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Section 1. Vocabulary

Match the words with their synonyms

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Section 2. Fill in the blanks

Complete the text using the following words, two of which are not used.
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Section 3. Multiple choice questions

Choose the best answer

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Section 4. Short Answer

Write no more than three words and/or a number

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