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60 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer **all** questions.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Part 1
Questions 1–5

Read the text below written by an eleven-year-old boy called Hani. He is on a cruise holiday along the Yangtze River in China, with his mother, sister and brother. For questions **1–5**, circle the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

My cruise holiday in China

Tomorrow we're visiting Wanzhou! The brochure says "Wanzhou is a small pretty mountainous city. Its tangerines and oranges are famous across the whole country. The city's silk industry is well known in the local region. The market where local produce is sold is very popular with tourists, as are the exciting outdoor acrobatic displays." I'm looking forward to those.

I'm sharing a cabin on the boat with my younger brother, Tamer. My sister Sara always gets a room to herself but I like having company. The cabin is a generous size but Tamer seems to take up a lot of the space because he's so messy! It's not as if there aren't enough cupboards. We have a balcony where I sit to escape from him!

There are a number of activities available on board the boat, so it's hard to choose. I do Tai Chi with Sara, only because she made me do it. It was a good choice though. Mum tells me I have to attend youth club with Tamer, even though everyone there is his age. We play games like dodge ball, which I suppose is better than aerobics. That's what mum and Sara do while I'm with Tamer.

There are shows each night. My favourite is a performance of Chinese dance. The dancers wear face masks portraying faces of famous characters. What really makes it worth watching is how they change between characters by switching masks – you just don't see it happen. They also wear incredibly bright costumes and move to exciting music with drums beating loudly. There are lights flashing and smoke rising from the stage which adds to the atmosphere.

The Three Gorges part of our trip was brilliant. The gorges are high cliffs with rivers running between them. On the way, our guide told us fascinating tales about the history of the area. It's what made the trip for me. We arrived at a "water village" where houses were built across the water, hidden in bamboo. Above the houses, there were some monkeys playing on the rocks. It would've been exciting if they'd been closer. We carried on down the river in tiny boats because the gorge became narrower. The sides were so close I felt I could touch them.

I'm enjoying this trip so much that I don't want it to end!

1 What makes Wanzhou well known everywhere in China?

A the traditional market

B the street entertainment

C the fruit it grows

D the silk it produces

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2 What does Hani say about his accommodation?

A He thinks the cabin is too small.

B He has a place he can go to spend time on his own.

C He would like more space to store things in.

D He would prefer to be in a cabin on his own.

3 What complaint does Hani make about the entertainment on the boat?

A He has nothing to do that really interests him.

B He wishes he didn't have to do Tai Chi with Sara.

C He feels he's too old to go to the youth club.

D He would prefer to do the same class as his mum and Sara.

4 What does Hani say he likes the most about the dance he saw?

A the colourful clothes

B the special effects

C the drama of the music

D the skill of the performers

5 Hani says the highlight of the Three Gorges trip was

A hearing the stories told by the guide.

B travelling through a gorge on smaller boats.

C seeing monkeys climbing over the rocks.

D stopping to explore a "water village".

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Part 2
Questions 6–10

Read the text below from *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson and choose the word that best fits each space. For each question **6–10**, circle the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Two friends, Finn and Maria, were sailing along the Amazon River looking for signs of the Xanti, the tribe of people that Finn's mother came from.

Maria couldn't believe how varied the landscape was. Sometimes they sailed across dark, dense jungle where all the animals could be heard but were out of **(6)** ..... in the highest branches of trees. Sometimes the river passed **(7)** ..... gentle countryside, where deer quietly ate grass in open green space.

The boat continued up the river, now flowing north-west to the lands **(8)** ..... the Xanti tribe had last been seen. They crossed some bushes and saw a range of bare, brown hills in the distance, then they **(9)** ..... themselves back in the rainforest again. Maria saw some white birds roosting on top of some tall trees and clouds of tiny bats flew over the river in the distance.

They did not hurry. Their route led to the west, and each night Finn laid out the maps he had, and the notes his father had **(10)** ..... him with. He had to look out for one marker – a small island with a huge tree standing between two tall palm trees. If they found this marker, they were in Xanti country – but how far or how near it was they did not know.

6	**A**	sight	**B**	notice	**C**	scene	**D** vision
7	**A**	among	**B**	through	**C**	between	**D** against
8	**A**	which	**B**	where	**C**	that	**D** what
9	**A**	went	**B**	took	**C**	left	**D** found
10	**A**	offered	**B**	lent	**C**	provided	**D** given

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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.

Nile Cruises

A boat trip down the River Nile is **(11)** ..... of the best ways to see Egypt and the evidence of its ancient past. Cruising between Aswan and Luxor will **(12)** ..... you the chance to relax and take in the scenery of the Nile Valley. You can make **(13)** ..... most of the sun deck, where there are sunbeds, a swimming pool and a Jacuzzi. And nearly **(14)** ..... of our cabins look out onto the river, so you have the best possible view of the changing scenery as you go **(15)** ..... your journey through Egypt.

