Help is at Hand

‘Being a teenager has never been easy, and, from all our research, it seems to be getting more difficult every year.’ So says Janet Faulkner, Director of Child Power UK. Helping Hand, a new service for 13 to 19 year olds, is her brainchild. ‘I realized that there was lots of help at hand for young people in extreme difficulty. They can ring Childline, for example, if they are suffering from bullying or have run away from home, things like that, but nothing for the more everyday problems they face. And so I created Helping Hand to fill the gap’.

The concept is simple. A thirteen-year-old girl is being teased by her older brother. A teenage boy feels embarrassed every time he goes shopping with his mum. Someone is jealous of their best friend because they’ve got a cool new CD player. Who do they turn to? Helping Hand. ‘They are little things, yes,’ says Janet, ‘but all problems need to be sorted out and talked about. And often it’s better to talk to a complete stranger about these things, rather than someone you know really well. We provide a 24-hour free service to do two main things – listen sympathetically, and offer advice where appropriate.’

Helping Hand doesn’t claim to be able to solve every problem. ‘We can’t work miracles,’ says Andrew Carter, a counselor, ‘and we can’t make all problems disappear just like that, but Helping Hand gives kids the chance to express their frustrations and anxieties, and that’s a help in itself. I had a teenager the other day who had just split up with his girlfriend. He didn’t want to talk to anyone in his family about it, and his friends just joked about it when he brought the subject up. He really just needed somebody to listen to him. And that’s what we’re there for.’

Ответьте на следующие вопросы:
1. Helping Hand is a new service for teenagers in extreme difficulty, isn’t it?

2. What is the idea of creating such service?

3. Does Helping Help solve all problems that teenagers turn to with?

Дайте расширенный ответ на следующий вопрос (120-150 слов):
4. How do teenagers in your country try to sort out their problems?
БЛОК 2. ВАРИАНТ 2

2 A. Выберите правильный ответ.

1) Ian ....... a shower at the moment, so could you call back in about half an hour.
   a) takes       b) has been taken       c) is taking

2) ....... to Warsaw before?
   a) Do you ever go       b) Have you ever been       c) Are you ever going

3) I ....... to all the local newspapers and TV stations to complain.
   a) already write       b) have already been writing       c) have already written

4) ....... TV for the last four hours? Turn it off and get some exercise!
   a) Are you watching       b) do you watch       c) Have you been watching

5) Mike, ....... hockey competitively or just for fun?
   a) do you usually play       b) are you usually playing       c) have you usually played

6) One morning they woke up to find to their dismay that their car ......... from outside their house.
   a) was stolen       b) had been stolen       c) have been stolen

7) Jessica has ....... left, I’m afraid.
   a) yet       b) still       c) already

8) Dan ....... in the living room while we redecorate his bedroom.
   a) sleeps       b) is sleeping       c) has slept

9) Unfortunately, Simone ....... A day off very often.
   a) isn’t getting       b) hasn’t got       c) doesn’t get

10) Actually, I ....... a cup of tea first thing every morning, but then I switch to coffee.
    a) am drinking       b) do drink       c) have been drinking
2 Б Составьте предложения.

1. was /hospital/ is /born/ which /I/ reconstructed /The /in /being .

2. He/ appointment/ forgot /sorry /said /their /was/he/ he.

3. sugar /said/ have /a/ content/ high/ this /to/ juice/ is.

4. covering /they/ I/ were /sure /something/ up/ am.

5. problems /think/ people/ of /unemployment /are /most /society's /result/ the.
БЛОК 3. ВАРИАНТ 4.

3 A. Выберите правильный вариант.

1) John ...... me that he was ill.
   a) told   b) said   c) explained

2) His parents wouldn’t ...... Him stay out later than 10.30 at night.
   a) allow   b) permit   c) let

3) I never wear red. It’s a colour that just doesn’t ...... me.
   a) go with   b) suit   c) match

4) Everyone said they had ...... themselves at the wedding.
   a) pleased   b) enjoyed   c) excited

5) Thick fog prevented the plane ...... taking off.
   a) from   b) of   c) in

6) If you persist ...... talking during class, I will have to punish you.
   a) on   b) at   c) in

7) He has tried to give ...... smoking twice.
   a) away   b) off   c) up

8) I was asked to hold ...... while Mr. Smith was fetched to the phone.
   a) with   b) on   c) down

9) They had a quarrel ...... the date of the party.
   a) about   b) with   c) of

10) Her secret was given ...... by her friend by mistake.
    a) out   b) off   c) away
Закончите предложения, используя слова в рамке. Используйте каждое слово один раз.

a) Don’t take any ..... of Chris – he’s always rude to everyone.

b) He showed great ..... of the situation – he could see exactly what was really happening.

c) Unfortunately, the holiday did not meet our ..... .

d) The man’s strange behavior aroused the ..... of the police officer.

e) According to my ..... , we should have enough money for the rest of the month.

f) We were given three different ..... for the cost of repairs to our car.

g) Richard is great. He ..... people whenever he can.

h) Your assistant ..... me that the delivery will be here today.

i) The money I inherited ..... me to do a lot more things.

k) The new system .... A faster service.