Topic 1 *An Unforgettable Visit*

Suggested Approaches

(a) You could write about a visit to Korea with your parents, describing some of the more memorable places that you have visited.

- Why was there a trip to Korea for you and your family?
- What were some of the more memorable places you visited?
- Why were these places memorable?

(b) You could also write about a visit to an aunt who stays abroad, and whom you have not seen for a long time.

- Why was it that you were able to visit your aunt?
- How was your aunt doing?
- Why was the visit unforgettable?

(c) Alternatively, you could write about an unforgettable visit to the doctor.

- Why did you have to visit the doctor?
- What did the doctor do to you?
- In what way was the visit unforgettable?

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The Essay

It was the December school holidays. I did exceptionally well for my end-of-year examinations. Because of that, my parents decided that they would reward me with a family trip to Korea. Upon hearing this, I jumped in **exhilaration** as I had been fascinated with Korea since I got hooked on Korean dramas. In my mind, I **visualised** meeting my Korean idols on the streets and engaging in small talk with them.

Soon, my trip to Korea had begun and my parents and I visited many places of interest. The most unforgettable one was the visit to Dream World. Dream World was an amusement park with all the rides and games that one could ever dream of.

At the park, I went on many rides. One of them was the 'UFO' ride, which spun at high speeds at extreme heights. I asked my parents for permission to go on the ride and they agreed. However, I was to be on my own as my parents were too frightened to go up.

Soon, the 'UFO' took off after the 'ground crew' made some silly hand **gestures** to indicate that it was take-off time. The saucer started spinning and everyone screamed. An elderly American beside me, however, was having a good time and talking to me as though nothing was happening. The 'UFO' started spinning faster and faster, and before I knew it, I was already spinning in mid-air, inverted. The experience was simply mind-blowing, with everyone screaming at the top of their lungs. The man was still unaffected and continued trying to make conversation. I kept my lips **pursed** lest I lose my lunch.

When we finally 'landed' and got off the flying saucer, I asked the man how he could hold himself so well under such extreme circumstances. My legs had by then become **wobbly** and I was having trouble walking straight. The man replied that he had been a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, and that the UFO ride was nothing compared to what he had experienced in his fighter jet. I then realised that he was not the frail old man I thought him to be.

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Other than that, I got to experience many other things at the park. There was this wonderland where I saw many fairy tale characters. I also watched a horror play that failed to scare me as I did not understand Korean.

In all, the visit to Dream World was most unforgettable as I got to meet and experience unique people and circumstances.

(420 words)

Vocabulary

exhilaration	: (n)	extreme happiness
visualised	: (v)	imagined
gestures	: (n)	movements
pursed	: (adj)	to bring one's lips together tightly
wobbly	: (adj)	unsteady

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