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OPTION A: "Asking for Help Helps Meeting People."

1 Self-help books explaining how to improve your life all by yourself are bestsellers. However, *Mayday! Asking*
2 *Others for Help in Times of Need* is highly original: it explains how to overcome your shyness and get other people's
3 help. Its author, Nora Klaver, a successful business woman, was interviewed and said how she got the idea.

4 This came to her when she realised that she was successful, financially stable and travelling the world over,
5 but the people around her were more interested in taking from her than in giving back to her. When she became
6 seriously ill, the doctor said she needed an operation and someone to care for her during the week after the surgery.
7 Then she called her boyfriend and told him she needed him to stay with her. Two days before the operation, he left
8 her. So, she had no one to help her and realised that she didn't want to live that way anymore and that she needed
9 to find friends and loved ones who would give her as much as she gives them. Then she started focusing on this idea
10 of asking for help as a way of meeting new people.

11 American society loves individual autonomy so much, it is part of it. Following the myth of the cowboy on the
12 range, everyone wants to prove that they are self-sufficient, that they can do it their own way. But it's just ... too
13 difficult, it's exhausting and Nora doesn't believe that is the way people should live. She thinks we should live
14 together in a community and not as individuals all by ourselves.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. What makes Nora Klaver's book different from other self-help books?
2. What happened to Nora Klaver when she needed help?
3. What did she decide to do to change her life?

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. Nora Klaver used to give more than she received.
5. Nora's idea is that the best way for people to live is being independent.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. GIVE ONE SYNONYM FOR "call" (verb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 7).
7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD MEANING "to become aware of something" (verb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE FOR "dependent" (adjective).
9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "explain" (verb).
10. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: She started focusing on this idea.
11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: She told him: "Stay with me after the operation."
12. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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13. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

If you had come to the wedding, you (meet) ... him.

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS. FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE TOPIC:

Describe your ideal friend – what do you think s/he should be like?

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OPTION B: “Emerging Market Giants”

- 1 Maybe you haven't noticed it, but we are in the middle of a historic change in global economic power. That's the
2 funny thing about world's changing events, you never notice them until they're over. This power transfer is from West
3 to East, from the US and Europe to emerging market giants: Brazil, Russia, India and China (collectively known as
4 the BRIC countries). The BRICs are getting rapidly richer, while we are accumulating the debts. Where will it end?
5 The figures are amazing, especially when you look at China. Its population is 1.35 billion, more than 20 times the
6 UK's, with a workforce of an astonishing 812 million people. It's the world's second-largest economy and the biggest
7 exporter on the planet. It is also the world's largest creditor nation. According to some estimates, by 2025 China will
8 have substituted the US as the global economic superpower. By 2034, India will have knocked the US into third
9 place. The BRICs are younger and hungrier than us, and catching up fast. But you have to put their success into
10 perspective. As the BRICs grow richer, they are likely to encounter many of the problems we have. China's
11 population is getting old rapidly, due to its one-child policy, just as in the West. Russia's population is actually
12 decreasing due to high alcohol and tobacco abuse and low birth rates.
13 The BRIC countries can't continue to grow at the same pace year after year. Plenty of things could go wrong.
14 Their economies could overheat. Political corruption, growing inequality of wealth, inflation or poor infrastructure
15 could block their revival.

I * **COMPREHENSION** (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each) .

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. **What's the power transfer mentioned in the text?**
2. **Why is China's population getting old?**
3. **Which things could happen to make the BRICs success go wrong?**

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. **The world has just completed a historic change in the distribution of global economic power.**
5. **According to some estimates, in 2025 the US will stop being the world's most powerful economy.**

II * **USE OF ENGLISH** (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR “**surprising**” (adjective)
7. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION:
Chinese people are very fond.....drinking tea. at/ or/ of/ to.
8. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS “**power**” (noun). (LINE 2)
9. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **change / shift / charge / alter.**
10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **By the time we got to the airport, the plane (leave)**
11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: **If I had had good advice, . . .**
12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: **Kevin travelled to Moscow by train.**
13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED.
This car is too small for us. This car isn't . . .

III * **PRODUCTION** (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS. FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE TOPIC:
In what ways do you notice that we are in the middle of a serious economic crisis?