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EXERCISE 2

CLASS:



Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given and write its answer (A-K) in the space provided. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A) about (C) them (E) when (G) during (J) finally
(B) than (D) from (F) but (H) so (K) at

When my parents told me that we would be travelling overseas by train **1** _____ the school holidays, I was overjoyed. It was going to be my first time on a train. I could not wait for the day to come even though it was only going to be a short trip **2** _____ Singapore to Kuala Lumpur.

The day **3** _____ arrived. My mother was worried that we might get caught in a traffic jam during the peak hours on our way to the railway station. She preferred us to be early **4** _____ late. We arrived at the railway station **5** _____ an hour before the train was due to leave. However, none of us minded. A queue had already formed **6** _____ the ticket booth. My

father joined the queue to buy the tickets while the rest of us waited for him at the corner. There were only a few seats available
7 _____ my mother and younger sister sat down.

After my father had bought the tickets, he handed
8 _____ to my mother for safekeeping. Then we waited patiently at the platform. As time ticked by, the station became more crowded.

9 _____ it was time to leave, an announcement was made and all the passengers boarded the train. There was a loud whistle and the train started to move. At first, the train moved very slowly, **10** _____ as it went further and further, it gained more speed. We were soon on our way to Kuala Lumpur!