BTS 8 – EOT 3 – Exam Practice

A) Read the passage and choose the best answer a, b, c or d.

The Missing Pilot



On July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan left New Guinea for Howland Island in the Pacific. This was the longest and most dangerous part of their trip around the world. Earhart had trouble shortly after take-off. The weather was stormy, so she had to fly at 3,000 meters (10,000 feet). Going this high, the plane used gas quickly.

After about twenty hours, Earhart and Noonan approached Howland Island. The island was only about 105 kilometres (65 miles) away, but the bright sun was shining in their faces so they couldn't see it. Near Howland, a ship, the *Itasca*, was waiting. Earhart contacted the ship: "Gas is low," she said. The *Itasca* tried to maintain contact with her but got no response. Finally, the *Itasca* called for help. People searched for Earhart and Noonan for days. Despite the searchers' efforts, they found nothing.

What happened to Amelia Earhart? No one knows for sure. During the flight, she probably headed in the wrong direction because the sun was bright, and it was hard to see. So, she got lost; soon after, her plane ran out of gas, and she died at sea. Another idea is that she survived the plane crash, swam to an uninhabited island, and later died there. Still others think she survived the crash and secretly returned to the U.S. with a new identity.

Although the first theory seems most likely, none of these ideas has been proven. Today, people are still investigating Earhart's and Noonan's disappearance. (Noonan's body has also never been found.) Whatever happened, Amelia probably died as she wished. "When I go," she said, "I'd like best to **go** in my plane."

Questions:

1- Another title for this reading could be?

a) Pilot Mystery Is Finally Solved
b) Amelia Earhart Breaks Another Record
c) What Happened to Amelia Earhart?
d) The Last Female Pilot in the U.S.A.

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2- Flying to Howland Island was difficult because .....

a) Earhart was sick.
b) Noonan didn't have a map.
c) Their plane was damaged.
d) It was very far from New Guinea.

3. Shortly after taking off from New Guinea, ...

a) Earhart's plane ran out of gas.
b) There was a bad storm.
c) Fred Noonan died.
d) Earhart's plane crashed.

4. The weather caused Earhart's plane to .....

a) fly low
b) take off slowly
c) land safely
d) run out of gas quickly

5. Amelia contacted the *Itasca* for .....

a) food
b) help
c) response
d) a ship

6- Earhart's plane disappeared .....

a) on the Howland island
b) on the Itasca.
c) in the morning.
d) over the Pacific Ocean

7. The writer of the passage would agree with .....

a) Amelia's plane probably ran out of gas, and she died at sea
b) It is possible that Fred Noonan killed Amelia Earhart
c) Amelia Earhart probably died on an island in the Pacific
d) Fred Noonan might still be alive today.

8- In line paragraph 4 / line 4, the word **'go'** probably means .....

a) fly
b) die
c) travel
d) depart



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