READING 1 (Items 1-5) **(5 marks)**

*Match the five texts on the left with the texts in the box. (There is **One** extra text in the box.)*

1. Before there were roads in Oman, people travelled by camel across the desert. A journey that takes two hours today

2. My father is a pilot. He flies planes to many countries. Last weekend, he let me sit in

3. The journey by boat from Muscat to Musandam takes five hours, but

4. On our way to the mountains, our driver stopped suddenly. In front of us,

5. My grandmother lives in a small village far from the city. Every holiday, we drive for four hours to visit her. She always

A.	**the captain's seat and showed me all the buttons. 'Maybe you will fly one day too,' he said.**
B.	**a group of camels was crossing the road slowly. We waited and counted twenty-three of them!**
C.	**took many days then. Travellers followed the stars to find their way at night.**
D.	**the views of the sea and the high cliffs are so beautiful that nobody sleeps on the way.**
E.	**waits for us at the gate with fresh bread and cold milk. It is the best welcome in the world.**
F.	**a small plane landed near our town, and everyone went to see it. It was the first plane many children had seen.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

One hundred years ago, a young sailor called Nasser left his village near Sur on a great wooden ship. He was only sixteen, and it was his first journey to India. The ship carried dates, dried fish, and frankincense to sell in the markets there. The journey took three weeks. Some nights were calm, and the sailors sang old songs under the moon. But one night, a great storm came. The wind was so strong that it broke one of the sails. The captain told everyone to stay calm, and Nasser helped the older sailors tie down the boxes. When the storm passed, the sailors repaired the sail with rope and cloth. At last, they saw the lights of India. In the market, Nasser sold the dates and bought colourful cloth and spices for his family. When he returned home months later, his mother was waiting on the beach. Many years later, Nasser became a famous captain himself, and he always told young sailors: 'Respect the sea, and she will carry you home.'

READING 2 (continued)

*For each question, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS or a NUMBER**)*

6. How old was Nasser?

7. Name one thing the ship carried. _____

8. How long did the journey take? _____

9. What broke in the storm?

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10. What did Nasser buy in India?

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