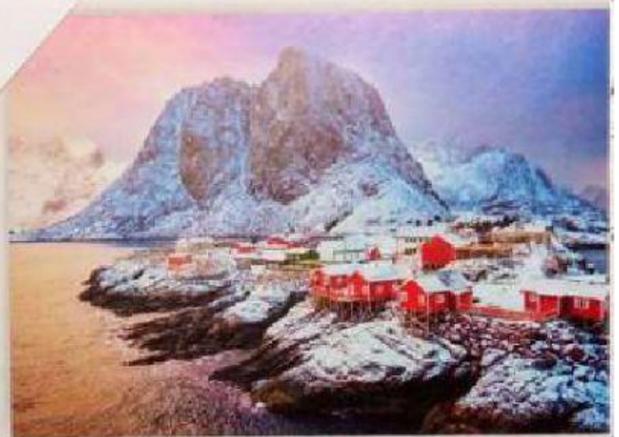


Read the texts below. For questions (1-10) choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

Family Holidays

Family holidays provide a collection of some of the most memorable moments in most people's lives. People usually remember these moments with a nostalgic feeling.

My mum and dad (1) _____ have a soft spot for caravan parks. As (2) _____ as I turned two, they introduced me to this kind of holiday and over the next sixteen years it never occurred to me that there was any other kind of holiday. We (3) _____ at various holiday camps in the east and north of the country, eventually selecting our favourite one, which we returned to year after year.



As an adult, I discovered the joy of hotels and foreign travel. Last spring, my husband and kids decided to set off on a family travelling experience across Sweden and Norway. While we (4) _____ past vast snow-covered fields, my thoughts returned to the holidays of my childhood. Still, (5) _____ we finally reached our destination, the picturesque village of Lofoten in northern Norway, we felt absolutely happy with our choice!

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| 1. A. could | B. used to | C. had to | D. didn't |
| 2. A. far | B. long | C. soon | D. early |
| 3. A. stayed | B. staying | C. was staying | D. were staying |
| 4. A. drove | B. driving | C. used to drive | D. were driving |
| 5. A. when | B. until | C. while | D. before |



MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is one of the most widely (6) _____ holidays in the world. In fact, Mother's Day is so popular that over 40 countries have made it an official holiday. In the US, as in many other countries, the (7) _____ family gathers together to treat the mother to a special day of leisure. It is a chance for her to relax and have the household (8) _____ done by someone else.

Many countries all over the world have their own unique Mother's Day (9) _____. In the UK, 'Mothering Day' celebrations date from the Middle Ages. In Ethiopia, Mother's Day is such an important holiday that the entire (10) _____ family takes part in a celebration which lasts three days!

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| 6. A. partied | B. celebrated | C. hosted | D. applauded |
| 7. A. immediate | B. near | C. related | D. relative |
| 8. A. jobs | B. chores | C. works | D. devices |
| 9. A. histories | B. cultures | C. traditions | D. reminders |
| 10. A. removed | B. spread | C. distant | D. extended |