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Thursday 8 May 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour)

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English as a Second Language
UNIT 1: Reading

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

This text covers questions 1 and 2.

Read the information about a party and a present.

Saturday 15th March

Dear Luca,

Please come to my birthday party!

When: Saturday 5th April, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Newtown Hall, High Street

What to eat: pizza, cake, ice cream

What to do: dance, sing and play music!

What to wear: dress like your favourite animal!

To reply, write to Asha (my mum)

When: before Sunday 30th March

How: asha@email.com

What: food you cannot eat

Amal

Tuesday 18th March

Dear Asha and Amal,

Yes, I want to come to your party, thank you!

I like cake and ice cream, but I love pizza!

I cannot sing or dance, but I like to listen to music. Do you like the group Abba? I can listen to their music all day!

I have my clothes for your party. Do you know what my animal is? A mouse!

Luca

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Tuesday 8th April

Dear Luca,

Thank you for my great cat picture. It is on my bedroom wall.

I love cats. I have a cat school bag. It is under my bedroom window. I have some cat playing cards. They are in the lounge. I have a cup and a glass with cats on. They are in the kitchen.

My football with cats on is under my bed. I like to play football in the park.

Thank you again!

Amal

1 Answer the questions below.

Put a cross in the correct box for each question.

(a) When is Amal's birthday party?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Saturday 15th March
<input type="checkbox"/>	B Sunday 30th March
<input type="checkbox"/>	C Saturday 5th April

(b) What is the address for Amal's birthday party?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B Newtown Hall, High Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	C dress like an animal

(c) What information does Amal's mum want?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A the food that Luca cannot eat
<input type="checkbox"/>	B the food that Luca wants to eat
<input type="checkbox"/>	C the food that Luca likes to cook

(d) Which food does Luca like most?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A pizza
<input type="checkbox"/>	B cake
<input type="checkbox"/>	C ice cream

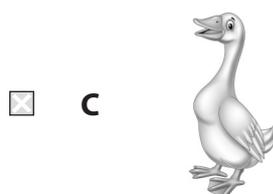
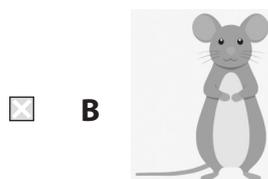
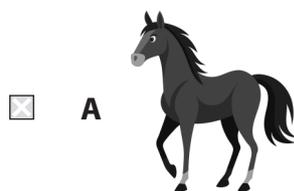
(e) What does Luca say he can do?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	A sing to Abba music
<input type="checkbox"/>	B dance to Abba music
<input type="checkbox"/>	C listen to Abba music

(f) What animal clothes does Luca have for the party?

(1)



(Total for Question 1 = 6 marks)



2 Which of the completed statements about Amal's bedroom are true?

Put a cross in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

In her bedroom, Amal has her ...

<input type="checkbox"/>	A picture of a cat.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B school bag with cats on.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C playing cards with cats on.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D cup with cats on.
<input type="checkbox"/>	E glass with cats on.
<input type="checkbox"/>	F football with cats on.

(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)



Mario is writing an email to his grandson, Jack.

Read the email below.

 **To** jack@mail.com

From mario@mail.com

Subject: Jobs

Good afternoon, Jack!

I read the email from your mum this morning. She says you have a job. Well done!

I help at the library. I go every Wednesday afternoon. I read stories to young children. The library does not pay me, but I enjoy it a lot! After the stories, we give the children something to eat. Then we sing, play music or draw pictures.

Write and tell me about your job. Where is it?

Love Grandad

3 Which sentences are true?

Put a cross in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Grandad is writing to Jack in the afternoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B Grandad hears the news about Jack's job on the phone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C Grandad helps at the library every afternoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D Grandad reads to the children and then they have something to eat.
<input type="checkbox"/>	E Grandad gets money from the library.
<input type="checkbox"/>	F Grandad wants to know more about Jack's job.