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Part 4

You receive this email from an English-speaking friend. Write a reply to your friend, **answering ALL the questions** in the email.

Write **40–50** words.

From: Max Middleton

Subject: My favourite holiday

Hi!

I've just come back from a fantastic two-week holiday! Tell me about your best holiday. Where did you go? What did you do there? Why was it your best holiday?

Write soon!

Max

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Read the text below by Omar Mahmoud, a high school student, about his day out at an amusement park. For questions **1–5**, circle the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

My big day out

My brother and I have always loved amusement parks, and we used to visit our local one regularly with a good friend when we were younger. Sadly, it's now gone. However, last September, we discovered that a new park had opened on the other side of Cairo and that it had the best rollercoaster ride ever. Immediately we knew we had to go.

At the beginning of the school holiday, we set a date. The big day came. Luckily, Dad was able to take us there. When we arrived, the first thing I noticed was how busy it was. Still, it was probably the last opportunity we had as there were only a few days left before the start of the new school term. The park was always open later on Fridays and Saturdays but, in mid-tourist season, as it was then, it was impossibly crowded at those times.

We headed straight for the rollercoaster, to be there before the queue got too big and before people with more expensive tickets started to go ahead of us. Then the wait for the ride began. The attendant didn't know what he was doing and was directing people to the wrong places. But finally, it was our turn. Higher and higher we slowly climbed until we were right at the top and could see the entire park. Although it was for less than a second, we seemed to be sitting on the edge forever. Then, without warning, we were shooting down and the ground came rushing up at us. It happened so fast, all I saw was a blur of colour and there was screaming all around me. Amazing! Another turn and then the world spun upside down. Around and around we went. But then, before I knew what was happening, it was all over! I couldn't believe it. I looked at my brother and he was the sickly shade of green I felt. Then slowly, a smile came across his face. 'Go again?' I nodded.

1 Omar had wanted to visit the new amusement park ever since

A he was young.

B the old park closed.

C he heard about it.

D a friend recommended it. [1]

2 The boys went to the park on that day because

A they had been offered a lift.

B school was starting the next day.

C they had previously arranged the visit.

D it was open for longer than on other days. [1]

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3 Why did it take so long for the boys to get on the rollercoaster?

A So many people were in the queue.

B The attendant was inexperienced.

C There was a problem with the ride.

D Other people pushed in front of them. [1]

4 Omar made one complaint about the ride. What was it?

A It stayed at the top for too long.

B It went down too suddenly.

C It twisted around too much.

D It came to an end too quickly. [1]

5 What would Omar say to a friend about his day at the amusement park?

A The rollercoaster ride was worth the wait.

B The park was better than he had expected it to be.

C The crowds made him feel uncomfortable.

D The visit would have been more enjoyable without his brother. [1]

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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**.

My father

My school was in the nearest village, and we didn't have a car of our own. We couldn't afford one. The walk **(6)** _____ only half an hour and I didn't mind that. My father came with me. And when school ended in the afternoon, he was always there, **(7)** _____ to walk me home.

The world I lived in consisted only of the filling station, the workshop, the caravan, the school and, of course, the woods and fields and streams in the countryside around. **(8)** _____ I was never bored – it was impossible to be bored in my father's company. Plots and plans and new ideas came flying off him like sparks from fireworks.

On a lovely still evening, **(9)** _____ there was no breath of wind anywhere, my father said to me, 'This is just the right weather for a fire-balloon. Let's make a fire-balloon.'

He must have planned this beforehand because he had already **(10)** _____ the four big sheets of tissue paper and a pot of glue at Mr Witton's bookshop in the village. And now, using only the paper, the glue, a pair of scissors and a piece of thin wire, he made me a huge, magnificent fire-balloon in less than fifteen minutes.

6	**A**	took	**B**	spent	**C**	made	**D** left
7	**A**	asking	**B**	standing	**C**	trying	**D** waiting
8	**A**	Despite	**B**	But	**C**	Since	**D** As
9	**A**	although	**B**	if	**C**	when	**D** until
10	**A**	given	**B**	brought	**C**	taken	**D** bought

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

A camel ride to the pyramids

Many people who visit the pyramids choose to see them on camel back. There is nothing quite **(11)** _____ a camel ride in the desert; gently swaying from side to side on **(12)** _____ of these magnificent creatures. Riding a camel around the pyramids at sunset will **(13)** _____ only give you the experience of a lifetime, but will also allow you to take amazing photos. You can organise any trip you want, **(14)** _____ a one hour trek around the Great Pyramid to a multi-day safari. And, if you book in advance, there are some amazing deals to **(15)** _____ found.

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