

Part 2: Reading 3

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Read the following text carefully. Then answer the following questions.

My First Hiking Adventure – by Emily Carter

I had always thought of myself as more of an indoor person. I loved reading, painting, and watching movies, but I had never really enjoyed outdoor activities. That changed last spring, when my cousin Daniel invited me to join him on a hiking trip in the Lake District. At first, I hesitated. Spending a whole day walking up hills didn't sound very exciting to me, but Daniel assured me that it would be fun and refreshing. Eventually, I agreed, thinking it would at least be something different.

We started early in the morning. The air was cool, and the sky was clear. Daniel, who was an experienced hiker, made sure I had everything I needed: good boots, a backpack with snacks, water, and a raincoat. The first part of the walk was easy and enjoyable. Birds were singing, and the scenery was beautiful. I felt relaxed and proud that I was keeping up with Daniel's pace.

After about two hours, the weather began to change. Dark clouds appeared, and a strong wind started blowing. Soon, light rain turned into heavy showers, and the ground became muddy and slippery. We stopped to rest under a group of trees, but the rain didn't stop. I wanted to turn back, but Daniel encouraged me to keep going. "The view from the top will be worth it," he said.

When we finally reached the top of the hill, I was tired, wet, and cold—but also amazed. The view was breathtaking: miles of green valleys, small lakes shining in the distance, and tiny villages below us. Suddenly, I understood why people loved hiking so much. On the way down, I even found myself laughing about how difficult it had been. That day, I learned that sometimes the hardest journeys bring the most rewarding experiences.

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A. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

(6x1 = 6 marks)

1.	Emily loved spending time outdoors before this hiking trip.
2.	Daniel made sure Emily had the right equipment for hiking.
3.	The weather stayed sunny and dry throughout the trip.
4.	Emily wanted to stop when it started raining heavily.
5.	Daniel told Emily the view would be worth the effort.
6.	Emily didn't enjoy the trip at all in the end.

B. Answer the questions below.

(4x2=8 marks)

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1. Who invited Emily to go hiking?

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2. How was the weather in the morning?

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3. What did Emily see from the top of the hill?

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4. What lesson did Emily learn from her first hiking adventure?

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