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)



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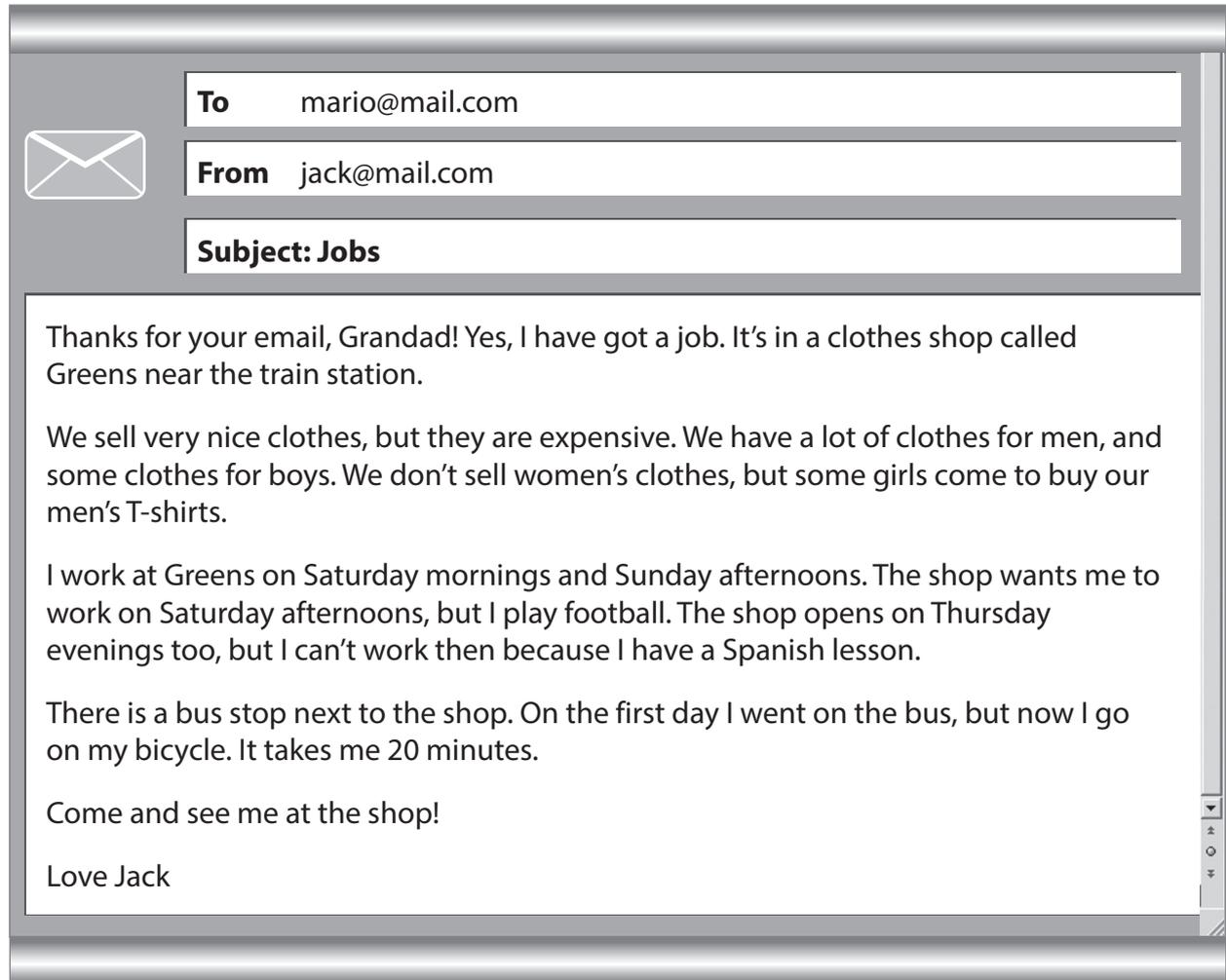
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Jack is writing an answer to his grandad.

Read the email.



 **To** mario@mail.com

From jack@mail.com

Subject: Jobs

Thanks for your email, Grandad! Yes, I have got a job. It's in a clothes shop called Greens near the train station.

We sell very nice clothes, but they are expensive. We have a lot of clothes for men, and some clothes for boys. We don't sell women's clothes, but some girls come to buy our men's T-shirts.

I work at Greens on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. The shop wants me to work on Saturday afternoons, but I play football. The shop opens on Thursday evenings too, but I can't work then because I have a Spanish lesson.

There is a bus stop next to the shop. On the first day I went on the bus, but now I go on my bicycle. It takes me 20 minutes.

Come and see me at the shop!

Love Jack

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4 Complete the gap in each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below.

