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Le sujet comporte 4 pages

## I. READING COMPREHENSION

### THE TEXT

1- It was 6:15 a.m., and I was waiting outside my hotel in Rome for a taxi that would take me to the airport. A splendid two-week vacation was over, and I was heading back home. I started to cry. And in that moment, I made a decision: I would come back to Italy, and soon, but not on another vacation. I'd felt something here I hadn't felt in a very long time, JOY! And I wanted to feel more of it.

2- There's no logical reason for a middle-aged woman, of Danish ancestry, born and raised in Utah, U.S.A., to think she belongs in Italy. There's no logical reason for a woman to give up her job and sell her home to settle elsewhere. Now, I have to leave my students, lifelong friends and family to start a new life, alone. All I can say is that the heart knows what the heart wants.

3- Once the plane landed in Utah, there were a thousand things to do. And, if my plan went as scheduled, I only had three months to get them done. At least 50 times a day, one of those things was just repeat to myself, "I'm going to Italy. To live!" It was at this point that I began to learn the first of many new life lessons.

4- Not everyone was going to be thrilled about my new adventure. Most were mildly surprised, but some were downright dream-squashers. There were a few people, however, that totally embraced my choice to go. Most of them older. All of them women. They knew how small the window of time can be for us to act on a dream. If doors opened and plans presented themselves, I knew I was headed in the right direction.

5- If it felt like I was pushing a boulder upstream, rather than going with the flow, I knew I had to change plans. October 2, 2012, I boarded the flight to Florence, Italy. Behind me: my son and daughter and a life never lived. Ahead of me: unknown. And all of that was just fine until the plane was about 3 hours over the Atlantic Ocean. There weren't any tears this time, just a sinking feeling that began at the base of my stomach, and moved to my throat.

Oh my God, what have I done?

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### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks)

1. Tick  the most suitable option to complete the title of the text. (1 mark)

The vacation that

- a- partially ruined my life     b- totally impoverished my life     c- unexpectedly changed my life

2. Complete the chart below with information about the narrator (paragraph 2). (3 marks)

Occupation	Origin	Nationality
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3. Complete the following summary with three words from paragraphs 1 and 2. (3 marks)

After a short vacation, the narrator decided to settle in Italy where she feels she ----- .  
So, she left everything behind and followed her ----- . She was driven by the pursuit of  
the ----- she had always dreamt of.

4. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail showing that it is false. (3 marks)

- a. The narrator decided to move to Italy with her children. (paragraph 2)  
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- b. None of the narrator's relations supported her. (paragraph 4)  
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- c. Before finally leaving, the narrator knew exactly what was awaiting her in Italy. (paragraph 5)  
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5. Tick  the most appropriate alternative. (2 marks)

A- "*some were downright dream-squashers.*" (paragraph 4) nearly means the same as: **some were**

- a- extremely motivating.     b- highly dissuasive.     c- totally indifferent.

B- "*I was pushing a boulder upstream.*" (paragraph 5) nearly means the same as: **I was**

- a- making a difficult choice     b- just following the stream.     c- taking a logical decision.

6. What / Who do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

**them** (paragraph 3) refers to -----

**us** (paragraph 4) refers to -----

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

If you were given the opportunity to start a new life in another country, would you leave everything behind and go? Why or why not?

If I were given the opportunity to start a new life in another country, I ----- leave everything behind and go because -----

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**II. WRITING (15 marks)**

**1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line paragraph about the *ReStart program*. (5 marks)**

<b>Program</b>	<i>ReStart</i> / innovative video game / Internet addiction recovery program
<b>Foundation</b>	2009 / Cosette Rae / clinical social worker
<b>Purpose</b>	help users find hope / healing / fight addiction to technological devices
<b>Duration</b>	45-90 days
<b>Treatment</b>	outdoor therapy / coaching / individualized family counselling

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**2. The editor of a monthly magazine received the following letter from Kate:**

*Dear Editor,*  
*I'm a manager in a big corporation but I'm not satisfied with my working conditions: I'm ill-paid and my boss does not value my efforts. I'm hesitant whether to stay in my job or leave and launch my own business.*  
*Please help.*

Yours,  
Kate

**Write a 12-line letter reply to Kate to help her take a decision. Support your advice with sound arguments. (10 marks)**

**N.B. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME**

Dear Kate,

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Yours,  
The editor

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### III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

#### 1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

**flight / while / safely / along / suborbital / hardly / challenge / however / paying**

A Virgin Galactic rocket plane finally reached space on December 11, 2018. It returned \_\_\_\_\_ to the California desert, crowning years of testing to become the first US commercial human \_\_\_\_\_ to breach Earth's atmosphere. The successful test trip announces a new era of private space travel that could kick off as soon as 2019. The company would be the first to offer spatial trips to fare- \_\_\_\_\_ tourists. Mr Branson attended the take-off \_\_\_\_\_ with hundreds of spectators. "Today, as I stood amongst this truly remarkable group of people, we saw our toughest \_\_\_\_\_ and our biggest dream to date fulfilled," Mr Branson told the crowd. And \_\_\_\_\_ critics pointed to Mr Branson's unfulfilled space promises over the past decade, the businessman asserted that Virgin's first commercial space trip would happen in months and not in years. Nearly 700 people have paid or put down deposits to fly aboard Virgin's \_\_\_\_\_ missions. Many famous people have already booked their places.

#### 2. Put the bracketed words in the correct tense and / or form. (3 marks)

Some people shy away from travelling alone; a few embrace it. So, what is it that makes it an attractive option? First, travelling solo can be very **(appeal)** \_\_\_\_\_. The itinerary you set and all the decisions you make are yours. You **(not / need)** \_\_\_\_\_ to worry about any other person or group. Travelling alone is also a great confidence **(build)** \_\_\_\_\_. Actually, when you're on your own, people are more willing to start a conversation with you. If you don't have someone else talking to you in your own language all the time, you **(find)** \_\_\_\_\_ that you learn the language faster. It's funny, but we interact more **(frequent)** \_\_\_\_\_ when we travel alone in a country that doesn't speak our native tongue. Travelling solo means you have to answer your own inner wanderer, pick up your courage and let your heart **(lead)** \_\_\_\_\_ the way to a new adventure.

#### 3. Circle the right option. (3.5 marks)

The evolution of technologies is beneficial for humanity. In the world today, these technologies **(are gradually taking / are gradually taken / were gradually taking)** an essential part in our lives. In fact, living without them would be **(imaginative / unimaginable / imaginable)** for some of us. For instance, the invention of the computer enhanced communication among companies across different countries, and the **(expenses / expectations / exchanges)** between them are faster especially with the Internet. For those companies, progress is saving **(in / at / by)** time and money. Similarly, global tourism has **(grown / plummeted / stumbled)** on an unprecedented scale. Indeed, technology has increased the productivity of almost every industry in the world. When observed more **(closer / closely / closeness)**, new things are discovered every day. Electricity is obviously one of those things that have changed our lives. Actually, if no one discovered how to generate electricity, the entertainment industry, for example, wouldn't **(have been / be / been)** at its current stage of development.