Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

When we moved to our new house near the sea, I was eight years old. Even before that I had spent every summer messing about on boats. My dad had taught me to sail before I learnt to ride a bike so I knew how I wanted to spend my time at the new house- I was going to get my own boat and sail it every day. The house was only a few metres from the water's edge, and in rough weather the waves would come crashing into the front garden. I used to sit with my nose pressed to the glass, fascinated by the power of the ocean. I grew up watching the skies to see if it was going to rain; would I be going sailing that afternoon or not?

Of course I sometimes wished I could live in the town like my friends. I used to get irritated with my parents, who had taken early retirement because they seemed incapable of getting anywhere on time. Dad drove me the eight miles to school every day, but I was often late because he had been walking on the cliffs earlier in the morning and had lost track of time. When I was taking my university entrance exams, I used to stay over at a friend's in town, just in case. All in all, I was lucky to grow up by the sea and I still love to sail.



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1. At the age of eight, the writer's house was _____.

A. in the town **B.** by the sea

C. on boat **D.** under the mountain

2. The word **"it"** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. the new house **B.** a bike

C. my own boat **D.** the house

3. The word **"rough"** is closest in meaning to _____.

A. careful **B.** forceful **C.** easy **D.** mild

4. The following are true **EXCEPT** _____.

A. the waves came crashing into the writer's front garden in bad weather

B. the write moved to a new house when he was 8

C. the writer didn't know how to sail

D. the distance from the writer's house to school was 8 miles

5. Growing up by the sea, the writer felt_____.

A. unlucky **B.** irritated **C.** excited **D.** lucky

6. The writer learnt to sail _____.

A. before learning to ride a bike

B. when his family moved to a new house

C. before going to school

D. When he/ she was eight

7. When taking the university entrance exams, _____.

A. the writer's family moved to a new house by the sea

B. the writer had to live in a friend's house

C. the weather was terrible

D. the writer's father drove him/ her to university

8. The writer's father retired early because _____.

A. he walked on the cliffs every morning

B. he lost rack of time

C. he had to drive his kid to school everyday

D. he was unable to get anywhere on time



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