LISTENING COMPREHENSION (THE FIRST TERM)
Variant 2

1. Listen to Andrew and read the questions. Choose and circle the letter of the correct answer.

1) Andrew was sent...
   A) to a camp for troubled teens.
   B) to a boarding school.
   C) to a summer camp.

2) What was Andrew’s latest misbehaviour?
   A) He got a bad mark in Maths.
   B) He pushed his maths teacher down the steps.
   C) He made a tattoo.

3) In the camp Andrew had to...
   A) learn to live in the wild.
   B) do the cleaning and read a lot.
   C) do hard physical work.

4) How did Andrew change after six months in the camp?
   A) He became calm and reflective.
   B) He refused to watch TV and use a cell phone.
   C) He became even more impulsive.

2. Listen to the dialogue and mark the following statements as true or false.

   ________ 1) The dialogue takes place at a party.
   ________ 2) Jill prefers seats in the corner to those by the window.
   ________ 3) Jill is not really hungry.
   ________ 4) Jean is on a diet.
   ________ 5) Jill is a vegetarian.
   ________ 6) Jean prefers cheese to meat.
   ________ 7) Mint tea costs more than three dollars.
   ________ 8) Jean wants white coffee.
1. Read the text below. Fill in the gaps (1—7) with phrases (A—H). There is one choice you do not need to use.

**Eating out in the USA**

All restaurants in America accept cash for payment, and most (even some fast food restaurants) also accept credit cards. You will rarely find a restaurant that accepts checks.

It is common 1) _______ at a popular restaurant. There are many popular restaurants that do not accept reservations, or will only accept reservations for large parties (for example, six or more people). At these restaurants, the wait can be very long on a weekend night, sometimes 2) __________. However, almost all upscale, or more formal, restaurants will accept reservations.

There are only a few situations 3) __________. The one you will encounter most often is at restaurants. American restaurants do not add a service charge 4) __________. Therefore it is expected that the customer will leave a tip for the server. Common practice is to leave a tip that is equal to 15% of the total bill for acceptable service, and about 20% 5) __________. If the service was unusually poor, then you could leave a smaller tip, about 10%.

Other professions where tipping is expected include hairdressers, taxi drivers, hotel porters, parking valets, and bartenders. The general rule is 6) __________ of the bill. In situations where there is no bill (as with hotel porters and parking valets), the tip may range from $1 to $5, depending on the type of establishment and on 7) __________.

A) to the bill  
B) which are not on the menu  
C) for superior service  
D) how good the service was  
E) to have to wait for a table  
F) up to one hour  
G) where tipping is expected  
H) to tip approximately 15%
Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (1—5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

Planning for College

It is really important that as a student in high school, you begin planning your college career as early as possible. Some of the decisions you make as early as the 8th grade can have an effect on your college career. They affect how soon you’ll go to college, what type of college you’ll attend, and even whether you’ll go to college at all. Here are some ways to start planning as soon as possible:

1) __________ D __________

Getting ready for college isn’t all work. Find something you really like doing, then dive into it. Maybe you’re drawn to sports, student council, music, art, etc. You’ll develop skills and show colleges your ability to make a commitment and stick with it.

2) __________

How can you find out about college admissions, work, and campus life? Ask someone who’s done it, such as college students who went to your high school. Get to know your counsellors. You may also talk to your teacher or do Web research.

3) __________

When parents haven’t been to college themselves, you may think they can’t help you. That’s not true. They can talk to teachers and help you stay on the right path.

4) __________

Look for adults who can lend their enthusiasm and help you succeed at your goals. If you’re interested in a particular subject or activity, talk to a teacher or leader who knows about it. Find someone you trust to talk about your goals.

5) __________

If you have a problem that’s getting in the way of schoolwork, don’t ignore it. Talk to your friends, family, or another adult — parent, coach, teacher — who may be able to offer advice.

A) Get Facts about Applying for College
B) Take Challenging Courses
C) Don’t Delay
D) Get Involved
E) Involve Your Family
F) Overcome Difficulties
G) Look for a Mentor
H) Get Help