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Last year, I **had been planning** a long-awaited trip across South America for months before I finally **traveled**. I **had never experienced** such a long journey before, so I felt both excited and nervous as I set out.

I first **visited** Lima, where I got **immersed in** the local lifestyle almost immediately. I **wandered** through busy markets, and I realized that I **had stumbled upon** a street festival that was not listed in any guidebook. Before that moment, I **had only read** about such local celebrations online.

From Lima, I **journeyed** to Cusco. The city felt like a mix of ancient and modern life. I **roamed** the streets and **sighted** beautiful colonial buildings that I **had previously seen** only in pictures. I spent time reflecting on how much the city **had changed** over time while still preserving its traditions.

Later, I **trekked** through the Andes toward Machu Picchu. The experience was challenging because I **had never hiked** at such high altitude before. Along the way, we **encountered** small villages where people **had been living** in the same traditional way for centuries. I also **hiked** steep paths surrounded by landscapes that felt untouched.

One day, we **ventured** off the main trail and discovered ruins that tourists **had rarely visited** before. It felt like we were exploring something truly hidden. Earlier in the journey, I **had expected** the trek to be easier, but it turned out to be much more demanding.

After the trek, I **cruised** through the Sacred Valley by bus, enjoying the scenery. By that point, I **had already experienced** so much that I simply sat back and reflected. We also **touristed** in a small town, taking photos and trying local crafts like typical visitors.

Finally, I reached Machu Picchu. I **had seen** many pictures before, but nothing compared to standing there in person. It was a moment that felt like everything I **had gone through** was worth it. Looking back, I realized that I **had not just visited** places—I had truly lived every experience along the way.

Answer the following questions based on the information given in the text.

1. What did the traveler **had been doing before the trip started**, and how did this affect their feelings when they finally traveled? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) They had been planning the trip for months and felt both excited and nervous when it began.
- b) They had been working full-time without any interest in travel, so the trip felt completely unexpected.
- c) They had been living abroad already, so the trip was only a short return visit home.
- d) They had been avoiding travel plans entirely, so they decided to join the trip at the last minute.

2. What happened in Lima that the traveler realized they **had not expected before arriving**? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) They had already known about every event and planned their schedule in advance carefully.
- b) They had never intended to explore the city, so they stayed inside their hotel most of the time.
- c) They had stumbled upon a street festival that was not mentioned in any guidebook.
- d) They had only visited modern shopping areas without noticing any cultural activities.

3. In Cusco, what did the traveler reflect on regarding what they **had previously seen or experienced**? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) They had only seen colonial buildings in pictures before experiencing them in real life.
- b) They had lived in Cusco before, so everything felt completely familiar and unchanged.
- c) They had ignored all cultural sites and focused only on transportation systems.
- d) They had already visited all major cities in Peru during earlier travel experiences.

4. What made the trek to Machu Picchu more challenging than the traveler **had expected**? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) They had expected the journey to be easier, but it turned out much more demanding.
- b) They had planned for extreme difficulty, so the trek felt surprisingly simple.
- c) They had completed similar treks before, so this one felt like a routine walk.
- d) They had avoided all physical activity before the trip, making preparation unnecessary.

5. What did the traveler realize about the people in the villages they **had encountered** during the trek? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) They had been living in the same traditional way for centuries before the traveler arrived.
- b) They had recently moved to the area, changing their lifestyle completely.
- c) They had abandoned their traditions shortly before the traveler passed through.
- d) They had been working only in tourism industries for many years already.

6. What did the traveler discover when they **had ventured off the main trail**?

- a) They had found crowded tourist attractions that were widely known already.
- b) They had discovered ruins that tourists had rarely visited before.
- c) They had returned to the main city due to dangerous weather conditions.
- d) They had lost their way and needed immediate rescue from guides.

7. What realization did the traveler have when they **had already experienced so much** during the trip?

- a) They had not learned anything meaningful from the journey at all.
- b) They had decided to end the trip early because it became boring.
- c) They had spent most of the time avoiding cultural experiences completely.
- d) They had stopped enjoying travel because everything felt repetitive.

8. What did the traveler think about Machu Picchu compared to what they **had seen before**?

- a) They had seen many pictures before, but the real experience was much more powerful.
- b) They had never heard of Machu Picchu before arriving in South America.
- c) They had already visited Machu Picchu many times in previous years.
- d) They had studied it only academically without any personal interest.

9. What did the traveler understand about their journey when they reflected on what they **had gone through**?

- a) They had wasted time visiting places without any meaningful experience.
- b) They had only focused on shopping and tourist attractions.
- c) They had completely avoided interacting with local people.
- d) They had experienced something valuable and worth all the effort.

10. What conclusion did the traveler reach about their experience of what they **had done overall**?

- a) They had simply moved from place to place without real engagement.
- b) They had not truly experienced the journey in any meaningful way.
- c) They had truly lived every experience rather than just visited places.
- d) They had regretted most of the decisions made during the trip.