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**Part A. Reading Comprehension.**

**Read the following text:**

**First-born, middle or last-born?**

“Where do you come in your family?” According to Frank Sulloway, a US sociologist, the order in which we came into this world –first-born, middle or last-born– can not only help shape our personality, it could affect the success of our relationships, too. Sulloway has interviewed more than 6000 people over the past 26 years in an attempt to prove this theory: “Children compete for a place in the family”, he says, “and if one role has already been taken, later-born children have to choose from what’s left”. Because first-borns begin life with exclusive parental attention, they are often more open to accepting their parents’ values, while later-born children, forced to compete for a place in the family, may grow into rebellious adults.

So if birth order has such a significant impact on our behaviour, does it affect our interaction with other people? Can we, for example, judge the suitability of our partners by their birth order? Absolutely, says Sulloway, “Birth order is an excellent way of telling whether a relationship will survive. For example, a marriage between a typical first-born husband, who’s dominating and assertive, and a later-born wife who likes being looked after, is very likely to work out”.

*Marie Claire, April 2002, p. 111*

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**I. Answer the following questions using your own words (2 points: 1 point each)**

- a. What do children have to do when a place in the family has already been taken?
- b. Why does Sulloway believe that a marriage between a typical first-born husband and a later born wife will probably be successful?

**II. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? (1 point: 0.5 each)**

- a. Later-born children usually agree with their family values.
- b. Birth order is a good way of knowing whether a relationship will be successful or not.

**III. Find a word or expression in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point: 0.5 each)**

- a. Favourable result or achievement
- b. Companions

**IV. Choose a, b, or c, in each question below. Only one choice is correct (2 points: 0.5 each)**

1. The order in which we are born affects...
  - a) both our personality and our relationships.
  - b) only our personality.
  - c) neither our personality nor our relationships.

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2. Sulloway interviewed ...

- a) more than 6000 people 26 years ago.
- b) over 6000 people in 26 years.
- c) more than 6000 people for over 26 years.

3. We know whether a partner is adequate for us...

- a) by his or her birth order.
- b) by his star sign.
- c) by being dominating and assertive.

4. A marriage between a first-born and a middle or last-born is...

- a) always successful.
- b) never successful.
- c) often successful.

**Part B. Composition (100-150 words approximately). Choose one of the following topics (4 points)**

- 1. Do you think birth order has an influence on our behaviour? Explain why.
- 2. Would you prefer to be an only child or to have brothers and sisters? Explain why.