

Beveley Minett and Sandy McFarlane clicked on eBay and have never looked back.

- 1- The pair, both 43, were already seasoned seller trading tips with other users in one of the site's chat rooms when they first started communicating. Divorced mum Bev, from Worcs, remembers how she and Sandy, from Glasgow, were online rivals- until they saw photos of each other. Bev recall:" We both had our own little following of people who would ask us for help and there was a bit of rivalry between us. In fact, the very first time we communicated he had a right go at me for something and after that I gave him a bit of wide berth. There was certainly no flirting between us- if anything he was a bit mean and moody."
- 2- Then they posted up pictures of themselves and suddenly Bev and Sandy saw a whole new side to each other. Shocked Bev, who has sold heaps of her unwanted clutter to buyers all over the country since first registering with the site, recalls:" I'd never pictured he looked like he did and couldn't help thinking „He is a bit of alright"". Sandy, who runs his own company using eBay as a market place for IT components, was equally obsessed. He says:" I saw the picture of Bev and thought she was really good looking. I thought „I will have a bit of that"".
- 3- The couple began e-mailing each other more and more and soon they were chatting on the phone. After one conversation which lasted all through the night they decided they had to see each other in the flesh. So Sandy who is also divorced and has a nine-year-old son, Mathew, flew to the Midlands to see Bev. Bev, who has a seven-year-old son, Joel, remembers:" When I met Sandy at the airport I was very nervous. I was thinking „What am I doing? Shall I just run away now? What if he is the scary monster from hell?"
- 4- Bev says:" we just hit it off straight away. By the end of the weekend he didn't want to go and I didn't want him to go. We realized we didn't want to be without each other. Within about two weeks he had moved his stuff in and he has never really left." The couple has now been together for almost a year and are happier than ever.

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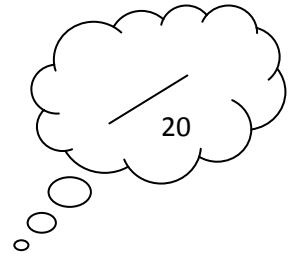
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I- Comprehension Questions: (15 marks)

1- Tick (✓) the right option: (01 mark)

The text speaks about:

- a- A couple who had trouble through an Internet website. ( )
- b- A couple who found love on internet website. ( )
- c- A site which provides opportunities for single people. ( )



2- Read the text and complete the following chart. (04 marks)

| Name  | Birth | Marital status | Occupation | Nationality |
|-------|-------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Bev   | 1964  | .....          | .....      | English     |
| Sandy | 1964  | .....          | .....      | .....       |

3- Correct the following statements with details from the text (04 marks)

- + Bev and Sandy were Internet friends. (paragraph 1)  
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- + They loved each other through chatting (paragraph 2)  
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- + Bev left her town to live with Sandy. (paragraph 4)  
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- + Unfortunately, the relationship failed at the end. (paragraph 4)  
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4- Find in the text words or expressions that mean nearly the same as: (03 marks)

- ❖ Unkind (paragraph 1): .....
- ❖ Displayed (paragraph 2): .....
- ❖ Meet someone rather than see his picture (paragraph 3): .....

5- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?(02 marks)

Us (paragraph 1) refers to .....

which (paragraph 3) refers to .....

6- Do you think that this type of marriage will succeed? Why? Why not?(01 mark)

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I- Language (10 marks)

**1- Fill in the blanks with seven words from the box below. (03.5 marks)**

need – Seek – wants – whom – weather – by– who – about –skills

Becoming educated, whether within an academic institution or outside of one, in my opinion, is certainly a requirement for success. If a farmer .....to be a successful farmer, they must learn ..... the land, their crops, and the ..... If an individual wants to be successful at life ..... maintaining a happy and healthy home and family, they will also ..... to be “educated” in .....such as communication and conflict resolution. Anyway you slice it; people ..... are successful have been educated to do so.

**2- Put the bracketed words in the right tense / form. (03.5 marks)**

If playing video games makes kids less active – and contributes to obesity – why not create more video games that require activity? That’s the question (**prompt**) ..... by a Mayo Clinic research study published in the current issue of the journal (**medicine**) ..... journal Paediatrics. “We know if kids play video games that require movement, they burn (**much**) ..... energy than they would while (**sit**) ..... and playing traditional games. That’s pretty obvious even without our data,” (**say**) ..... Lorraine Lanningham-Foster, Ph.D., Mayo (**obese**) ..... researcher and study leader. “The point is that children – very focused on screen games – can be made (**healthy**) ..... if activity is a required part of the game.”

**3- Circle the right option (03 marks)**

Through going to an online school can mean a lot of benefits for students. You may find that online learning just isn’t for you. Here are (**any – some – much**) of the disadvantages associated (**to – for – with**) the online learning process. (**Attending – Attend – Attended**) an online education course really requires patience and persistence. Because you don’t have an instructor there to guide you, it is up to you to make sure that you (**work – understand – practice**) and complete all course requirements. You also have to make the time to study, contribute comments to student forums and chat rooms, as well as complete all assignments and tests. If you aren’t extremely (**used – accustomed – dedicated**) or have good time (**management – achievement – amusement**) skills, it can make completing an online course very difficult.

### III-Writing (15 marks)

#### 1- Guided Writing (05 marks)

Comment on the data in the chart in a five-line paragraph comparing the two countries. Focus on the similarities and the differences.

| <i>Countries</i> | <i>Female literacy</i> | <i>Life expectancy</i> | <i>Income per capita</i> |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>France</i>    | 99.2%                  | 82.6 years             | \$ 29.120                |
| <i>Mali</i>      | 89.7 %                 | 48 years               | \$ 2.130                 |

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#### 2- Free Writing (10 marks)

The World Bank Group thinks that the brain drain is beneficial to developing countries. To what extent do you agree with this opinion? Write a 10-line paragraph in which you state your opinion about the issue.

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