A. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Ever done something you didn't want to do, just to fit in? Or just because your friends wanted you to? That's peer pressure. And just about everyone feels it at one time or another.

Peers are people your age, such as your friends, who have experiences similar to yours. Your peers influence your decisions and behavior every day, and they can push you to make bad choices, even dangerous ones. But is peer pressure *always* bad?

Positive Spin on Peer Pressure

Peer pressure can sometimes be a good thing. Friends can give you the courage to try something you normally wouldn't, like a new sport or auditioning for the school play.

Nicole S., 16, of Edmore, N.D., used to be afraid of singing in front of people. One time, her friends convinced her to sing karaoke with them. She ended up having fun! "Now I will sing anywhere, even with people present. Positive peer pressure helped me face my fear," she says.

Pressure's On!

You are surrounded by your peers all the time, and you learn a lot—both good and bad—by just being around them. You might admire a star athlete. Maybe you notice the popular kids at school and look up to them. Those aren't necessarily bad things. The popular group could be really nice; the athlete, a hard worker. Being inspired and influenced by different peer groups could help you in the long run.

The people around you can also be negative influences, however. Maybe a star teammate tells you never to pass the ball to a certain player, or a popular student cheats on tests or sends mean texts. Should you try to be like them to fit in?

Peer Pressure Is a Fact of Life

It's not a matter of *if* peer pressure is going to happen, it's a matter of *when.*

The main thing is not to compromise who you are. The kind of coolness and popularity you think you may get by joining the crowd and doing risky stuff is temporary. Your character is with you for the rest of your life.

Nicole agrees. "My motto is be who you are, not who others want you to be," she says.

Peer pressure is powerful, but the ability to choose is yours. If a situation feels wrong, there's a good chance it is wrong. Think about what's best for you—and what you'll say or do—before you're in a sticky situation.

Make pacts with your friends to stay away from risky situations together and to support one another when the going gets tough. Talk with your parents about ways they can "bail you out" if you need to save face with your peers.

Q1. What is peer pressure?

Q2. What is the passage trying to persuade readers to do?

Q3. Peer pressure can be a good thing. What evidence from the passage supports this statement?

Q4. Why might someone give in to peer pressure from friends?

Q5. What is this passage mostly about?

B. Read the conversation given below. Identify the speech(direct or indirect) in which it has been written. Rewrite the passage in the other way by making appropriate changes.

"Could you tell me the way to the railway station?"the lady asked.
"I'm sorry,"Gina replied, "but I don't know. If you ask in the shop, I'm sure Mr. Fold will know."
"Thank you very much. I'll do that," replied the lady.

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Maths

1. Annie, Betty and Corina went to the farm to pick apples. Annie picked one 3rd of what Betty picked. Betty picked 4 times as many as Corina did. If Corina picked 27 apples, how many apples did Annie and Betty each pick?

2. Add +, -, x, ÷ and/or ( ) to make the equation work : 5   5   5   5   5 = 10

3. Marie's watch goes 2 minutes faster than it supposed to move every hour. She set the watch at 8:00 am in the morning to a correct time. (a) What time does her watch show at 1:00 pm that day? (b) When Marie's watch shows 3:14 pm, what is the correct time?

4. It takes Jay 25 minutes to walk to the car park and 45 to drive to work. At what time should he get out of the house in order to get to work at 9:00 a.m.?

5. Jiya read the quarter of the time that Tushar read. Tushar read only two-fifth of the time that Siya read. Siya read twice as long as Manya. If Manya read 5 hours, how long did Jiya read?

6. How many minutes are there in a week?

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