Generation Gap

**1. Complete the following sentences.**

 Peter’s parents are very **conservative**. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allow him to visit his friends.



My parents are really **understanding**. We always discuss things together. They listen to us and try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us enough freedom.



My parents are always arguing about everything. I feel **embarrassed** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fight in front of people.

**2. Reading:**

**Read the following paragraphs and reorder them to get a coherent text. Then answer the questions!**

It was then that I decided to break the rules they had set down. So instead of coming home at 10 p.m, I would arrive at 11 p.m and then refuse to tell them where I had been. I somehow felt that if I broke their rules, they would realise that I was old enough to look after myself, and leave me alone.

Howerever, the arguments got worse and worse, and the more they tried to keep me in the house, the more **pig-headed** I got and the more I sneaked out.

Finally, one Saturday night I didn’t come until 2 a.m. My father wanted to know why I was so late. I refused to tell him. We had a huge argument which ended with me getting a taxi to my sister’s house.

What went wrong?

Yours Jane

Dear Editor,

Once, I asked if I could go to a party on Saturday night which finished at 11.30 p.m. Conservative as they were, my parents agreed, but on the condition that my dad came to pick me up at 10 p.m. I argued and argued about it but in the end, I had to agree. I knew I was going to be really embarrassed when my father came to pick me up, so I spent the whole party worrying. I didn’t speak to my parents for three days after that. My mother tried to explain how they both felt, but I didn’t want to listen.

1. What is Jane’s problem?
2. What do her parents think?
3. Do you agree with her or with her parents? Why?
4. If you were Jane what would you do to solve your problem?

**Read the letter then answer the questions below:**

Dear Melissa,

I’m a teenager and I have a lot of problems with my parents. They’re so old -fashioned. I don’t agree with them because they treat me like a two-year -old girl. They want me to lean on them for everything. They also don’t let me go to parties or stay out late with my friends. Besides, they’re dissatisfied with my school results. They say I must concentrate on school. My friends always laugh at me because my parents control me all the time. They say I‘m still a little child. All this makes me feel embarrassed. I ’m very angry and I think about breaking the rules and running away from house.

Jane,16

**Task 1: Tick the picture that best illustrates the passage**

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**Task 4: Find synonyms**

escape =.........................................

permit=................................................

depend on = .....................................

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Make fun of=.........................................

see eye to eye=..................................