

I have a new bike. My father bought it for me as my fifteenth birthday gift. Its brand is Parker. The frame is red with some white lines on it. The wheels and spokes are nickel-plated. They shine brightly. The pedals, the steering handles, and the two mudguards are made of aluminums. They are polished. They look like mirrors so I can see myself on them. My bike also has a set of lights. It helps me to see the street clearly at night. It also makes my bike look elegant.

The first time I rode it to school, my friends crowded around me to take a look. They all praised it and said that it was very beautiful. I let some of my friends ride it around the school yard. They felt it was comfortable to have a ride on it.

My bike has become my close friend. I always ride it to school. I don't have to spend much time walking anymore. Every evening, I bring it out in the yard, wash, and wipe it carefully. I feel obligated to give it a good care. I do love my new bike and I feel very proud to be its owner.

1. Study the following statements.

- I. The bike has an aluminum red frame.
- II. The bike has two bright lamps.
- III. The mudguards are like mirrors.
- IV. The pedals are made of nickel plates.

Which ones are in line with the text above?

- A. I and II
- B. I and IV
- C. II and III
- D. III and IV

2. The writer can see the street at night well ... it has a set of lights. The correct words to fill in the blanks are ....

- I. so
- II. since
- III. because
- IV. therefore

  

- A. III and IV
- B. II and III
- C. I and IV
- D. I and II

I was alone at home while my parents were having Saturday morning jog. Suddenly, I felt hard shakes. I saw, through the window, the house opposite of my house falling down. I rushed to the living room's door to go outside. However, I fell down before reaching the door. I crawled to reach it. Finally, I came to the door and I tried to open it but the key didn't work.

Suddenly, the wall of the living room fell down. I screamed loudly because it nearly fell down on me. Clouds of dust filled the air. Some parts of the roof buried me. When the trembling stopped, I could not escape from the ruins. Fortunately, there was a little hole for me to take a breath. I shouted as loudly as I could for help.

A few moments later, some people reached my place. They tried to pull me out of the ruins. I heard my parents shouting my name. I said that I was fine to calm them. At last, I was taken out with some wounds on my head and other parts of my body. Some ambulances came and took the injured people including me to the hospital. My mother came along with me. Meanwhile, my father stayed home to find out other damage.

It was a day in my life that I have never forgotten. I was grateful because I was safe.

3. What does the text tell us about?

- A. A big earthquake
- B. An awesome activity.
- C. A horrifying experience.
- D. An embarrassing moment.

4. What did the writer do to save himself?

- I. He tried to get out of the house.
- II. He rushed to the door to open it.
- III. He shouted to call his parents.
- IV. He stayed home to see the damage.

The correct statements are ....

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. II and III
- D. II and IV

5. From the text we know that the writer is a ... person.

- I. tough
- II. persistent
- III. brave
- IV. sincere

The best answer is ....

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. II and III
- D. II and IV

One Saturday evening Tony and I were going to visit our friend by riding bicycle. As usual, I gave him a ride because he didn't have bike. Since my bike didn't have any back-saddle, he sat on the front horizontal bar of my bicycle. We passed a quite difficult path to get to our friend's house. It was a slippery and wet gravel path. Although it was wobbling along all the way, we could manage this rough ride.

Our misfortune started as we passed by a stream. I was going too close to the bank. I didn't realize that the rain had made the ground softer than usual. Suddenly, the soil slid and we were instantly tumbling head over heels into the stream. We both plunged into one meter-depth dirty brown water stream. Even though the water prevented us from getting severely injured, we gulped some of it. It was so horrible. Sadly, we both had few cuts and bruises all over our body.

We tried to get out of the water and pulled our bike out of the stream. Then, we calmed ourselves down on the side of it for a while. We were definitely in a poor condition to visit anyone so we decided to go home. Since the wheel of the bicycle was bent out of shape, we couldn't ride it and I had to push it along the way home. From that moment, I promised myself not to carry anyone on a bicycle anymore.

6. The text mostly tells about ....
  - A. the writer's unfortunate experience
  - B. the writer's cancellation to visit his friend
  - C. the memorable moment of visiting friends
  - D. the poor condition of the slippery gravel path
  
7. The writer and Tony had to push the bike along the way home ... the bike's wheel was bent out of shape.
  - A. if
  - B. for
  - C. so that
  - D. due to
  
8. Which of the following statements are in line with the text?
  - A. The way to their friend's home was smooth enough to go through.
  - B. The writer and his friend postponed their visit to their friend's home.
  - C. The writer and his friend decided to ride their own bike.
  - D. The writer and his friend fell into the dirty stream along with the bike.  
  - A. I and II
  - B. I and III
  - C. II and III
  - D. II and IV