1. **Read the following article and answer the questions**

**‘A Marriage Made in Hell!’**

This is how Judge Margaret Pickles described the marriage of Patrick and Pauline Peters as she ordered them to spend fourteen days in prison for rowing.

The couple only married six months ago and already they are famous for their arguments. Neighbours complained that they could hear them shouting from the bus stop six hundred yards away. Mrs. Iris Fish, who lives opposite, said, ‘First I asked them nicely to stop because my baby couldn’t get to sleep, but they didn’t. Then my husband knocked at their door and told them to stop, but they still didn’t. They threw a chair at him out of the window. It just missed him! So that was it! We rang the police and asked them to come immediately.’

Mr. and Mrs. Peters admitted they frequently argued. Mrs. Peters said that she had accused Mr. Peters of wasting their money on drink and gambling. However, they denied throwing the chair. ‘I get very upset when Patrick spends the little we have at the pub or on horses. He promised to stop drinking, but he hasn’t stopped. It’s worse since he lost his job. OK, we were shouting, but we didn’t throw the chair at Mr. Fish. It... er... it... just fell out of the window.’

The judge clearly did not believe them. She reminded them that they had already had two previous warnings from the police and she told them that they would soon cool down in prison, especially as they would be in separate prisons. She advised them to talk to a marriage guidance counsellor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fish and their baby are looking forward to some sleep.

1. The Peters have been married for many years.  **TRUE**  **FALSE**

2. Why are they well-known by their neighbours?  

3. When did Mr and Mrs Fish decide to call the police?  

4. The Peters admitted that they had thrown a chair at Mr Fish.  **TRUE**  **FALSE**

5. Why didn’t the judge believe the Peters?  

2. **Read the following article about marriage in Bali and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word**

In Bali there is one form of marriage, the negerorod – marriage by running away – which is considered the most exciting because it is preceded by the honeymoon. The couple is not ____________________ considered courageous but ____________________ seen as heroic by their friends.

______________, the couple secretly decides to run away, usually to a friend’s house a good distance from the girl’s village. On the appointed day, the girl is suddenly carried off by her young man.

Balinese families are used to this type of wedding. ____________________ the girl’s family discover what has happened, they pretend to be worried. The father starts searching the surroundings. He asks ____________________ neighbours and friends if they know who took his daughter. ____________________, he never gets an answer. Even a close friend who may have helped his daughter pack her clothes, innocently says that she does not know anything about the affair ____________________, case the couple gets discovered.  

__________________ they pretend to be angry, the family usually know the young man very well and understand that ____________________ their daughter took some clothes, she left by her own choice.

No matter how couples get married, divorce is not difficult in Bali. A man merely reports to village authorities that his marriage is finished. The woman, ____________________ the other hand, simply goes back to her parents’ house.
3. Read about this couple and complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. When you see a + use a modal.

“I’ll marry you but only on a few conditions...”

When Clifford met Annie, they found they had one thing in common: they both loved lists. So together they wrote the ultimate list, a list of rules for their marriage. Although they __________ (not / finish) the list yet, this prenuptial agreement itemizes every detail of their life together, from shopping to sex.

Clifford and Annie ________________ (become) curiously famous since the details of their prenuptial contract ________________ (make) public by the local press. They wanted ________________ (sign) a legal document to regulate their life as husband and wife. Clifford and Annie ________________ (be) together for more than two years, and they ________________ (get) married next month. They believe that every couple ________________ (+ plan) their marriage.

When we asked Clifford why they ________________ (decide) to write such a list, he told us that he ________________ (be) married twice before and ________________ (+ not / happen) to his marriage with Annie.

4. Go on reading about this couple and complete the blanks with ONE word.

According to Clifford, “Many marriages fail. Why is that? Because they fail to plan. Planning your life together is ________________ complicated than getting a divorce. I will write a book about our experience in a couple of years to show ________________ I was right.”

So what are some of the rules?

We won’t raise our voices at ________________ other.

We will not use tobacco products.

We will go to bed and turn ________________ the lights by 11.30.

We will ________________ our house painted every two years.

We will not start a family ________________ the first years of our marriage.

The list goes on and on. It is long ________________ to cover every aspect of their life together. If ________________ of these rules are broken, they ________________ pay a fine to their partner out of personal savings.

Everyone wants to know if they will become the saviours of modern marriage or the butchers of romance. Will they get ________________ to follow so many rules? We’ll have to wait and see.

5. Complete the interview to Raj Kejriwal, an Indian lady whose marriage was arranged by her father.

Interviewer: ________________?

Raj: No, I had never seen him before.

Interviewer: ________________?

Raj: I’m not sure. I guess he chose him because he was well-educated, even if he wasn’t terribly wealthy. My father believes education is more important.

Interviewer: ________________?

Raj: Of course, I agreed. My father had chosen him.

Interviewer: ________________?

Raj: We’ve been married for twenty-two years.

Interviewer: ________________?

Raj: One reason why it works is that the couple enter the marriage not expecting too much, if you see what I mean.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following

- An Amazing Wedding
- “This is just how I wanted our life together to be like” (final sentence)