

**Part 1****Questions 1-5**

Read the text below by Ahmed about his unforgettable journey.  
For questions 1–5, circle the correct answer **A, B, C or D**

**An unforgettable journey**

I have been in many bad buses, but I have never been in such a train in my entire life. Mom and I were travelling alone. We didn't take any food. Mom allowed me to buy chips and juice as my dinner, which wasn't the kind of food I would like to live on.

We boarded the train early in the evening around five. Upon reaching my coach, I realized that my train was, unfortunately, an ordinary sleeper class coach. I looked around and found out that my seat was next to the window. I love staring out of the window, but there was a lady sitting on my seat. It took almost an hour for me to get the window seat!

The window was open, but at sunset, when it already started to get a bit dark, I decided to close the window. I was glad that it wasn't so high. Despite how many times I tried, the window refused to close. After the hard efforts of my mom and me, the window came down, but then I realized that all my effort was for nothing as the glass was already broken and there was only a metal frame.

I had to put my feet up as there were a lot of little creatures moving around. They were walking as if they owned the place. Although I was fully awake, I climbed on to the upper bed as I hoped that it would be better up there. I did not bring any books to read. One of my main interests on a train is reading books.

We reached Cochin, and I was very glad to see my uncle and even gladder that this journey had come to an end. Though I love new experiences, I am pretty sure that I don't want to repeat this experience ever again! Now, my diary and I wait for our return trip.

- 1 What is the writer's main purpose in writing this text?
- (a) To share some of his travel hobbies.
  - (b) To compare between buses and trains.
  - (c) To give some useful tips for travelling by train.
  - (d) To describe a situation that he had never experienced before.
- 2 What was the writer's **first** disappointment when he boarded the train?
- (a) A lady is sitting on his seat.
  - (b) The train wasn't a first-class one.
  - (c) It took him an hour to find his seat.
  - (d) He waited too long to sit next to the window.
- 3 What made it worse about the window?
- (a) It was useless.
  - (b) It can't be reached easily.
  - (c) It needed too much effort to open.
  - (d) It was dirty, so he couldn't see the sun set.
- 4 Why did the writer decide to go to bed?
- (a) To be able to look out of the window.
  - (b) To avoid the insects on the ground.
  - (c) To read one of his favourite books.
  - (d) To take a nap after a long day.

5 What does the writer say at the end?

(a) Although it was hard but he would like to try similar experiences.

(b) He didn't want this journey to end because he loves new experiences.

(c) He is waiting for his next trip to have a new experience.

(d) He would go on the same train but will make sure to bring a book for reading.

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**Part 2****Questions 6-10**

Read the text below and choose the word that best fits each space. For each question **6–10**, circle the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D**.

**Ice Cream**

I scream, you scream! We all scream for ice cream! Most of us have happy memories of eating ice cream cake at special .....**(6)** ....., such as birthday parties or weddings. It's simple to make and serve, making it the perfect dessert for families, parties, and other events.

Ice cream is the perfect dessert for .....**(7)** .....season. In the summer, you can enjoy a delicious scoop of your favourite flavour of ice cream, and in the winter, you can have your favourite slice of hot pie in addition to your favourite flavor of ice cream.

Ice cream can be served in many different .....**(8)** ..... . In a cup, in a cone, or in a double cone—the options are various. You can take your favourite frozen dessert with you .....**(9)** ..... you go when it's wrapped nicely in a cone. Keep one hand free and hold tight to your double scoop of ice cream in the other.

For those of us that are top ice cream lovers, but can't quite eat the whole packet in one sitting, ice cream wins again. ....**(10)** .....than throwing away the rest of the dessert, you can simply throw it in the freezer.

