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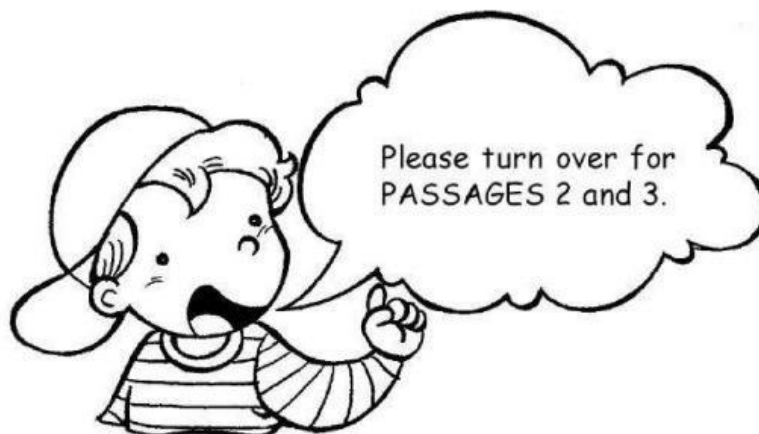
**EXERCISE 30** **/10**  
marks

Read the passages carefully. Choose the most suitable word given in the boxes and write its letter (A to F) in the blanks. Use each word **ONCE** only.

**PASSAGE 1 (3 x 1 = 3 marks)**

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| (A) bodies | (C) stomachs | (E) dust  |
| (B) alive  | (D) dirt     | (F) awake |

Deserts are windy places but they are not all sandy. Some are covered with pebbles. Others have rocks. Howling winds whip up the sand and **1** \_\_\_\_\_ that fly everywhere. There is little water in the deserts so plants and animals have special ways to stay **2** \_\_\_\_\_. For example, camels survive in the deserts by keeping water in their **3** \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.



**PASSAGE 2 (3 x 1 = 3 marks)**

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| (A) reef    | (C) seaweed | (E) creatures |
| (B) insects | (D) land    | (F) buildings |

Three-quarters of the earth's surface is covered by sea and ocean. Seawater is salty because rivers dissolve salt from the **4** \_\_\_\_\_ before carrying it to the sea. In warm waters, groups of tiny sea **5** \_\_\_\_\_ grow on rocks that are close to the surface. When they die, their tube-like skeletons form stony coral. Enough coral can grow to make a **6** \_\_\_\_\_.

**PASSAGE 3 (4 x 1 = 4 marks)**

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| (A) crops | (C) deserts | (E) dry |
| (B) grass | (D) leaves  | (F) hot |

On some continents, there are grass-covered areas known as grasslands. They are sandwiched between forests and **7** \_\_\_\_\_. Most of the grasslands are too **8** \_\_\_\_\_ for trees to grow there. Plants like wheat can be found in these grasslands. They are a special kind of **9** \_\_\_\_\_. There are farmers who plough these natural grasslands to plant these food **10** \_\_\_\_\_.