

### Le sujet comporte 04 pages

#### THE TEXT

1. I was leaning against a rock on one of Mallorca’s isolated beaches when I noticed a man on the edge of a cliff above the crystalline sea, with a selfie stick taking a panoramic photo on his iPhone.

2. It was our last day on Mallorca and the weather was flawless—warm and cloud-free. We’d been on the island for just over a week, but thanks to frequent afternoon rains each of our many attempts to find an idyllic beach had been thwarted until then.

3. Near the beginning of our trip, on a rare sunny afternoon, we’d hiked along the coast for over two hours trying to find a beach our host had recommended. Pouring with sweat, we dutifully followed arrows on hand-painted signs that led down to some forbidding rocks upon which a few people were sunning themselves. But there was no sand and hardly room for us to lie down, so we turned back.

4. We changed our flights. We packed a picnic and drove toward Calo des Moro. When we arrived, the small parking lot was filled. “How can it be full already?” I asked my wife, the worry apparent in my voice. After a short hike, I could make out what looked like our dream beach beginning to materialize in the distance.

5. We tried to relax but instead found ourselves quietly ridiculed by people with selfie and GoPro video cameras. It wasn’t enough for them to simply snap a photo and have a swim: The entire experience had to be stored in HD and uploaded so that “likes” could be tallied. “It’s like all the people I unfollowed on social media in one place,” my wife said. “If only I could unsubscribe from these people right now.

6. Eventually we’d had enough of the crowd and their cameras. We abandoned our spot.

The Guardian, Friday, 20 October, 2013  
(Adapted)

**I. READING COMPREHENSION (15MARKS)**

**1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option.**

**(2 mark)**

- ◆ **The text is mostly about how...**
- a couple's trip was ruined by Instagram culture.
  - a couple's trip turned into a nightmare.
  - a tourist got lost in Mallorca.

◆ **The mood of the narrator in the text is best described as...**

overjoyed	ill-mannered	displeased
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**2. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail showing that it is false. (2 marks)**

♥ The couple looked for a crowded place because they were afraid. (paragraph 2)

☞ .....

♣ Finally, the couple had a pleasant stay in the island.(paragraph 5and 6)

☞ .....

**3. Read and fill in the blanks with words from the text. (3 marks)**

On the island of Mallorca, a couple wanted to spend their holiday away from the eyes of tourists but all their efforts were-----They spent long hours exploring the place until they found what they thought would be their-----place. Unfortunately, they were disturbed by tourists waving their----- sticks.

**4. Pick out TWO sentences showing that the couple had hard times in Mallorca. (2marks)**

☞ .....

☞ .....

**5. A suitable moral for this story would be --- (1mark)**

- Never trust a travel agent.
- Never let social media spoil your holiday.
- No holiday goes unpunished.

**6. Tick (✓) the nearest meaning. (2marks)**

▪ ...the weather was **flawless**. (paragraph 2)

awesome

awful

stormy

▪ ...so that "likes" could be **tallied** (paragraph 5)

registered

downloaded

exchanged

**7. What do the underlined words refer to? (2 marks)**

✓ **it** (paragraph 4) refers to .....

✓ **these people** (paragraph 5) refers to .....

**8. Were you the couple, would you go to Mallorca again? Why? (1mark)**

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## II. LANGUAGE (10MARKS)

- Fill in the gaps with 8 words from the list. There are 2 extra words. (0.5x8= 4marks)

rather/less/for/orbit/furthermore/reduce/renovate/efficient/solar/little

Passengers could fly to Australia in as little as four hours after British scientists invented a new cooling system which they described as "the biggest breakthrough in propulsion since the jet engine". They claim it could ----- space flight, the purpose it was designed -----, by allowing aircraft to fly directly into ----- and back to earth in one clean stage. The "air-breathing" first phase would allow the vehicle to carry ----- weight from the start, meaning it would have more power relative to its weight and could fly into orbit in one smooth phase ----- than using disposable rockets as it rises. -----, having a fully reusable and more ----- engine would dramatically ----- the cost of space flight, researchers claim. They hope their engine will be operational within a decade.

- ♣ Put the words between brackets in the correct tense or form. (0.5x7= 3.5 marks)

As if testing water in a pool, and in fact testing a wholly new environment for a man, Neil Armstrong slowly **(to drop)** ----- from the ladder of his spacecraft to make the first human footprint on the lunar surface. That foot would remain **(memory)** ----- in the minds of millions who watched on TV, and a symbol of man's determination to step toward the unknown.

**(To pause)** -----briefly, the first man on the moon **(speak)** ----- the first words on lunar soil: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". In the following years many **(to debate)** ----- the merit and significance of this event. Whatever history may decide, there is little question that the exploration of the moon was one of the **(significant)** ----- accomplishments of the **(twenty)** ----- century.

- ♥ Circle the right alternative. (0.5x5=2.5 marks)

**Travel agent:** Good afternoon. How may I help you?

**Cristina:** Good afternoon. I was thinking of going away **(during / for / since)** a week to the beach. What holiday do you have on **(menu / schedule / offer)?**

**Travel agent:** OK, let me see. Have you **(always / never / ever)** been to the Greek islands?

**Cristina:** No. Are they nice?

**Travel agent:** Yes, lovely: **(crystal-clearly / clear-crystal / crystal-clear)** water and great nightlife.

**Cristina:** OK, that **(sounds / seem / likes)** great.

**III. WRITING (15MARKS)**

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line coherent paragraph about EDUCATION FOR FREE. (5 marks)

<b>Type of organisation</b>	Non-profit organisation.
<b>Purpose</b>	Make quality education non-localized / enjoyable and relevant for all students...
<b>Targeted problems</b>	Not enough schools or teachers / ill-equipped schools / boring textbooks / crowded classrooms...
<b>Measures taken</b>	Introduce new methods of learning/teaching/ utilize resources mainly for schools in rural areas.

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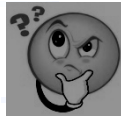
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2. Jamie is a newspaper columnist who is concerned with children’s sufferings. He has received the following message from a child: I am 9 years old. My parents are very poor. They say they can either feed me or send me to school. What shall I do? (10marks)

Write Jamie’s reply. Do not write more than 12 lines



Tough equation, isn't it?

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