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Read the selection below about generation gap. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

Different Minds

1. Is it normal to have different views? My family has members whose opinions vary widely. These opinions often result in interesting conversations, debates, and occasional **disagreements** at family gatherings. This often leads to hours of arguments, which help pass time during long vacation trips in the family car. Two members of my family with contrasting views are my brother and my father. I understand both of them fairly well, but their attempts to understand each other are less successful.

2. One of the main differences between my father and brother is their taste in music. My brother is a born musician who is passionate about music. He is currently studying Modern Music at the University of Texas. On the other hand, my father loves science, has no musical talent, and prefers classical music. This often causes a problem during long car trips. The family often becomes divided between those who want to listen to modern music and those who want to listen to classical music. To solve this problem, **compromises** are usually reached by listening first to classical music and then to modern music on our way back home.

3. In addition, my father and brother disagree about hair style. My brother has long hair, while my father gets his hair cut short. The length of my brother's hair bothers my father. Such a difference in hair styles reflects the contrasting opinions between <u>them</u>. As a matter of fact, the **generations** they belong to explain the reason for this gap. When my father was a teenager, all men had short hair. However, my brother grew up in the nineties when people felt more free in choosing the way they looked.

4. My father wanted a life that was not similar to that of his parents when he was still in his twenties. His father was a coal miner who had never gone past the fourth grade. My father, on the other hand, decided that he would go to college. He excelled in mathematics and science and had no time to study art or music. He worked his way through school and eventually earned a Ph.D. in Physics. My brother, however, grew up in a more open environment. He started to study music at an early age. He was exposed to a variety of opinions during his childhood and had the **opportunity** to meet people of various backgrounds. My father and brother had some real and logical reasons for making their choices.

5. Although my brother and father disagree on many subjects, they manage to get along very well. Both of them appreciate each other and share a few **interests**, such as fishing and car-racing. They also enjoy lively discussions on topics which they disagree about. They spend good family time together by exchanging ideas and sharing <u>them</u> with us. Different views can be a chance to learn and make the balance between generations.

Questions

A. Answer questions 1 to 3 in complete sentences of your own.

1. Based on Paragraph 1, what do the contrasting opinions between family members lead to? **(01)**
2. Based on Paragraph 2, what are the differences between the father and his son? Mention two. **(01)**
3. According to Paragraph 3, how would you describe the father's attitude towards his son's hair style? Justify. **(01)**
4. Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to? **(01)**
   a. them (Paragraph 3) b. them (Paragraph 5)

B. Complete the following sentences with information from Paragraphs 4 and 5. (01)

1. The father excelled in mathematics and science, while the writer's brother _____.
2. All the family members spend good time together when _____.

C. The reading selection has five paragraphs (1-5). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully, and then choose from paragraphs (1-5) the one that fits each extract. (01)

Extract (A): Dad drives slowly with the music on. Everyone feels happy and satisfied.

Extract (B): For example, they wore colorful jeans and had crazy haircuts that reflected their tastes.

D. Use context clues to find the meaning of each bold-typed word in the selection, and then fill in each blank with the correct word from the box. (02)

disagreements (Para.1)	compromises (Para. 2)	generations(Para.3)
opportunity (Para.4)	interests (Para. 5)	

1. Sometimes people are forced to reach _____ to solve conflicts.
2. People of the same generation usually have some common _____, such as gardening and playing golf.
3. All people should have the _____ to make their own choices.
4. It is believed that _____ are caused by lack of communication between family members.

E. In each of the following sentences, there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (02)

1. Two days ago, one of my friends were absent due to his mother's sickness.
2. When you will arrive at the airport tonight, Mohammad will be waiting for you.
3. My grandfather, which teaches English, is my best role model.
4. Paula wanted to know why didn't Joseph leave early.

F. Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (02)

1. I don't have enough money, so I can't buy a new cellphone.

If I …

2. We have contrasting opinions, but we share many things.

Although …

3. Parents give enough space to children.

Children …

4. Covid 19 is a worldwide disease. People need to be vaccinated.

Because …

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Answer Key

A.
1. The contrasting opinions between family members lead to interesting conversations, debates, and occasional disagreements. **(01)**
2. The father and the son have a different taste in music (the father likes classical music, but the son likes modern music); the father is a scientist/ or loves science; the son is passionate about music. **(01)**
3. The father hates/ dislikes/ disagrees with his son's hair style because he belongs to a different generation/ grew in different time. **(01)**
4. a. them (Paragraph 3): the father and the brother. b. them (Paragraph 5): the ideas. **(01)**

B. (01)
1. The father excelled in mathematics and science, while the writer's brother studied/excelled in music.
2. All the family members spend good time together when they exchange ideas and share them.

C. (01)
Extract A: paragraph 2
Extract B: paragraph 3

D. (02)
1. compromises
2. interests
3. opportunity
4. disagreements

E. (02)
1. were → was
2. will arrive →arrive
3. which → who
4. He wanted to know why Joseph didn't leave early.

F. (02)
1. If I had enough money, I would buy a new cellphone.
2. Although we have contrasting opinions, we share many things.
3. Children are given enough space by their parents.
4. Because Covid-19 is a worldwide disease, people need to get vaccinated.