There are more words than gaps.

babies	boys	men	women
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
bus	train	bicycle	

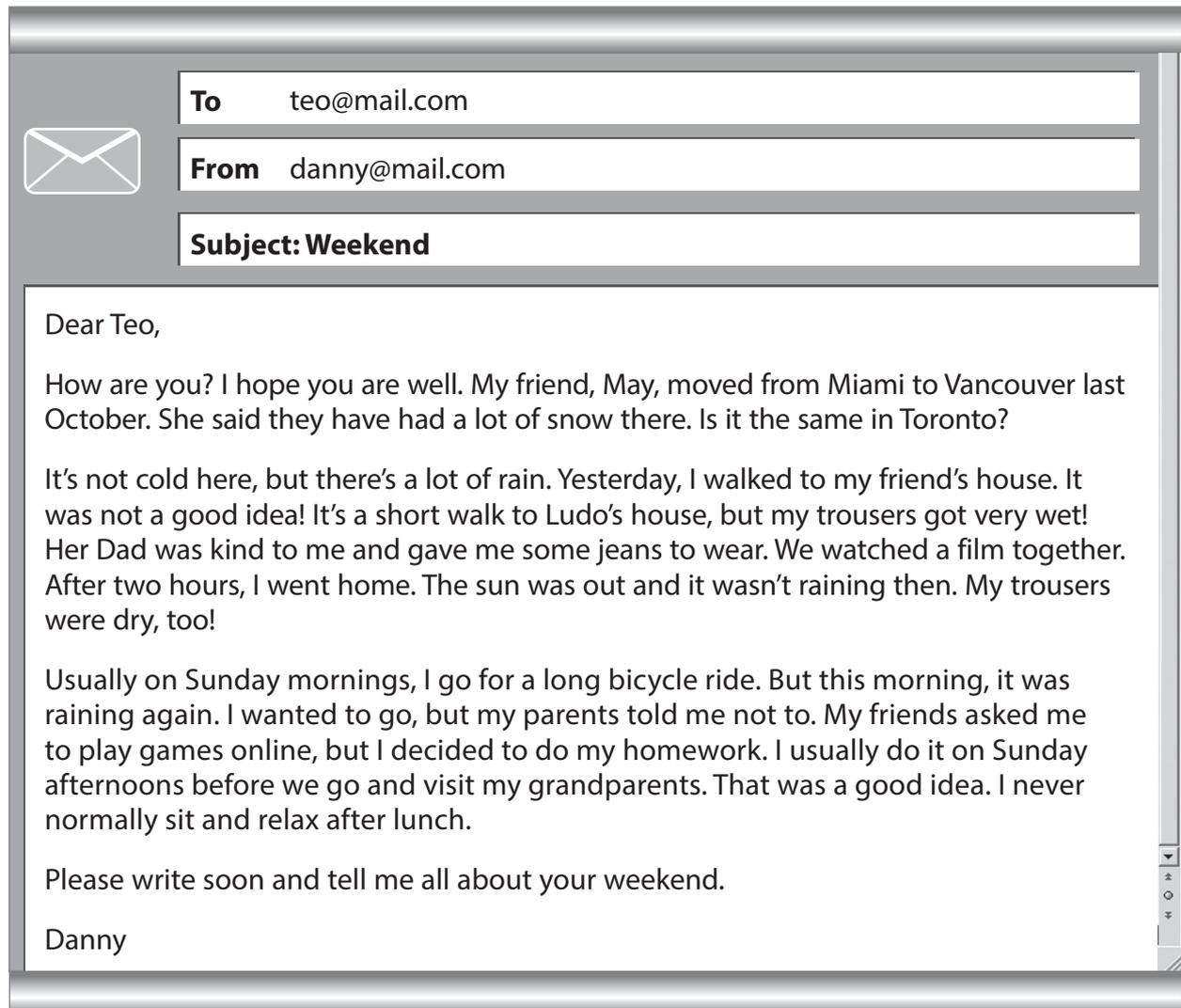
- (a) You cannot buy clothes for at Greens. (1)
- (b) Most of the clothes in the shop are for (1)
- (c) Jack works in the afternoon every (1)
- (d) Jack learns Spanish on evenings. (1)
- (e) Jack goes to work by now. (1)

(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)



Teo and Danny are penfriends.

Read Danny's email below.



To teo@mail.com

From danny@mail.com

Subject: Weekend

Dear Teo,

How are you? I hope you are well. My friend, May, moved from Miami to Vancouver last October. She said they have had a lot of snow there. Is it the same in Toronto?

It's not cold here, but there's a lot of rain. Yesterday, I walked to my friend's house. It was not a good idea! It's a short walk to Ludo's house, but my trousers got very wet! Her Dad was kind to me and gave me some jeans to wear. We watched a film together. After two hours, I went home. The sun was out and it wasn't raining then. My trousers were dry, too!

Usually on Sunday mornings, I go for a long bicycle ride. But this morning, it was raining again. I wanted to go, but my parents told me not to. My friends asked me to play games online, but I decided to do my homework. I usually do it on Sunday afternoons before we go and visit my grandparents. That was a good idea. I never normally sit and relax after lunch.