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| <b>6</b>  | <b>(a)</b> opportunities | <b>(b)</b> experiences | <b>(c)</b> occasions | <b>(d)</b> purposes |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>(a)</b> all           | <b>(b)</b> another     | <b>(c)</b> such      | <b>(d)</b> any      |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>(a)</b> methods       | <b>(b)</b> ways        | <b>(c)</b> means     | <b>(d)</b> designs  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>(a)</b> wherever      | <b>(b)</b> whoever     | <b>(c)</b> whenever  | <b>(d)</b> whatever |
| <b>10</b> | <b>(a)</b> Further       | <b>(b)</b> Less        | <b>(c)</b> Rather    | <b>(d)</b> More     |

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**Part 3**  
**Questions 11-15**

Read the text below. For questions **11–15**, complete each gap. Write **ONE WORD** only in each gap.

**A DAY OUT WITH MY FRIEND**

There are days in life that pass by and are quickly forgotten, but sometimes there are days which are unforgettable .....**(11)** .....they are unlike the routine of everyday life.

One such day was the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, .....**(12)** .....my friend had come from abroad. I was living in Egypt those days, and we .....**(13)** ..... sightseeing to a few places there.

It was Saturday, and I took it off from my office. We started out on my bike .....**(14)** ..... ten o' clock in the morning. The two of us .....**(15)** .....very excited.

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**12** .....

**13** .....

**14** .....

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**Part 4**

You received an email from your English-speaking friend, John. Write a reply to John, **answering All the questions** in the email.

Write **40 - 50** words.

From: John

Subject: Favourite movie

Hello Nour,

Yesterday, I watched a movie, and I really liked it. Tell me about your favourite movie. Why do you like it? Can you describe the main character? What happened in the best scene in the movie?

What happened at the end of the movie?

Write soon!

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**Part 1****Questions 1–5**

You will hear a talk about Octopuses. Complete the sentences using **ONE WORD OR NUMBER**.

**Octopuses**

- 1 Octopuses throw an inky liquid when they are in .....
- 2 There is something in the Octopus's ..... that helps it to get oxygen in cold water.
- 3 Octopuses have ..... mini brains in their bodies.
- 4 Octopuses make a good use of their brains when they search for .....
- 5 When the ..... appears to be closed, it means that the octopus is home.

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## Part 2

### Questions 6–15

You will hear an interview with the famous Indian swimmer Rashed Shaman. Circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

- 6 The start of Rashed's swimming career .....
- (a) was to please his parents.
  - (b) wasn't previously planned.
  - (c) was to follow his dreams.
- 7 How old was Rashed when he travelled to South Africa?
- (a) 15
  - (b) 16
  - (c) 18
- 8 Coaches in India depend on ..... in training their swimmers.
- (a) technique
  - (b) creativity
  - (c) fear
- 9 Why was Rashed nervous when he arrived in South Africa?
- (a) Because he didn't travel abroad before.
  - (b) Because he knew what he was about to face.
  - (c) Because he couldn't speak their native language.
- 10 What did Rashed's coaches think of his travel to South Africa?
- (a) That it is a good chance for him.
  - (b) That he didn't appreciate their efforts.
  - (c) That he is going to face some problems.

- 11 What did Rashed like the most about South Africa?
- (a) He can achieve medals easily.
  - (b) He is not afraid of swimming anymore.
  - (c) He is getting positive energy from the coaches.
- 12 Why doesn't Rashed wear swimming glasses a lot?
- (a) Because they make him swim slower.
  - (b) Because it was hard to find them.
  - (c) Because he was sick of wearing them in India.
- 13 The best thing about the Heaven Lake is .....
- (a) the views.
  - (b) the weather.
  - (c) the size of the lake.
- 14 According to Rashed, why does he think he is different from any other athlete?
- (a) Because he goes to the gym twice a day.
  - (b) Because he thinks he has a strong body.
  - (c) Because he practices other sports.
- 15 Rashed is aiming to .....
- (a) join a new camp to learn in an enjoyable way.
  - (b) be a trainer when he quits swimming.
  - (c) teach young swimmers other sports.

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