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Read the passage carefully. Base all your answers on information in the passage unless otherwise stated. All answers carry ONE mark each unless otherwise stated.

1. Some paragraphs in the passage are missing. Choose the appropriate paragraphs from the list below to complete the passage. Put the number of the appropriate paragraph for each of the missing paragraphs. (4 marks)

Paragraph 6: _____ Paragraph 9: _____ Paragraph 21: _____ Paragraph 23: _____

- (A) Hong Kong parents want their children to be proficient in both Chinese and English languages.
- (B) His gap year did not get off to a good start. He dislocated his kneecap but is now recovering. "I really enjoy working there and I am gaining experience, making money, and enjoying myself. So I can't ask for much more. I am very busy, but I prefer being busy to finding myself at home doing nothing," he says.
- (C) "Taking a gap year was the right decision for me, as I grew more independent over the year. That made the move to Manchester easier," she says.
- (D) Chinese parents tend to feel more secure seeing their children enrolled in university immediately after graduation. With such keen competition in the local system, the idea of a gap year is not popular.
- (E) Sue Gourlay, head of university counselling in the English stream at German Swiss International School, helps students decide what path to take after graduation.

2. The following people have all given advice for students considering taking a gap year.

Give ONE complete sentence for each of the following questions. (16 marks: 1 mark for content & 1 mark for language for each question.) (16 marks)

Emi Ichikawa Ng

*What qualifies her to give advice?

*What advice has she given?

Marie Marchand

*What qualifies her to give advice?

*What advice has she given?

Sue Gourlay

*What qualifies her to give advice?

*What advice has she given?

Jean-Pierre

*What qualifies him to give advice?

*What advice has he given?

3. Explain why both Emi and Jean-Pierre believed that their taking a gap year is a right decision. Give your answer in complete sentences. (2 marks) (1 mark for content & 1 mark for language)

4. Extended task (12 marks)

You have read this article and you plan to share it with your schoolmates at the morning assembly. Write the speech in about 200 words explaining what a gap year is, what the benefits can be and what students should consider before making the decision. (12 marks: 8 for content/ 2 for genre/ 2 for language accuracy)