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The text:

Three years ago, I sobbed as I boarded a plane to Dubrovnik, Croatia, a one-way ticket in hand. I was convinced it was the biggest mistake of my life. I took a taxi to my hostel because I was afraid of public transport. There, I slept all night with my backpack on my back. I was a timid girl with no life experience. I'd never travelled alone, or for more than two weeks at a time. So, I thought I'd be home within a week. I was terrified of everything. Yet, travel helped me gain control of my anxiety by giving me control over my life. In the beginning, I was running away from my fears, but later, ***I began to run towards them.***

I always kept away from social situations that made me uncomfortable. Staying in hostels changed all that. For the first few months of my trip, I chose to stay in 6-10 bed dorms instead of a single private room. **This** helped me improve my social skills and gain confidence. Moreover, the friendliness of strangers taught me to be compassionate and not to misjudge anyone I meet. When in Thailand, a man took the risk to help me push my luggage to safety while being evacuated after the tsunami. Another girl in Taiwan I'd spoken to for five minutes took a day off to show me around her city. Now, I only think about how to repay the kindness shown towards me.

My comfort zone used to be the size of a pea. Now, I recognize the numerous benefits of forcing myself outside of **it**. For a long time I didn't even try. If I had to give a presentation at school, I'd pretend to be **sick**. If I was too **nervous** to go into work, I'd find an excuse not to go. Travel has showed me that there's so much to discover in this world - I can't even understand how anyone could ever be **bored**. Read a book, go for a walk and learn a new skill. In fact, my husband and I are planning to build a tiny home on wheels after moving to New Zealand in 2016. Against the odds, I did find out who I am through travel. I have become the person I've always wanted to be.

[www.neverendingfootsteps.com](http://www.neverendingfootsteps.com)

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By Lauren

**I- Reading Comprehension: (15 Marks)**

**1) Tick (✓) the appropriate title for the text. (1 mark)**

- A self discovery through travel
- A journey for discovering the world
- A desire for an adventurous trip

**2) Correct these false statements with details from the text. (4 marks)**

**a- Lauren thought that travelling was the right decision she made. (paragraph 1)**

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**b- Lauren is used to staying abroad for a long time. (paragraph 1)**

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**c- Lauren is ungrateful to the people who supported her. (paragraph 2)**

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**d- Lauren has no arrangements to travel again. (paragraph 3)**

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**3) Complete with words from paragraph 3. (3 marks)**

Lauren's attitude towards travel has completely changed. She is now convinced that this world is so rich that we should ..... . That's why no one can feel ..... if he travels knowing that he can enjoy many ..... and learn new skills.

**4) Focus on paragraph 3 and list two situations showing that Lauren was not sociable. (2 marks)**

a- .....

b- .....

**5) Tick ( ✓ ) the right alternative: (2 marks)**

**A- 'I began to run towards them' (paragraph1) means**

- a.  I began to face my fears
- b.  I began to avoid my fears
- c.  I became obsessed with fear



**6) Find an expression in paragraph 3 that means: (1 mark)**

➤ despite many difficulties: .....

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

**this (paragraph 2)** refers to .....

**it (paragraph 3)** refers to .....

**8) Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)**

**What lesson did you learn from Lauren's experience?**

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## II- Language: (10 Marks)

### 1) Put the words between parentheses in the correct tense or form. ( 3.5 marks )

A website that provides prices for flights, hotels and car hire across the globe has made some predictions for what travel will look like in a decade. Perhaps the most appealing destination for 2024 holidaymakers **(be)** ..... a trip to the Moon or a stay in space. The site Skyscanner.com **(just / release)** ..... a report of what holidays in the future might look like. The report is entitled 'The Future of Travel 2024' and outlines a series of **(previous)** ..... unimaginable vacation choices for those who just want to get there quicker. Holidays in space are perhaps the **(spectacular)** ..... of Skyscanner's predictions. Its report says: "**(orbit)** ..... space travel will be the next hot ticket, and commercial companies are lining up to make it a **(affordable)** ..... proposition than ever." Indeed, Virgin Galactic and SpaceX **(convince)** ..... by this new trend a few years ago: They are already accepting bookings.

### 2) Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the list below. ( 3.5 marks )

{growth / increases / where / around / vital / reduces / when / provided / yet }

World Food Programme is fighting hunger worldwide!

WFP, with governments and partners, supports education, ..... malnutrition, and triggers development, especially during times of crisis. Nearly all countries ..... the world have a school feeding programme. And each day, at least 368 million children are ..... with food at school. This huge figure indicates that governments recognize school feeding as an essential tool for the development and ..... of school children and society as a whole. ...., many children still do not benefit from school feeding. In countries where poverty rates indicate that school meals are ....., the supply of those meals for children is unfortunately insufficient. In efforts to create a world ..... educational and nutritional opportunities reach the poor, schools play a significant role.

### 3) Circle the correct alternative. (3 marks)

The Canadian Tulip Festival pays tribute to Princess Juliana of the Netherlands who will always be remembered for her Gift of Tulips to the Canadian people. **(Thanks / In spite / In addition)** to her, the Tulip Legacy holds a very important place in Canadian history. It is **(particular / particularity / particularly)** celebrated by Ottawa and Gatineau residents. Princess Juliana is, in many ways, responsible **(of / for / to)** the creation of the Canadian Tulip Festival. The festival has grown into the largest tulip festival in the world from a gift of thanks **(give / gave / given)** five decades ago. In the fall of 1945, Juliana of the Netherlands **(presented / has presented / had presented)** Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs. The tulips have become an important **(memory / symbol / souvenir)** of international friendship and the beauty of spring.

**III- Writing: (15 Marks)**

**1) Complete the following conversation between a travel agent and a customer with the necessary questions and answers. (5 marks)**

**Hotel Clerk:** Hello. Sunnyside Hotel. .... ?

**Customer:** Yes, I'd like to reserve a room for two on the 21st of March.

**Hotel Clerk:** Okay. Let me check ... The 21st of March... Hmm.

**Customer:** Are you full that night?

**Hotel Clerk:** Well, we have one suite available, complete with a kitchenette and a sauna bath.

**Customer:**..... ?

**Hotel Clerk:** It's only \$200 dollars, plus a 10% room tax.

**Customer:** Oh, that's a little too expensive for me.

..... either on the 20th or the 22nd?

**Hotel Clerk:** Well, we do have a room available on the 20th, and it's only \$80 dollars.

**Customer:** Okay, .....

**Hotel Clerk:** All right Sir. .... ?

**Customer:** Bob Johnson.

**Hotel Clerk:** Okay, Mr. Johnson, we look forward to seeing you on March 20th.



**2) Essay: (10 Marks)**

While surfing the net you came across the following statement in one of the forums:

*“Virtual schools enable students to learn more efficiently in a safe environment ”*

Because you totally disagree with this point of view, you decided to write a 15-line paragraph about the drawbacks of virtual learning.

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