

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to fill in each blank. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

My friend Julie and I had (8) _____ a day in Monte Carlo admiring the homes of the 'rich and famous'. Next was a train ride to France where we were due to (9) _____ on a cruise to Spain.

We arrive at the station, and took an elevator to street level. It was virtually (10) _____ as there were no taxis to be found. We noticed a young woman, who had been on the train with her two young children. In the hope that she might be able to help, we (11) _____ her if she knew where to find a taxi. She didn't know as she was meeting a friend. When her friend (12) _____ in a car, we watched as she explained our situation.

At that time, even though they (13) _____ in French, the way they looked at us and our pile of luggage was sufficient indication that we were the subject of their discussion. Myriam did not (14) _____ to take us to our hotel.

Myriam's car was tiny but we managed to cram in. Although Myriam invited us to her home, we declined so as not to interrupt her time with her friend.

When we arrived at the hotel, we said our goodbyes. (15) _____ leaving, I gave her a luggage label, wrote my e-mail address and asked her to e-mail me in three weeks' time when we (16) _____ be home. Ever since then, we have kept in touch. We even paid a visit to each other's home, had a meet-up session and got together on other occasions in the hope of maintaining our relationship.

Help from strangers is a matter of (17) _____, and being in the right place at the right time. But the generosity we have encountered so many times, in many countries, sometimes with language difficulties, over our 15 years of travelling, never (18) _____ to amaze us.

- 8 A spends
 (B) spent
 C spend
 D spending

- 9 A leave
 B depart
 C sail
 D set

- 10 A stranded
 B isolated
 C abandoned
 D deserted

- 11 A asked
 B questioned
 C enquired
 D requested

- 12 A pulled out
 B pulled away
 C pulled up
 D pulled through

- 13 A were conversing
 B had conversed
 C conversed
 D had been conversing

- 14 A delay
B hesitate
C wait
D pause

- 15 A While
B When
C Before
D Upon

- 16 A should
B would
C might
D could

- 17 A fact
B time
C course
D fate

- 18 A fail
B fails
C failed
D failing