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Basic Education Dept.  
English Section  
Year : First

Subject: Reading & Conversation

**Attempt the following questions:**

**1 Write a short conversation between A and B on THREE of the following:**

- 1- Healthy food.
- 2- Jobs.
- 3- Spare time activities.
- 4- Reserving a room at a hotel.
- 5- The qualities of a good teacher.

**2 Complete the following conversations. Use the words below:**

*about      meet      busy      get      how      reschedule*  
*sounds      works      can't      available      next      good*

**1**

- A: Can we ..... this afternoon?  
B: No, I'm ..... all the day.  
A: Are you ..... tomorrow morning?  
B: Yes, I am. What time would you like to ..... together?  
A: ..... about nine-thirty?  
B: That ..... for me.

**2**

- A: I need to ..... our Friday meeting.  
B: All right. Is there a day ..... week that's ..... For you?  
A: How ..... Tuesday?  
B: No, I'm sorry. I ..... meet you on Tuesday.  
A: Is Wednesday OK? Say at ten?  
B: That ..... great. See you on Wednesday.

**3 Use the words in brackets to make formal\ polite questions:**

- 1-Can I speak to Mary, please? (May)
- 2-Do you want to leave a message? (Would you like)
- 3-Can we meet later today? (Could)

**2 Read the following then answer the questions that follow:**

Naguib Mahfouz was born in 1911 and died in 2006. He was an Egyptian novelist and winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature. He is considered as the father of modern Arabic literature and is popular throughout the Arab world. Many of his books were about Egyptian nationalism. He said politics "is the very axis of our thinking". Mahfouz came from a lower middle-class Muslim family in Cairo, the youngest of seven children. He had a very strict Islamic upbringing. He later wondered how "an artist would emerge from that family". Mahfouz was an avid reader and spent his early years with his head buried in books.

**1 Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right.**

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Novelist   | a. centre     |
| 2. Popular    | b. come out   |
| 3. Axis       | c. well-liked |
| 4. Upbringing | d. author     |
| 5. Emerge     | e. childhood  |

**2 Choose The Correct Word:**

- 1-Naguib Mahfouz was born in 1911 and (*died / dead*) in 2006.
- 2-He is considered (*as / was*) the father of modern Arabic literature.
- 3-He said politics "is the very (*axis / axe*) of our thinking".
- 4-He had a very (*strict / strictly*) Islamic upbringing.
- 5- Mahfouz was an (*amid / avid*) reader.

2

Marie Curie was born in 1867. She is one of the greatest scientists ever to have lived. She was a pioneer in the field of radioactivity and discovered the chemical elements radium and polonium. Curie is the only person ever to win two Nobel Prizes in two different sciences. Other achievements include being the first female professor at the University of Paris.

Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland. Her father was a maths and physics teacher and was a big influence on Marie's early education. From an early age Marie was an exceptional student with an amazing memory. She often went without food and sleep to study.

**1 Complete the following:**

- 1-Marie Curie was born in .....
- 2-She was a pioneer in the field of .....
- 3-Her father was a .....
- 4-Mrie was an exceptional student with.....

**2 Suggest a title for the passage.**