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| Reading            | 15         |  |
| Listening          | 15         |  |
| Use of English     | 30         |  |
| Writing            | 15         |  |
| Speaking           | 25         |  |
| <b>Final mark:</b> | <b>100</b> |  |

## Reading comprehension

**TRAVELLERS' TALES****A**

We often travel by plane but we don't use budget airlines, even though they are cheaper and often fly to the places we want to go. I'd rather pay more for a bit more comfort. Last Christmas, we wanted to spend the holidays with family and friends in Canada and we would have a change of flight in Frankfurt, Germany. Unfortunately, the first flight arrived in Frankfurt one hour later and so the time between flights was 45 minutes. We soon realised that we weren't going to make it. The airline was good to us and the other passengers and gave us food and a comfortable hotel to sleep in. We got a flight the next morning but it meant that we missed a big family party. I thought I'd been clever and found a quick way to get to Canada but I was very wrong. Now I know that I need to leave at least two hours between flights if I want to be safe.

**B**

We decided to travel across Europe by train. Train travel always looks so romantic in films. I imagined leisurely meals in the dining car and meeting exotic people, followed by a comfortable night's sleep. Things started to go wrong before we had even left. The security and check-in for the train from London was just like at an airport, except that the queues were longer. Then, when we got to Brussels, we found that our night train was three hours late and there was nowhere to leave our bags. After a very long and not very good meal at the station, it was finally time to get on the night train. It was OK but the compartment was too hot and when we opened the window, it was too noisy to sleep. The beds were hard and there was no dining car so everyone went straight to their own compartments and didn't socialise at all. It wasn't quite as I had imagined it!

**C**

We wanted to go to England but weren't sure how to travel. We live a long way from an airport and, anyway, none of us like flying. If we went by train, we would have to change three times. In the end, we went by coach. It left our home town at five o'clock in the afternoon, as planned, and arrived in London, exactly on time, twenty-two hours later. I wasn't expecting to sleep well and it wasn't as comfortable as a bed but it was better than I had imagined. The bus stopped every four hours for a rest and we all got out. Everyone was very friendly and chatted and the atmosphere was almost like a party. Then, at about eleven o'clock, it all went quiet as people tried to sleep. When I got out in London, half asleep but happy, I felt as if I was saying goodbye to old friends. I'm now planning on doing more travelling by coach.

**1 Read the stories. Decide which story/ies (A, B or C) match(es) each sentence. Some sentences match more than one story. 8 marks**

|   |                                                                       |   |   |   |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1 | There were no delays.                                                 | A | B | C |
| 2 | There wasn't enough time to get to a planned connection.              | A | B | C |
| 3 | The writer expected to meet other passengers but there was no chance. | A | B | C |
| 4 | The writer's journey was not exactly as he/she had imagined.          | A | B | C |
| 5 | The experience was far better than expected.                          | A | B | C |
| 6 | The service was good.                                                 | A | B | C |
| 7 | It was hard to sleep at night.                                        | A | B | C |
| 8 | They reached their destination too late.                              | A | B | C |

**2 Read the stories again. Mark these statements as True, False or Doesn't Say. 7 marks**

Story A:

- 1 The writer prefers low cost airlines.
- 2 The airline covered the cost of the night they spent in Frankfurt.

Story B:

- 3 It took longer than expected to get to Brussels.
- 4 London was their first destination.

Story C:

- 5 They decided to travel by coach after considering at least two other options.
- 6 They arrived in London the following day at 7 o'clock PM.
- 7 Sleeping on the coach was better than sleeping on a bed.

**Listening comprehension**

**3 Listen to the conversation between Natalie and John. Choose N (Natalie), J (John), B (Both) or NoT (None of Them) to complete these sentences. 8 marks**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ don't/doesn't like competitive people.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ didn't have a good experience with basketball.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ like/s Mrs Peters, the PE teacher.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ didn't know there were table tennis tables at the gym.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ helped to take the tables to the gym.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ have/s a change of mind about the sport chosen.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ don't/doesn't want to miss the chance to play table tennis.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ give/s up the idea of playing hockey.

**4 Listen again. Choose the best option (A, B or C) to complete the sentences. 7 marks**

1 Natalie and John are talking mainly about...

A the best sport to play.

B what sport they are playing today.

C the PE teachers at school.

2 They consider competitive people usually take part in...

A hockey and basketball.

B table tennis and hockey.

C football, rugby and basketball.

3 They think at PE...

A they have the best teacher.

B they can easily get a way to relax.

C they'll never get hurt.

4 Natalie has information about table tennis because...

A she has heard the teachers talking.

B she has seen a list on the noticeboard.

C she has seen three new tables at the gym.

5 John admires Natalie's...

A talent for playing table tennis.

B ability to persuade people.

C ability to get information.