BTS 8 – EOT 3 – Exam Practice

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

Alaska to Argentina

Many people dream of going on a great travel adventure. Most of us keep dreaming; others make it happen . . .

Gregg Bleakney's dream was to travel the Americas from top to bottom. He got the idea after he finished a 1,600-kilometre bike ride. Gregg's friend, Brooks Allen, was also a cyclist. The two friends talked and slowly formed a plan: they would travel from Alaska to Argentina by bike.

To pay for the trip, Gregg and Brooks worked and saved their money for years. Once they were on the road, they often camped outdoors or stayed in hostels. In many places, local people opened their homes to the two friends and gave **them** food.

During their trip, Gregg and Brooks cycled through deserts, rainforests, and mountains. They visited modern cities and ancient ruins, such as Machu Picchu in Peru. And everywhere they went, they met other cyclists from all over the world.

In May 2007 - two years, twelve countries, and over 30,500 km later - Gregg eventually reached Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. However, near Guatemala, Brooks had to return to the U.S. and Gregg continued without him.

The trip taught both men a lot about traveling, especially if you travel abroad. What did they learn? Here is some of Gregg's advice:

- **Travel light**. The less baggage you have, the Jess you'll worry about.
- **Be flexible.** Don't plan everything. Then you'll be more relaxed and happier, especially if there are problems.
- **Be polite.** As one traveller told Gregg, "Always remember that nobody wants to fight, cheat, or rob a nice guy."

Questions:

1. Another title for this reading could be .....
   a) Cycling the Americas from North to South
   b) The Southernmost City in the World
   c) Things to See and Do in Alaska and Argentina
   d) Argentina: The Top Land of Adventures

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2- To keep their cost low, Gregg and Brooks .....

a) travelled cheaply on the road.
b) returned to the U.S. quickly
c) spoke politely
d) cycled through rainforests

3- In paragraph 3 / line 3, **'them'** means .....

a) the local people.
b) Gregg and Brooks.
c) other cyclists.
d) their friends.

4- In Peru, the cyclists visited the .....city of Machu Picchu.

a) modern
b) historical
c) American
d) desert

5- Gregg and Brooks started their trip in .....

a) two years
b) 2005.
c) Argentina
d) 1600 km

6- Which sentence about Gregg and Brooks' trip is NOT true?

a) To pay for the trip, they saved money for years.
b) Only Gregg made the complete trip from Alaska to Argentina.
c) During their trip, they met people from all over the world.
d) In Guatemala, Gregg got sick and went back to the U.S.A.

7- In paragraph 6 / line 4, the word **'flexible'** means .....

a) able to change easily.
b) careful.
c) well-planned.
d) difficult.

8- Which statement would Gregg most likely agree with?

a) In foreign countries, only stay in hotels or with people you know.
b) Plan every part of your trip so you can relax.
c) When abroad, learn how to say "thank you" in the local language.
d) Bring a lot with you on your trip so you don't have to buy anything.

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