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## Online Discussion Group



- \* Pay attention to the names of different users.
- \* Be aware of to whom a user writes a reply.

Rita is reading some messages about pets in an online discussion group. Read the messages carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 1-5 and complete Question 6. (12 marks @ 2 marks)

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http://www.petpet.com/discussgp Discussion Group X

22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20XX 19:32 Posted by Vincy

Topic: What pet should I keep?

I have good news to share with you all! I've always wanted to keep a pet. I have no brothers or sisters so I always feel lonely at home. I got good exam results this time so my mum agreed to let me keep one! I can't wait to have a lovely pet! What should I get?

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22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20XX 19:52 Posted by Mike

Vincy, I feel so happy for you! We can share our experiences of keeping pets later! I suggest you keep a dog. It will **keep you company**, so that you won't feel lonely any more. When you get home after school, it will be waiting for you at the door. Dogs always want their masters to play games like stick throwing with them. You can also teach them to perform tricks like standing on two legs! I have kept a puppy for three years. I don't feel bored at all as I play with it all the time!

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22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20XX 19:54 Posted by Jane

I agree that a dog will be good company for Vincy. However, I have known Vincy for about five years. I don't think it would be the best pet for her as she's such a busy student. Just as Mike said, dogs always want their masters to play with them. Vincy needs to attend tutorial classes, piano classes and drawing classes after school. She won't have enough time to play with it! It won't feel happy! I think a cat will be more suitable for her. Cats enjoy playing by themselves. Unlike dogs, cats do not need their owners to take them for a walk!

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22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20XX 19:59 Posted by Erica

Pets are living things, not toys. Besides playing with them, a good owner needs to give them healthy food and a clean place to stay in. Most importantly, we ought to take them to a vet when they are sick. I've treated quite a few pets which were sent to my clinic because their owners didn't look after them properly. This makes me sad. We must take good care of our pets! If we can't, we should not keep one!

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1. Why did Vincy's mum let Vincy keep a pet?
- A. Vincy did well at school.      B. Pets are lovely.
- C. Vincy feels lonely.      D. Vincy's mum likes pets.
2. In Mike's message, '**keep you company**' means \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. to perform tricks for you
- B. to stay with you
- C. to take care of you
- D. to play games with you
3. Which of the following is **NOT** true about Vincy?
- A. She is the only child in her family.
- B. She is always busy.
- C. She wants to teach her pet to do tricks.
- D. She is a friend of Jane.
4. What do we know about Mike from his message?
- A. His puppy is three years old.
- B. He hates playing stick throwing with his puppy.
- C. He enjoys being with his puppy.
- D. His puppy can stand on two legs.
5. If you want to keep a goldfish, what should you do to take good care of it?
- A. Take it for a walk      B. Play with it
- C. Feed it with healthy meals      D. Put it in a cage

6. From the messages in the online discussion group, find out who Vincy and Erica are. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

(i) Vincy : a \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Erica : a \_\_\_\_\_

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