

TEXT E: Family reunion

ANSWERS

- a** Why was Safiya originally not going to attend the reunion? Why was she able to come after all? 2 marks

(originally not attending) because she was supposed to be on a soccer training weekend

(able to come) because her coach got chickenpox / was sick

- b** How many rock 'n' roll bands is Grandma May a member of? 1 mark

three

- c** What was supposed to happen to Mitch on his eighteenth birthday? 1 mark

He was going to join the family business.

- d** Why doesn't Erin usually know any family gossip? 1 mark

She is too busy studying.

- e** Erin is not sure about telling Safiya that their aunt is going to have a baby. How can you tell she feels this way? Give **one** example of her language and **one** example of the way she speaks. 2 marks

Possible examples of language include:

- 'well
- 'er'
- 'oh'
- 'not supposed to'
- 'shouldn't'

Possible examples of how she speaks include:

- She pauses several times.
- She repeats herself.
- Some of her sentences are incomplete.

- f** What does Erin mean by 'my lips are sealed'? 1 mark

that she is not going to give the information / say which aunt is going to have a baby

- g** Suggest **two** words to describe the interaction between the cousins. 2 marks

Possible answers include:

- friendly
- casual
- familiar
- warm