Please write soon and tell me all about your weekend.

Danny

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5 Answer the following questions.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(a) Where does May live now? (1)

(b) Why was it a bad idea to walk to Ludo's house in the rain? (1)

(c) How long did Danny stay at Ludo's house? (1)

(d) What does Danny normally do on Sunday mornings? (1)

(e) Write **two** things that Danny usually does on Sunday afternoons. (2)

(i)

(ii)

(Total for Question 5 = 6 marks)



Read Teo's answer below.

	To danny@mail.com
	From teo@mail.com
	Subject: Weekend

Hi Danny,

Last week, it snowed every day! I couldn't go out of the house at all! It stopped snowing on Sunday morning, so my family and I walked to the lake.

It wasn't busy when we arrived at 10 a.m., but soon there were lots of people. Mum and Dad wanted to go shopping, so we all had lunch together and then they left. My sister, Zara, and I stayed out until it got dark. I wanted to watch a film after dinner, but I was too tired. I went to bed after we finished tidying up.

Teo

6 Which of the statements are true?

Put a cross in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A It was snowing on Saturday.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B Teo stayed in his house until Sunday.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C There were a lot of people at the lake when Teo arrived.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D Teo's mum and dad had lunch with Teo and Zara.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E It was light when Teo and Zara went home.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F Teo watched a film before going to bed.

(Total for Question 6 = 3 marks)



Read the article from a website.

Welcome to *Good Job!* – the website with all that you need to know about jobs.

The world of work is always changing. Some jobs come and others go – for example, you are never going to meet a street lamp lighter these days! A new report says AI (Artificial Intelligence) will replace 14 million jobs by 2030. Read our list of jobs that robots and computers will never be able to do.

7 Answer the questions below.

Put a cross in the correct box for each question.

(a) People visit this website to ...

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A find information and advice about careers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B learn about the history of computing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C apply for jobs that are in other countries.

(b) A street lamp lighter is an example of a job that ...

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A people started to do recently.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B is easy to find today.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C people do not do anymore.

(c) The website has a list of jobs that ...

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A people will do in the future.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B people do when they are older.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C computers can do very well.

(Total for Question 7 = 3 marks)

The article continues.

High Energy

Jobs to do with fitness, sleep and healthy eating are all part of the wellness industry. Worldwide, by 2030, the value of this industry will be more than 8.5 trillion dollars – up from 5.6 trillion in 2022. This means it will rise by nearly 3 trillion dollars! Although AI will replace some of the jobs, there will still be lots of opportunities to work in this area.

High Tech

Between 2010 and 2020, software programmers were top of the list for the most needed employees. This will continue into the future. After all, if we do not have people with the skills and qualifications to design, build and test software, who will create the AI software which we will use?

High Touch

'High Touch' is usually used to talk about being helpful by providing great customer service in shops or businesses. However, we are using 'High Touch' specifically to describe jobs where you help someone by using your hands. We believe most of these jobs will never be replaced by AI. Therefore, if your job is to care for people who cannot look after themselves, such as being a nurse, your career is probably safe.

High Up

Do you like the idea of becoming a space tour guide? Space tourism is growing quickly. Already, people who have millions of dollars can pay to go into space. If space travel gets cheaper, a lot of new jobs will be created, including space tour guides. After all, space tourism will need everything that other travel companies need, and more!



8 Answer the following questions.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(a) How much was the worldwide wellness industry worth in 2022? (1)

(b) Why is it a good idea to work in the wellness industry? (1)

(c) What will people need in order to design software in the future? (1)

(d) What do all types of 'High Touch' jobs have in common? (1)

(e) At what point in the future will space tour guides be needed? (1)

(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)



Read the letter to a newspaper.

Letters to the Editor Page

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the plan to change to a four-day school week in our town's secondary schools. As a teacher with more than thirty years' experience, I would like to explain why I do not agree with this plan.

The idea of a four-day school week is becoming more popular around the world, including in Australia, Iceland and France. In America, the number of districts experimenting with a four-day week rose from 662 to 876 between 2019 and 2023.

One reason for the plan's popularity is obvious: few people in any business or organisation would complain about having a three-day weekend. Staff and students would spend less time travelling to school, and have more time to relax or prepare work for school. Parents would also prefer their children to be able to attend medical appointments without missing lessons.

Supporters of the idea also believe that shorter school weeks lead to better performance from both teachers and students. However, research in America shows that grades never go up. At best, grades stay the same, but mainly they go down, especially in schools in cities and towns.

