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**Part 1a****Questions 1 – 5**

Read the text about camping.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

Camping is a very popular form \_\_\_\_\_ **(0)** \_\_\_\_\_ living outdoors. It gives people the opportunity of \_\_\_\_\_ **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ their free time in nature. Camping may start by sleeping the night in a tent in your own backyard and end up by going on a trip that may \_\_\_\_\_ **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ for several weeks.

Some people prefer camping in one place for days, a week or even longer. From there \_\_\_\_\_ **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ visit tourist attractions, go fishing or hunting, play games and do active sports like mountain biking or just simply relax. Others prefer to tour areas and spend \_\_\_\_\_ **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ night in a different place. They travel by car or motor homes. Each year millions of people go camping. They can \_\_\_\_\_ **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ a new environment and be close to nature at the same time.

**Example**

- |   |   |        |          |         |   |         |   |          |
|---|---|--------|----------|---------|---|---------|---|----------|
| 0 | A | in     | <b>B</b> | of      | C | at      | D | on       |
| 1 | A | taking | B        | wasting | C | giving  | D | spending |
| 2 | A | last   | B        | allow   | C | take    | D | need     |
| 3 | A | them   | B        | they    | C | their   | D | we       |
| 4 | A | every  | B        | all     | C | some    | D | several  |
| 5 | A | invent | B        | make    | C | explore | D | create   |

**[5 marks]**

**Part 1b****Questions 6 – 10**

Read the text about Mexico.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.



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**Mexico**

Mexico is a country which is       (0)       between North and South America, with the Gulf of Mexico on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other.       (6)      

countries on earth support as many types of plants and animals as Mexico does.

Every year, large       (7)       of creatures escape to Mexico from the cold of countries in the north and the extreme heat of those in the south. In addition, most of central Mexico is covered       (8)       mountains, which contain a huge variety of metals and minerals.

Modern Mexicans are a mix of the original Indian population and the Spanish,       (9)       arrived in the early 1500s. Mexico's ancient societies created great cities and beautiful paintings, sculptures and jewellery. Today, its artists       (10)       include great painters, photographers and sculptors.

**Example**

- |    |          |          |          |         |          |           |          |            |
|----|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 0  | <b>A</b> | situated | <b>B</b> | noticed | <b>C</b> | presented | <b>D</b> | discovered |
| 6  | <b>A</b> | Little   | <b>B</b> | Few     | <b>C</b> | Much      | <b>D</b> | Enough     |
| 7  | <b>A</b> | lots     | <b>B</b> | sums    | <b>C</b> | totals    | <b>D</b> | numbers    |
| 8  | <b>A</b> | of       | <b>B</b> | by      | <b>C</b> | about     | <b>D</b> | beneath    |
| 9  | <b>A</b> | when     | <b>B</b> | where   | <b>C</b> | who       | <b>D</b> | whom       |
| 10 | <b>A</b> | still    | <b>B</b> | always  | <b>C</b> | ever      | <b>D</b> | just       |

[5 marks]



**Part 2**  
**Questions 11 – 15**

The people below all want to go out.







On the opposite page there is information about different places.

Decide which place would be the most suitable for each person/s.

For Questions **11 – 15**, write the correct letter (**A – H**) in each box.

There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

**Example**

- 0**  Manal and Zahra are old friends. They would like to meet each other in a cool place where they can chat, buy things and have a nice meal together.
- 11**  Hasan and his brother Mahmood like playing football. When they are at home, they prefer playing online games or Game Boy. Sometimes they play educational games but outside they enjoy cycling and feeding animals.
- 12**  Salman and his family like old things. They want to spend a day in a quiet place. They have a new camera and would like to try it. Having a snack there is a great idea.
- 13**  Jameel likes swimming very much especially in hot weather. He likes having fun in water. He prefers spending his whole day wearing a swimming suit even when he is eating his meal.
- 14**  Amira is a clever girl. She is interested in reading and watching documentary films about animals. She is also fascinated by science and computers. She prefers reading to playing.
- 15**  Zainab is 18 years old and wants to be a nurse. She has just finished her exams. She likes nature and enjoys walking while listening to the sounds of nature like animals, wind and water.

**[5 marks]**

- A** The Golden Park: Located in a very famous area. Come and enjoy your time. We have activities for all ages. Children can do many things. There are a lot of games. Parents can relax near water fountains and big palm trees. But please watch your kids for their safety.
- B** Panda Zoo: A place that provides education and nature. Watch a short film about the zoo. Go on a bus tour or walk between trees while watching different kinds of animals. Bring your camera with you. There is a small canteen and a souvenirs shop.
- C** Bahrain Beach: Natural beach with white sand and clear blue water. Enjoy swimming or playing football. Kids can ride a bike and fly kites. Wonderful outdoor activities for the family. Keep your eyes on kids and provide them with life jackets.
- D** The National Library: Reading is different here. There are many books, encyclopedias and magazines. Labs provide you with enjoyable learning experiences through internet and CDs. Bring your kids with you. Let them learn through playing at the kids corner.
- E** The Museum: Discover the history of Bahrain under one roof and indoors. Explore the past through a short film. Walk around in each gallery and discover old Bahrain. If you get tired, go to the canteen and have some refreshments with your family.
- F** Water Garden: Enjoy cool water in a hot weather. A perfect place that pleases your family. Play in water and enjoy other kinds of games or relax while having a light meal. Come and spend a wonderful day you will never forget.
- G** The Islamic Museum: A wonderful place that presents culture. See copies of the holy Quran in different sizes and enjoy the beauty of the hand written Arabic letters. Also, have an idea about some old weapons and old war costumes. It's free so don't miss it.
- H** The Mall: A place that offers shopping and entertainment. Families can shop. They can watch their favourite films at the cinema and have their meal in the food court. A really fantastic shopping centre in a clean and air-conditioned modern building.

