Reading: (7 Marks)
Read the following article.

Getting Away

When my friends and I finished high school in 2007, we all asked our parents for the same present: a rail pass that would allow us to travel around Europe. Since we would be travelling as a group, my parents unwillingly agreed to grant my wish. We each received an 'All-Europe Pass' that we could use to travel on as many trains as we liked in 25 Europe countries within a period of 30 days.

We had agreed that Paris should be our first **destination** so, we set off early to catch the Eurostar, the train that would carry us through the Channel Tunnel between Britain and France. We managed to book a youth hostel from my laptop while we were on the train so, as soon as we arrived, we checked in and went off to explore the city. Nothing I'd heard or seen had prepared me for the breathtaking beauty I found around every corner in the city centre. We had a great time walking around French things, like eating delicious croissants and drinking *café au lait* in **picturesque** cafes with red walls and dark wooden tables. We took a boat ride down the River Seine and we spent nearly two hours lost underground in the city's enormous metro system.

On the fourth day, we all voted to make Berlin our next stop. We took the overnight train and arrived in Germany's **vibrant** capital the next morning. After finding a hotel, we headed out to take a look at some of Berlin's famous art galleries. The next day, we hired bicycle and rode all around the city, stopping at the open-air East Side Gallery.

After a couple of fun-filled days in Berlin, we couldn't agree on where to go next. We decided that it was probably a good idea to break up into two groups. I was the only one who didn't want to go to Poland. I had my heart set on seeing Prague and Vienna instead. As a result, I decided to continue travelling on my own. It was the bravest decision I've ever made. It made me stronger and more independent, and I learnt a lot about myself along the way. My **solo** trip was a truly life-changing experience, though my parents weren't exactly thrilled when they heard about it.

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1. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). (5 Marks/ 1 mark each)

1. The writer's parents allowed her to go on the trip. ( )
2. The 'All-Europe Pass' travelers can visit 30 different countries. ( )
3. The friends booked their rooms in Paris while they were travelling. ( )
4. The East Side Gallery is outdoors. ( )
5. The writer regrets travelling on her own. ( )

2. Match the words in the box taken from the text to their definitions. <u>There is one extra definition.</u> (2 marks- 1/2 mark each)

destination	picturesque	vibrant	solo

1. ..... lively and full of energy.
2. ..... to do something alone.
3. ..... very sad and without hopes.
4. ..... pretty in a way that looks old-fashioned.
5. .....a place where someone is heading.

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