In my opinion, if local schools change to four longer days, not only will students be more tired, but it will be difficult to timetable long lessons with special facilities and classrooms. Although subjects like English and maths do not need much equipment, others like computing, science, sports and music do.

Similarly, since most school clubs take place straight after school, many students and teachers may decide not to go because they would not return home until the early evening. While some clubs could take place at lunchtime, they would all have to be in classrooms since the halls and playgrounds would be in use, and they could never last longer than forty minutes.

For all these reasons, I hope that our schools will think more carefully about this plan. I support the wish to make schools more successful and enjoyable, but I do not believe a four-day school week is the right way to do it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lee



9 Answer the following questions.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(a) What are the town's secondary schools planning to do? (1)

(b) In 2023, how many areas in America were trying the new idea? (1)

(c) What is the clearest benefit of the town's plan for secondary schools? (1)

(d) How can a shorter week help students who have to visit a doctor? (1)

(e) What does the research from America suggest usually happens when schools have a shorter week? (1)

(f) What does 'others' (paragraph 5, line 4) refer to? (1)

(Total for Question 9 = 6 marks)



10 Answer the questions below.

Put a cross in the correct box for each question.

(a) What does the writer suggest about school clubs now?

(1)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A They last too long.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B They take place in big spaces.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C They happen in the evening.

(b) What is the purpose of this letter?

(1)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A to protest against a plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B to suggest a new idea
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C to ask for information

(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)



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Read the blog about a holiday at home.

www.samirasblog.com

Have you seen the terrific video of the mother creating a theme park ride at home for her daughter? I discovered it a couple of months ago, as I was doing my daily look at social media. The video shows the daughter sitting in the middle of a small upside-down table on her mum's knees. She's watching a video of a theme park ride while her resourceful mum moves the table up and down and from side to side. The young girl is evidently delighted by her 'real' theme park experience. If you ever need cheering up, then watch it. I just know it'll put you in a good mood!

Although the video was clearly not intended for someone like me, since I neither am nor have a child, it did get me thinking. I had been looking forward to some sunshine, but couldn't afford to go abroad to find it. I had considered going on a short break to a luxury hotel, but that was even more expensive. So, inspired by the video, I started to plan how to give myself a holiday experience at home.

Soon after, I took a week's leave and checked into the luxury hotel that is my one-bedroom flat! I had decided to only use cash during my holiday. Not being able to pay by card would stop me from going over budget. If I was really going to imitate the hotel experience, I couldn't do anything more than make a tea or coffee in my bedroom, so most of my money would be spent on having food delivered or going to restaurants. Although, to follow one of my personal holiday traditions, I wanted to buy at least one inexpensive painting from a local artist.

The first morning, before I laid out my rug on my 'private beach', I put on some relaxing music containing the soft sounds of the sea and chose an enjoyable beach read. Then, after getting comfortable, I turned my desk lamp towards my face as if I were sunbathing, and finally, placed my feet into a tray of sand that I had prepared the previous night.

By the end of the week, I felt thoroughly rested and really appreciated not having had any of my usual holiday anxieties. I was so used to constantly worrying about flight delays or whether my baggage would arrive or not. My joy was reduced only slightly when I remembered that clearing up the sand, which was all over the floor of my luxury hotel, was my responsibility. Although overall I did miss having some company... if only I had thought of that earlier!

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11 Answer the questions below.

Put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

(a) What made the 'theme park ride' feel so real for the young girl?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Her mum turned her upside down at the end.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B She felt ill during the theme park ride.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C Her mum copied the movements of the ride.

(b) Why does Samira feel that the video was not made for her?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A She does not like going to theme parks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B She rarely reads posts on social media.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C She thinks it is for parents or children.

(c) Why did the writer choose to have a holiday at home?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A She did not have a lot of money to spend on going away.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B She does not enjoy going on holiday in foreign countries.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C She wanted to do exactly the same as the mum in the video.

(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)

12 Answer the questions below.

Put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

(a) Why does the writer think that only having cash was a good idea?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A It would be easier to pay for food and drinks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B It would stop her buying cheap souvenirs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C It would stop her spending too much money.

(b) What was the first thing the writer did to create her beach scene?

(1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A put a rug on the floor
<input type="checkbox"/>	B put sand into a tray
<input type="checkbox"/>	C put on relaxing music

(Total for Question 12 = 2 marks)

13 Answer the following questions about Samira.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(a) How does Samira usually feel about travelling by plane?

(1)

(b) What was Samira's only complaint about her 'luxury hotel'?

(1)

(c) What does Samira mean by 'having some company'?

(1)

(Total for Question 13 = 3 marks)

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