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**THE TEXT:**

**Family Trips**

§1 When Peter and Jill Feuerstein sit down around the dinner table with their teenage children, Besty and Ben, it's not unusual for them to have a lively discussion about a remote village in China, India or Zimbabwe. But unlike many people in their hometown, the Feuersteins have a personal connector, with **these** places.

§2 In June 2002, they embarked on a yearlong journey around the world with their two kids. When asked how he would take his children out of school for an around-the-world trip, Mr. Feuersteins replied; "All of these places matter to us now. ***The trip was a watershed experience for all of us***".

But **they** are not alone. A growing number of American families are turning their desire to travel into reality, say travel experts. Missions to expose children to cultural diversity are among the reasons some parents are willing to have a long journey around the world with kids.

§3 Thinking about the question of affordability, the Feuersteins did a rough estimate after which they realized that the cost of spending a year away would be almost double a year at home. Jill and her husband-who left his job as assistant administrator just before the journey-set up a program. In the months before they set off, they managed to rent out their house, sell their cars, set up health and travel insurance and reached home schooling programs. They booked all their flights in advance through Air Treks and used the Lonely Planet guidebooks for food and hotels, which they booked as they went along.

§4 Although they had some doubt about the idea of homeschooling, Peter and Jill Feuerstein finally felt their children would learn enough from the travel experience itself."The education our children got from travelling far exceeded anything they would get in the fifth or eighth grade" Mr. Feuerstein said. The family read many books about the history and culture of each country they visited (15countries in all) and the children kept daily journals.

§5 On a yearlong trip, you still may not reach all the places you strive to see. But one thing seems certain: the family that travels together is inevitably a closer one. "Mrs. Feuerstein said. "Without the distraction of sports and school, we've become more of a team.

**By CAREN OSTEN GERSZBERG**  
New York Times  
November 4, 2007

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**I/ READING COMPREHENSION: (12 marks)**

**1- From these four quotations about travelling, tick (✓) the one that best goes with the main idea of the text (1mark)**

- Those who know nothing of foreign languages, know nothing of their own
- Never go on trips with anyone you do not love
- Travel, in the younger age, is part of education, in the elder, a part of experience

**2- The following statements are false, correct them with details from the text (4marks)** a-The case of the Feuerstein family is uncommon in the U.S.A (parag 2)

b-The father stopped working a long time before the trip. (parag 3)

c- The children hardly learn anything from travelling.(parag4)

d- Travelling together weakens family ties (Parag 5)

**3- Complete this summary with three words from paragraph 3 (3marks)**

Before the Feuersteins start their around-the-world trip , they advance ,reached .....programs ,sold their cars and



all the flights in their house.

**4- Tick the correct explanation to the following sentence.(1 mark)**

“The trip was **a watershed experience** for all of us” (paragraph 2) means

- A lot of horrible events happened to them
- It was a turning point in their life
- They regretted having gone through that experience

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**5- What do the underlined words in the text refer to (2marks)**

a-“**these**” (paragraph 1) refers to: .....

b-“**they**” (paragraph 2) refers to: .....

**6- Answer the following question (1 mark)**

For the “Feuersteins” children’s education does not necessarily take place at school. It is much broader than that . If you were them, would you make your children leave school for a year to go on a trip around the world? Why? or Why not?

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## Language (6marks)

### 1) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form: (3 marks)

WFP and Credit Suisse have announced a new joint effort to build new schools for children in Sri Lanka. Through WFP, it **(provide)** .....daily school meals through 2011. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the reconstruction of education in areas **(destroy)** .....by natural disasters. The Credit Suisse Food for Education Program focuses on the essential **(connect)**..... between hunger and literacy. These meals improve nutritional status, boost the rates of **(attend)** .....and improve student achievements **(significant)**..... The program also aims at **(increase)**..... the percentage of educating women as well as to reduce children's hunger in the long term.



### 2) Fill in the blanks with words from the list below (there are 2 extra words) (3marks)

**enrol / benefit / intention / connection / promotion / own / as / us**

In today's busy lifestyle, most people have no time to go back to school even if they have the ..... to get more degrees for career advancement, job ..... or simply to learning something new. This is where one of the advantages of online education will ..... these people. Online education is able

to provide you with a flexible learning environment from any location as long as you are offered with internet connection.

With a proper time management, you can easily plan your online learning sessions to fit into your busy schedule and follow your ..... pace of study to complete your degree program. Another key advantage of online education is that you can attend the online classes from your comfort home or any location that you find convenient to you. This also means that you can ..... into any online degree program offered by any universities around the world as long ..... they make their degree program online. With that in mind, you do not need to worry about a degree that can't meet your career or lifestyle requirement.

