

Revision Guide: Module 1 - In Time of Test, Family is Best

1. Overview

This module focuses on the complexities of family life, exploring the division of roles, parental-teenage dynamics, communication challenges, and the emotional bonds that hold a family together.

2. Key Vocabulary

Family Roles

- **Instrumental Roles:** Task-oriented responsibilities necessary for daily living (e.g., providing money, shelter, food, shopping, chores).
- **Affective Roles:** Emotional support, comfort, and nurturance (e.g., reassurance, listening, bonding).

Conflict & Communication

- **Exert pressure:** Applying strong demands on someone.
- **Barge in:** Interrupting someone rudely.
- **Blow out of proportion:** Making a small issue seem much worse.
- **Overwhelmed / Frustrated / Sloppy:** Emotional and behavioral descriptors.

3. Essential Grammar

A. Conditional Sentences (Type 1)

Form: If + Present Simple, Present Simple/Future/Imperative.

Example: "If I get a B on a test, he tells me I didn't study enough."

B. Verbs of Influence & Causation

Verb	Pattern	Example
Want	want + sb + to-infinitive	He wants me to study harder.
Make	make + sb + bare infinitive	She made me clean the room.

Let	let + sb + bare infinitive	They let me go out.
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4. Functional Language

Speaking Skills

- **Complaining:** "I am really overwhelmed," "I feel like a puppet."
- **Interrupting:** "Could I stop you here for a moment?"
- **Disagreeing:** "You have a point, but..."

5. Key Insights from Module Texts

- **Poem ("A Family"):** Defines a family by its shared moments—the laughter, tears, and small daily experiences—rather than just physical tasks.
- **Kelly's Letter:** Highlights the conflict caused by excessive parental pressure and control, leaving the teenager feeling unheard and overwhelmed.

6. Exam Writing Tips

When writing about family issues:

- Start with a clear introduction.
- Use specific examples of misunderstandings.
- Propose constructive improvements (communication, mutual respect).
- Use transition words to maintain coherence.