**Part 3**  
**Questions 16 – 20**

Read the text about a blind pilot.

For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

**Blind pilot flies from London to Sydney**

A blind British pilot landed his tiny aircraft in Sydney this Monday to complete a record-breaking flight halfway around the world. Miles Hilton-Barber left London on March 7 and flew nearly 22,000 kilometers to Australia. His aim was to raise money for charity. He did not fly alone, but with another pilot who helped Hilton-Barber by telling him what figures were on the navigation instruments. The 58-years-old pilot said: "It's the fulfillment of an amazing dream. I've been waiting to do this flight for about four years." He added: "I've wanted to be a pilot since I was a kid. Now I'm totally blind but I've had the chance of flying more than halfway around the world." He described the most important thing for him: "The big deal is not me doing this, it's raising funds," he said.

Hilton-Barber has been blind for 25 years. He hopes his trip will raise over two million dollars for the charity "Seeing is believing", which works to provide treatment for eye diseases in poor countries. His flight is not the first adventure he has been on. In 1999, he competed in the "Toughest Foot-race on Earth" a run across the Sahara Desert. He then went on to take part in the "Coldest Marathon on Earth", across Siberia. Also, he has climbed mountain Kilimanjaro and mountain Blanc, Africa's and Europe's highest mountains. He also set the Malaysian formula 1 lap record for a blind driver in a 200 kilometer-per-hour Lotus. He is also a highly experienced microlight pilot, having undertaken one of the first ever long distance flights in a microlight from Bangalore, India to the Farnborough Air Show, raising over £200,000 for charity.

His achievements are an inspiration to blind and sighted people everywhere. Hilton-Barber is a living proof that anything is possible, and that where there's a will, there's a way.

**Example**

- 0** Miller was able to fly
- A** around the world.
  - B** to London.
  - C** to Sydney.
  - D** by himself.
- 16** The other pilot was
- A** flying the plane by himself.
  - B** telling Miler what to do.
  - C** calculating the figures.
  - D** giving Miller information.
- 17** Miller wanted to be a pilot
- A** four years ago.
  - B** when he was a child.
  - C** 58 years ago.
  - D** when he became blind.
- 18** The purpose of Miller's trip was to
- A** try out an airplane.
  - B** collect money.
  - C** help another pilot.
  - D** be famous.

- 19** Miler's flying adventure helped
- A** totally blind people.
  - B** patients with sight problems.
  - C** sick and poor people.
  - D** charities all over the world.
- 20** Beside flying, Miller has
- A** driven a racing car.
  - B** climbed the highest hills.
  - C** run across Malaysia.
  - D** won £ 200,000.

**[5 marks]**



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**Part 4****Questions 21 – 30**

Read the text about Sharks in Hong Kong.

For questions **21 – 30**, complete the notes.

Use **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

**Hong Kong's Killer Sharks**

Sharks are found in all types of oceans but mostly they are found in warm seas. The tiger shark in particular is one of the most dangerous animals in the sea of Hong Kong. In late May and early June leading up to the hot summer, they are seen along the beaches because the weather is often very bad. The water temperature goes up and down which makes the sharks come into the shallow waters during the daytime. As a result, over the years, there have been many shark attacks in Hong Kong. People have died in some of these accidents. The situation was similar every time, the person was swimming alone in the early morning when the shark attacked.

Like all sharks, tiger sharks have hundreds of sharp teeth that are arranged in rows of up to 10. These teeth never stop growing, every time the shark loses a tooth another comes out. In the ocean, sharks must have excellent senses to find their food. Most sharks have excellent hearing and sight abilities, they can see in the dark better than cats do, but their best sense is that of smell. Tests have shown that sharks can smell one part of blood in a million parts of water which makes the sea around Hong Kong one of the most dangerous places for swimmers.

Tiger sharks are well-known for eating almost everything; they have been called the garbage cans of the sea. They usually hunt at night in deep water and eat tin cans, tyres, sea birds, sea turtles, snakes, even parts of other sharks have been found inside their stomachs.

Most of the public beaches in Hong Kong are now protected by nets that separate the sharks swimming area from that of people. Whenever sharks appear in Hong Kong, red flags are put out on beaches, which warn people not to go swimming near such areas. Many of Hong Kong's 30 public beaches are closed when this happens. People should never go into the water when a red flag is flying and if they really want to go swimming, they should go to a swimming pool instead. It may be more crowded, but it's certainly a lot safer. Despite all the attacks, sharks have important roles in keeping oceans healthy and in balance by eating the sick and injured fish in order to keep a healthy fish population.

Complete the notes below, using **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

### Hong Kong's Killer Sharks

#### Example

- highly dangerous sea creatures are (0) tiger Sharks

#### Where to be found:

- near some (21) \_\_\_\_\_ of Hong Kong

#### How Sharks behave in bad weather:

- gather in (22) \_\_\_\_\_ water
- sharks (23) \_\_\_\_\_ increase
- accidents happen when swimmers are (24) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Features:

- too many (25) \_\_\_\_\_ that continue (26) \_\_\_\_\_
- very good senses are (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and sight
- strongest sense: (28) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Food:

Sharks eat:

- tin cans
- tyres
- other sharks' (29) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Beaches warning:

- red (30) \_\_\_\_\_
- beaches closed

[10 marks]



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