Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions .

Person A

Liberal democracy **relies upon** direct participation by individuals. From this point of view, our democracy is endangered by a lack of participation. The **resolution** of **such a crisis** may in a small way **restrict** some personal liberties, but it is in the **interests** of society as a whole. We **compel** people **to wear** seat belts when riding in a vehicle. **(＿＿＿＿＿)**, we should not **be afraid to** do the same in case of voting. Low participation rates are **doubly** dangerous. They mean our politicians are not representative of the population **as a whole**. Also, **since** the poor and disadvantaged **are** far less **likely to** vote than any other group, they can easily be ignored by mainstream politicians.

Person B

There are many reasons why people do not vote. Many people cannot **get away from** work, or find someone to **look after** their children. Some cannot physically **get to** a polling booth, and others are simply not interested in politics. None of them can be **affect**ed by **forcing** people **to vote**. Those who cannot will continue not to , and those who are not interested will vote randomly or for minority candidates. Their absentation from voting should **be regarded as** a democratic right**.** The right to free speech is **complement**ed by the right to silence.( **＿＿＿＿＿)**, the right to vote should be balanced by the right to absentation.

1. What do you think the **main topic** of the passages above is?

① raising the voting age

② introducing **mandatory** voting

③ establishing democratic rights

④ ensuring a fair election process

⑤ restricting the right to free speech

2 .What is the appropriate **connective words** that satisfy both blanks ?

① Likewise

② However

③ Besides

④ In contrast

⑤ For example

3. Who do you agree with ? describe the reason with brief .

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| To Whom | The reason |
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