



Ellie and Harris have each written about the problems they are facing/have faced and how they have dealt with them. Read each passage and then answer the questions below.

### Ellie

Il était difficile de résister à l'influence de mes amis parce que je ne voulais pas être différente ni exclu par mes amis. Je me forçais à regarder les mêmes émissions à aimer les mêmes acteurs pour m'intégrer. De surcroît, si je ne m'habillais pas de vêtements de marque, mes amis me moqueraient. Ça m'aurait vraiment triste car je n'avais assez d'argent pour des vêtements de marque ou chaque nouveau téléphone. Cependant, j'ai appris à ne pas faire attention à ce que mes amis pensent et maintenant je sais que je ne suis pas obligé d'avoir les mêmes goûts que mes amis. Il est important que vous soyez original et différent de vos amis.

1. Why was it difficult for Ellie to resist the influence of her friends? (2)
2. What would she do to fit in? (2)
3. Why would her friends mock her? (1)
4. Why did this make her sad? (2)
5. What did she learn? (2)
6. Translate the final sentence. (2)

Total: 11 marks

### Harris

Mes amis exercent une mauvaise influence sur moi. Depuis que j'avais commencé à sortir avec eux, j'ai fait moins d'efforts à l'école et maintenant je suis en échec quelques cours. De plus, des tensions entre moi et mes parents se sont formés. Mes amis m'encouragent à participer à des activités antisociales comme le vol et la consommation de drogues et d'alcool, ainsi qu'à sécher des cours. J'essaie de laisser des situations dans lesquelles je me sens mal à l'aise mais il est difficile de dire non lorsque on est une personne.

7. What has happened since Harris began hanging out with his group of friends? (3)
8. How do Harris' friends have a bad influence on him? (3)
9. What does he try to do? (2)
10. What does Harris say is hard to do? (1)

Total: 9 marks

**The Answer Scheme is on the following page.**

Answer Scheme

No. of Question	Expected Answer	Marks Available
1.	She didn't want to be different nor excluded by her friends.	2
2.	She forced herself to watch the same TV shows and like the same actors to fit in	2
3.	If she didn't wear branded clothing.	1
4.	She didn't have <u>enough</u> money for branded clothes or <u>every</u> new phone	2
5.	She learnt to not pay attention to what her friends thought. She now knows she isn't obliged to have the same tastes/likes as her friends	2
6.	It is important that you are original and different to your friends.	2
7.	He made less effort in class <u>and</u> now he is failing certain classes. Tensions between him and his parents have formed.	3
8.	They encourage him to participate in antisocial activities such as stealing and consuming drugs and alcohol, as well as skipping school.	2
9.	I try to leave situations in which I don't feel comfortable.	2
10.	It is difficult to say no <u>when</u> you are one person	1

Total : 20 marks

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