

Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to

each question, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

Deported from America

When I landed in Boston, I was an 18-year-old student looking to spend my summer holidays in Maine, looking after the children of a family there.

I'd filled in my visa on the plane. The purpose of my visit? I'd been told it wasn't necessary to get a work permit, so I ticked the Vacation box.

At Immigration, people handed over their passports and were let through. My mind was on catching a bus to Portland and changing money.

The man behind the desk went through my papers. Yes, it's my first time in America, I said. More questions followed. Who are you staying with? How do you know these people? How much money do you have? I remember him staring at me, then picking up his phone. A man with a gun in his belt arrived and I was taken to a side area. For the first time I felt afraid. We want to search your luggage, he said.

In my bag, he found a letter to my mum from some friends in America, saying: "We're so glad Ruth will be working here this summer." He looked at me. You've lied to a US immigration officer. Do you have any idea of the seriousness of that?

Then he dropped his bombshell. You can't work illegally in America, you'll have to go home on the next plane. I was then escorted to a plane waiting outside.

The following December I tried to go to America again, but at Birmingham airport they told me I was on the computers as a deportee.

Since then, I've travelled to lots of places, but still not to America. More than ever, I'd love to get there one day.

1. In Maine, Ruth, the narrator, planned to
 - A) work as a babysitter.
 - B) enjoy a leisurely vacation.
 - C) try and obtain a work permit.
2. At Immigration, she
 - A) prayed she would be let in quickly.
 - B) felt happy for the first time since she left home.
 - C) thought of other things than passing through.
3. The letter in her luggage
 - A) was meant for friends of her mother's.
 - B) gave away Ruth's true intentions of going to the US.
 - C) said she shouldn't lie to the Immigration officers.
4. When she next tried to go to the US, Ruth found that
 - A) she couldn't get a visa on the plane.
 - B) she'd been blacklisted by the American authorities.
 - C) she was not even allowed into Birmingham airport.
5. The whole experience has

- A) discouraged Ruth from travelling in general.
- B) made her prefer to go anywhere but to the US.
- C) reinforced her wish to visit the US one day.