I The following sentences contain mistakes in the relative clauses. Find and correct them.

She must get up early, what she doesn’t like. → which

a. The river who flows through Paris is called the Seine.
b. Are you laughing at the man whom is my friend?
c. They stayed 6 months in the USA, what was beneficial for their English.
d. He asked for the same information, that was very rude.
e. This is the man which I gave the ticket to.

II Put the correct relative pronouns in the spaces below.

a. The woman __________ daughter lives in our street, is a journalist. She has a dog __________ barks loudly at night.
b. The girl __________ answered the phone was my cousin. She is the person __________ I trust the most.
c. The man __________ came will tell you the news. He is the man __________ words you can rely on.
d. Things went wrong, __________ was unexpected, and there was no one there __________ could help us.
e. Those __________ were present at the lectures will tell you everything __________ you need.

III Join the following sentences to make defining relative clauses using an appropriate relative pronoun as a connective.

The woman came in for an interview. She failed the test

The women who/that came in for an interview failed the test.

a. The man doesn’t know his trade. He made this software.
b. The letter had no stamp on it. We received it today.
c. All the people were suited for the job. They applied through our site.
d. The painting has been sold. You were talking about it last week.
e. I met some people at the seaside. They were all tourists.
Answer key:

I

a. → that
b. → who
c. → which
d. → which
e. → whom/that (it's also common to use 'who' when speaking informally)

II

a. whose; that
b. who/that; whom/that
c. who/that; whose
d. which; who/that
e. who/that; that

III

a. The man who/that made this software doesn't know his trade.
b. The letter that we received today had no stamp on it. / The letter, which we received today, had no stamp on it. (if it's being said as extra information, you would use 'which')
c. All the people who/that applied through our site were suited for the job.
d. The painting that you were talking about last week has been sold.
e. I met some people at the seaside who/that were all tourists.

Remember 'that' is normally used in defining/restrictive relative clauses instead of 'which'.