Tasks for MIDTERM exam

1. You have decided to enter a short story competition. The competition rules say that the story must begin with the following words "I will never forget my first day at …".
2. Your college magazine has invited you to suggest helpful ways of remembering new vocabulary in English. Write an article for the magazine, giving your suggestions.
3. You have a part-time job in a bookshop. The manager wants to make the shop more popular with young people and has asked you to write a report making some recommendations.
4. Your English pen-friend wants to start learning your language and has written to you for advice and information. Write a letter to your pen-friend, giving advice about how to learn your language and telling him or her what you think the main difficulties will be.
5. You have been doing a class project on how people live today. Your teacher has asked you to write a composition giving your opinions on the following statement: Life is much better today than in the past.
6. "Good stories always have happy endings". Is this true of the book which you have read?
7. Write a letter to a friend, encouraging him or her to read the book which you have read. Give several reasons why you think he or she would enjoy it.
8. What were your favorite TV shows when you were a child? What effect do you think they had on you? What are some shoes children watch today? What is your opinion on them?
9. Should there be regulations concerning the content of children`s shows?
10. Do you think that a name of a person has a really impact on his character and even fate?
11. Were there any special reasons for your parents to give you your name? Do you like it, why?
12. Have you got any preferences in the names of boys and girls? What and why? Does it really matter for you what name a person has? Give arguments for your answers.
13. Who is the most famous living writer in your country? What do you know about her/his life and work?
14. Who is your favorite British and American writer? What do you know about their lives and works?
15. What should the punishment be for minors (kids under the age of twenty-one) when they kill innocent people?