycles is better than driving because cars make people lazier. When people always drive cars, they become fatter and weaker.

For all these reasons, more and more English people leave their cars at home. But they use them at weekends to go on excursions and picnics with **their** families.

I) Reading Comprehension (7pts)

1. Read and cross the right title for the text: (0.5pt)

a. Working in cities
b. Going on excursions
c. Riding bicycles in England

2. These statements are false. Correct them. (2pts)

- It isn't difficult to find a place for cars in the streets

False ————————————————————

- English people ride bicycles to go on picnics

False ————————————————————

3. Complete with reference to the text: (2pts)

- Driving cars isn't good because:

a) ————————————————————
b) ————————————————————

4. Read and find in the text the opposites of the following words: (1pts)

1. Big ≠ ————————————
2. Never ≠ ————————————

5. Read and say what the underlined words refer to in the text: (1.5pts)

- they (paragraph2) ————————————————————
- them (paragraph 2) ————————————————————
- their (paragraph 3) ————————————————————

II) Language: (8)

1. Circle the correct alternatives : (3)

Shopkeeper: Good morning! Can I help you?
Jane: Yes, please. I **(have / love / need)** some vegetables.
Shopkeeper: We have carrots, onions, potatoes, peppers....
(how / what / who) would you like to buy?
Jane: **(some / any / a few)** potatoes, please.
Shopkeeper: **(How many / How much)?**
Jane: Half a kilo, please. And one kilo of tomatoes.
Shopkeeper: Do you want **(some/ any/ much)** carrots?
Jane: No, Mum doesn't want **(some / much / any)**
How much **(are / do / are)** they cost?
Shopkeeper: Two pounds, please .
Jane: Here you are. Good bye.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense: (3)

Dear Pam;

I'm in Canada now and I **(to be)** ———— very happy. I **(to arrive)** ————yesterday afternoon. We **(not / to have)** - ———— lunch with the group because we were late.

At this moment, I **(to sit)** ———— near the window, watching the snow. The weather is very cold here. Sue **(to write)** ———— postcards to all her friends and Jack **(to do)** —— ———— some shopping at the neighbouring supermarket.

Yours
Paul

3. Fill in the blanks with words from the box below: (2)

Friends /some / with / candles / together /drinks /

Last Saturday, Jim celebrated his tenth birthday. In the morning, he went ———— his mother to the shops. They bought some sweets, some ———— and a packet of ————. His mother baked a big cake at home. At 7:00pm Jim's ———— arrived.