READING COMPREHENSION TEST # 6.
"RADAR CHECK POINT"

SITUATION REPORT # 1

On Tuesday 30th of August 2005 at 0715hrs, the Chief of the Traffic Police division located in Tubmanburg Town Palm Street -14, reported for duty. He was a 43-year old Major of Police. He usually report for duty forty five minutes earlier than his subordinates. This period he uses to read through latest reports about violations of traffic rules. A report dated 29th August 2005 which was signed by Traffic Police Sergeant Francis Smith, stated that on the Highway between towns Monrovia and Tubmanburg , violations of speed limit went sufficiently low during last two weeks of the month than in the beginning of the month. This caught the attention of the Police chief.

SITUATION REPORT # 2

The Chief of the Traffic Police Division was very much aware that the road condition near the check point was very good and that drivers often over speed and violated the 80 kilometers speed limit in spite of the speed limit sign located 100 meters before the check point. The Chief of the Traffic Police Division invited Sergeant Smith to his office at 1000hrs for a discussion. The Chief asked the Sergeant when it came to his attention that the drivers at this particular point drove with courtesy that was unusual. Sergeant Smith said that he was also surprised and that he had even sent the radar equipment for maintenance on 26th August. The technician had however told him that the radar was well adjusted and needed no repairs. Consequently, the Chief of Police assigned the sergeant the task of checking the highway 2 kilometers before the check point.

SITUATION REPORT # 3

On 31st of August 2005 Sergeant Smith and his team mate Corporal Peter Zeigler arrived at Kilometer 24 of the Monrovia-Tubmanburg highway and began traffic surveillance duty at 0800hrs. The policemen had a perfect spot to mount their radar equipment to look out for speed limit violators. There were very few violators however. This was quite surprising so at 1130hrs, Sergeant Smith changed into civilian clothes and walked in the direction of the on coming traffic. After walking for half an hour, he discovered that at the bend of the road was a 12-year old boy standing with a hand-painted sign which read, "Radar Trap ahead". A few meters away was another boy, a 10-year old, with a sign reading "Tips" and a bucket full of coins. The officer did not reveal who he was but entered into a conversation with them. He asked who originated the plan. The older boy, whose name was William said that his father, who worked as an auto mechanic, had told him different stories about cars and traffic. This helped him conceive the plan. He then asked his 10 year old neighbor Alex to help him. During second half of August they used to take morning bus and looked out for a radar check point. Usually it was on 24th kilometer. The officer further asked how they spent the tips. Both boys said, they usually bought 2 chocolates and gave remaining money to their mothers, stating that they earned this money on the mail delivery. The officer did not ask them anything else. He returned to the radar check point and relocated their traffic observation point to 38th kilometer of the highway.

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QUESTIONS: READING TEST "A"
"RADAR CHECK POINT"

Q1: What is the address of the Traffic Police division?

Q2: During what part of August was the level of violations of traffic rules higher?

Q3: What traffic sign was located 100 meters before the check point?

Q4: On what date did Sergeant Smith send the radar equipment for maintenance?

Q5: What was the rank of Peter Zeigler?

Q6: What was written on the sign held by Alex?

Q7: What was the occupation of William's father?

Q8: Why could the boys not recognize Francis Smith as a policeman?

Q9: What did the boys say to their mothers about the money?

Q10: What was the final location of the radar check point?

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