

№1. Read the text and complete the gaps 1-5 with the following sentences

- a) The man was sixty. b) Waris now lives in Vienna and Gdańsk.
- c) She used to raise camels with her brothers and sisters.
- d) Within months, she had started a new career.
- e) She was an illegal immigrant at first
- f) However, in 1997 she decided to give up her life as a model.

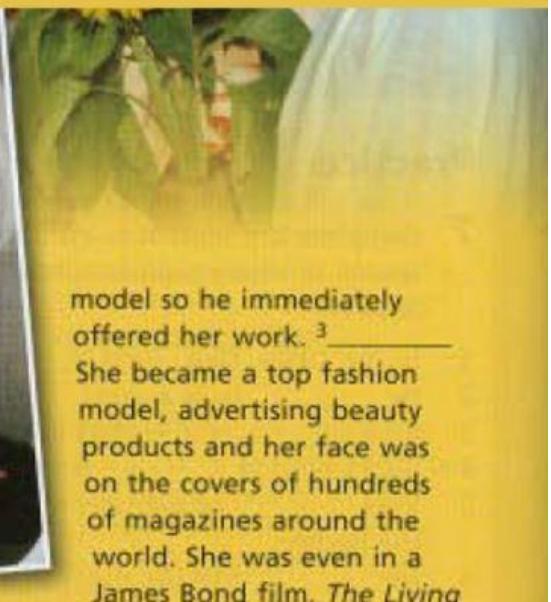
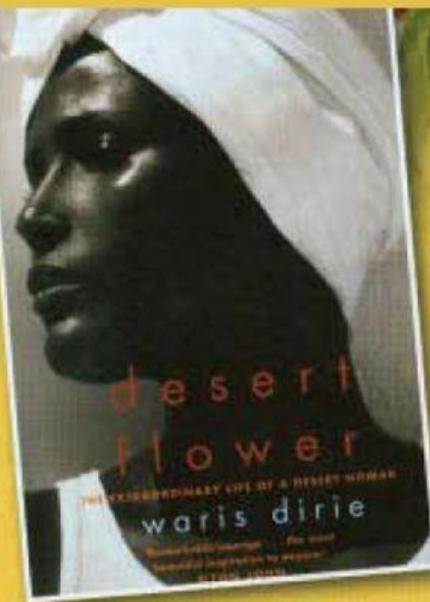
- 1 Where was she born?
a) India b) Somalia c) South Africa
- 2 What was her childhood like?
a) unhappy c) comfortable
b) difficult but happy
- 3 Why did she leave her country?
a) war c) political problems
b) family problems
- 4 What changed her life?
a) meeting a photographer
b) doing a university course
c) winning a competition
- 5 Which of these jobs did she not do?
a) cleaner c) model e) maid
b) actress d) teacher
- 6 What rights does she campaign for now?
a) animal b) children's c) women's

Waris Dirie was born in Somalia. Her name means 'desert flower'. Her mother was quite well-off but her father was from a poor family. After they married, her parents were on the move all the time with their goats and camels. Life was hard but Waris had a happy childhood.¹ _____

When she was thirteen, her father arranged for her to marry an old man in exchange for five camels.² _____ It was such a horrible idea that she decided to run away to the capital, Mogadishu. There, she moved from one relative to another. Finally, a kind aunt got her a job as a maid in the Somalian Embassy in London. When the ambassador returned to Somalia, she lost her job. Suddenly, she was in real trouble. Waris was on her own and out of work in a foreign country. She lived by herself, had no money and her English was so bad that it was difficult for her to find work. Eventually, she got a job as a cleaner in McDonald's.

One day, everything changed. By chance, a fashion photographer came in for a burger and saw Waris cleaning the floor. She looked like a perfect

№2. Answer the questions about Waris Dirie Only one variant is correct for each sentence.



model so he immediately offered her work.³ _____ She became a top fashion model, advertising beauty products and her face was on the covers of hundreds of magazines around the world. She was even in a James Bond film, *The Living Daylights*, in 1987.

Waris had such a warm and attractive face that her modelling career was a huge success.⁴ _____ She wrote her autobiography, *Desert Flower*, about her exciting and exceptional life. 'It's very sad,' she says. 'I had to make the choice to leave my country.' What was it like in Africa? 'Africa was different,' she says. 'I was young. I had nothing to worry about. I had my family, I had my animals, I had my simple life.'

⁵ _____ She works for the United Nations and campaigns for women's rights all over the world. There is never a dull moment. 'I'm trying to sit down for a moment and there's no time for that,' she laughs. 'In Somalia, we don't care what time it is!'