1. Reading

A Read the article quickly. Check (√) the words that describe each blood type.

1. Blood Type A
   □ shy  □ forgetful  □ honest  □ hardworking
2. Blood Type O
   □ thoughtful  □ outgoing  □ athletic  □ popular
3. Blood Type B
   □ creative  □ animal lover  □ independent  □ organized
4. Blood Type AB
   □ cold  □ popular  □ shy  □ creative

B Read the article slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

Blood Type and Personality

Everybody knows their blood type, don’t they? No? Well, they do in Japan!

Matching personality to blood type is very popular there. It all started in 1927 with studies of blood types and certain personalities by Furukawa Takeji, a Japanese psychologist.

People who believe in blood type theory think that people with blood type A are shy, artistic, and honest. They’re also hardworking and organized. Type O people are outgoing and popular, but they don’t always finish what they start. They can be athletic, too. Type B people are creative, independent, and have strong personalities. They’re often animal lovers. And people who have type AB blood can be outgoing and popular, but they can also be cold and shy. They also care about others.

According to this theory, people who have blood type A get along best with other type A people or type AB people. Type B people do better with people who are type B or AB. Type O people are more compatible with type O or AB. And type AB people can get along with everyone!

Blood type theory isn’t very scientific. But it’s a lot of fun, isn’t it?
C Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

□ according to (prep.) □ compatible (adj.) □ psychologists (n.) □ theories (n.)
□ blood type (n.) □ match (v.) □ scientific (adj.)

1. Those plaid pants don’t _______________ that striped shirt very well.
2. _______________ are doctors who help the minds of people.
3. _______________ the newspaper, it’s going to rain today.
4. There are many _______________ about how our world was created.
5. We’re very _______________ because we agree about many of the same things.
6. The book was about _______________ exploration on the moon.
7. If I need blood someday, my doctor has to know my _______________.

D Answer the questions.

1. Do the Japanese enjoy matching personality and blood types?
   
   Yes, they do.

2. Furukawa Takeji was the first person to study personality and blood types, wasn’t he?

3. Type A people are artistic and outgoing, aren’t they?

4. Do Type O people always finish what they start?

5. Type O people are most compatible with type O or type AB people, aren’t they?

6. Blood type theory is very scientific, isn’t it?

E What do you think? Answer the questions. Give reasons.

1. Do you think it’s important to know your blood type?

2. In your opinion, which blood type is the best?

3. Do you believe that people with certain blood types are more compatible?

4. Do you think it’s a good idea to match blood types with personalities?

5. Do you agree that matching blood types to personalities isn’t very scientific?
2. Writing

A What kind of personality do you like in a friend? Answer the questions.

1. What’s your personality like?

2. Do you like people with the same personality as you? Why or why not?

3. What are the three most important things you like in a friend?

4. What are the three things you don’t like in a friend?

5. What kind of personality does your best friend have?

B Write an article about the kind of personality you like in a friend.
Use the information in Part A to help you.