PART 5

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the text.
Choose from the sentences **(A – H)** to fit each gap **(35 – 40)**.

An Expedition to Antarctica

Last month, I went on a cruise ship expedition to Antarctica with my family. **(35)** ____. It is a waterway known for its strong currents and rough waves. I was quite seasick as the ship swayed side to side. However, it was all worthwhile as soon as we reached Antarctica. The view was amazing with beautiful icebergs and glaciers all the way.

(36) ____. Before setting foot on land, we were given safety briefings and cautioned about the extreme cold and strong winds outside. I had to bundle up in layers of clothes.

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Then, we went on a Zodiac (a type of small boat) to reach the land. **(37)** ____. I also spotted some majestic humpbacks and orcas in the distance.

The following day, we hiked up to the top of Danko Island to witness a panoramic view of the whole island. Then, the ship went through the Lemaire Channel where we saw stunning jagged mountains all around. At Peterman Island and Jougla Point, I was delighted to encounter more adorable baby penguins. **(38)** ____. We went down 79 metres below. It was incredible to look at colourful sea stars and other unique Antarctic fish. Our expedition made its final stop at the Gentoo Penguin Post Office at Brown Bluff. **(39)** ____.

Of course, one of the highlights of the expedition was doing a polar plunge in the freezing -6 Celsius water. Luckily, once I was done, I got to sip on hot tea to keep warm in the dining area of the ship. **(40)** ____. It is about 400 metres thick and 4,000 square kilometres in area. Overall, it was an experience that will forever be etched in my memory!

A It was surreal to see penguins waddling just inches away from me.
B I was too scared so I didn't join the kayaking activity.
C As we reached the summit, all of us witness the beautiful sunset together.
D The adventure began as our ship crossed the Drake Passage.
E We also passed by the largest iceberg in the world known as A23a.
F My family and I also had the opportunity to journey underwater in a submarine.
G I sent some postcards home although some people say it can take up to three years for them to arrive.
H Our first stop was Cuverville Island.

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