# SECTION A – COMPREHENSION

**PSR 2023**

> **Read the passage carefully.**

Azri and Arif knew that their parents would be angry but **[0]they** went ahead with their plans anyway. The brothers had been given permission to camp for two days in a field close to their farm. But, being **adventurous** boys, they were not satisfied. They know it would be more **thrilling** to camp on the woods that lay beyond the river. How would their parents ever find out about the change of plans? Excitedly, the boys packed **[1]their** two men tent and supplies.

"Do you have enough food there for our days?" laughed their mother. **[2]She** just smiled and looked at her boys as they packed their supplies.

"If you decided to fish in the river by the field, bring some fish home with you." The boys glanced at each other with guilt.

Carrying their heavy load, Azri and Arif trekked along the riverbank. They were eager to reach their destination before lunchtime. As they entered the cool, shadowy forest, they began to search for a suitable camping spot. As usual, they could not agree. Arif wanted to stay close to the river at the edge of the woods, but Azri, who was older, insisted that they should camp further away.  Reluctantly, Arif followed **[3]his** brother deeper into the forest.

"This is perfect", exclaimed Azri. "Aren't you glad now?"
"Yes", agreed Arif.

Arif glanced around.  It was really a **picturesque** setting and they enjoyed the view. They set up their tent and settled down to eat the sandwiches they had made then decided to find their way back to the river to catch some fish.

"Are you sure that this is the right way?" whispered Arif shakily. "I'm sure we passed that hollow tree just a while ago." Azri walked on silently.

"Look! There it is again. We're lost, aren't we?" accused Arif. Azri had to admit that **⁴he** didn't know where they were. The boys knew no one would be out looking for them. After all, they were a long distance from where they were supposed to be and they were not due back for another day or two.

They were not even sure of where they had set up their camp. What if they couldn't find their campsite? They sat in **despair** for a few minutes until Arif had a bright idea.

"Why don't we look for clues the way that trackers do in the movies? We weren't careful about how we walked, so I'm sure we would have left behind broken twigs and flattened ferns."

Finally, the boys followed the marks that they had left, until they stumbled upon their campsite. "Now let's see if **⁵we** can find out way back to the river, to where we're supposed to have set up camp," advised Arif. **Hastily**, they packed their belongings and set off in the direction of the river.

It took almost the whole day. Night was falling before they could set their tent again. Wearily, they settled down to sleep without even eating dinner. The day's adventure had been a very good lesson.

**Questions 1-5**

**Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.**

Example : Azri and Arif knew that their parents would be angry but **0they** went ahead with their plans anyway.

      **0they**    -   <u>    Azri and Arif          </u>

1.   **1their**    -  _____

2.   **2She**    -  _____

3.   **3his**    -  _____

4.   **4he**    -  _____

5.   **5we**    -  _____      **(5 marks)**

**Questions 6 -10**

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

11. '**adventurous**'      means      a. careful
     b. unhappy
     c. miserable
     d. daring

12. '**thrilling**'      means      a. boring
     b. exciting
     c. upsetting
     d. worrying

13. '**picturesque**'      means      a. beautiful
     b. ugly
     c. simple
     d. horrible

14. '**despair**'      means      a. excitedly
     b. happily
     c. joyfully
     d. give up

15. '**Hastily**'      means      a. Carefully
     b. Slowly
     c. Quickly
     d. Moderately

**(5 marks)**

11.    Where did their parents think the boys were camping?

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12.    What did the boys do after they set up their tent in the forest?

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13.    Why did the boys argue about the campsite?

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14.    How did they find their way back to camp?

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15.    What lessons do you think the boys learned from this experience

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**(5 marks)**

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