

## 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' rolls 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