Word formation and collocations

Use of English practice — the same task type as in your exam. Work alone first, then compare with a partner.

Part A — Word formation

Write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS in each gap.

#	Sentence	Word
1	My elder brother is the most _____ person I know — he never forgets a promise.	**RELY**
2	She is very _____ and wants to study medicine abroad.	**AMBITION**
3	My family was very _____ during my exams; they helped me every day.	**SUPPORT**
4	We had a long _____ about who should do the housework.	**ARGUE**
5	Teachers need a lot of _____ with a class of thirty students.	**PATIENT**
6	His _____ made his sister cry — he should choose his words carefully.	**CRITICISE**
7	My grandmother's _____ surprised everyone: she forgave him at once.	**FORGIVE**
8	A few words of _____ from a teacher can change a student's year.	**ENCOURAGE**
9	He is always _____ to older people and listens without interrupting.	**RESPECT**
10	He is very _____ — he notices when somebody is upset.	**SENSE**

Part B — Collocations

Complete each phrase with ONE word from the box — some words are used more than once. Then write two of the phrases in your own sentences.

Word box: about, after, chores, errands, in, on, up

#	Phrase	#	Phrase
1	rely _____ somebody	6	catch _____ with an old friend
2	keep _____ touch with relatives	7	look _____ to your elder brother
3	get _____ well with your parents	8	take _____ your mother
4	argue _____ money	9	do the _____ on Saturday morning
5	depend _____ the weather	10	run _____ for a neighbour

Part C — Speaking

In groups of three, answer with at least three sentences. Use the words from today's list — underline them in your notes.

1. Who do you take after in your family, and in what way?
2. How do families in Uzbekistan keep in touch these days? Has this changed?
3. Should children share the housework? Say why, using 'as a rule' and 'from time to time'.
4. Which habit in your family do you think is the best one? Answer with 'as a rule', 'from time to time' and one stative verb.
5. Is it better to grow up in a large family or a small one?

Answer key (teacher's copy)

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Part A: 1. reliable; 2. ambitious; 3. supportive; 4. argument; 5. patience; 6. criticism; 7. forgiveness; 8. encouragement; 9. respectful; 10. sensitive

Part B: 1. on; 2. in; 3. on; 4. about; 5. on; 6. up; 7. up; 8. after; 9. chores; 10. errands