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. The Arabian leopard is one of the rarest cats in the world. Scientists think only about two hundred live in the wild today.

2. Green turtles can live for eighty years. Every summer, the mothers return to the same beach where they were born.

3. The camel is called the ship of the desert. It can carry heavy bags for forty kilometres a day,

4. Honey badgers look small and cute, but they are not afraid of anything. They can even fight a big snake

5. Whale sharks are the biggest fish in the sea - as long as a bus! But divers love them because

A.	**and it can sleep standing up with its eyes half open. Camels close their noses when the sand flies during desert storms.**
B.	**they are gentle and slow. They eat only tiny plants and very small fish, and they never hurt people at all.**
C.	**They dig their eggs in the warm sand at night, then go back to the sea before morning. The babies come out after two months.**
D.	**and win the fight. Its thick skin keeps it safe from sharp teeth and bee stings, so it never runs away.**
E.	**They live high in the mountains of Dhofar, where special protection teams watch over them day and night to keep them safe.**
F.	**Falcons can see a small mouse from two kilometres up in the sky.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

In the cold mountains of Dhofar, ranger Salim Al Mahri starts work before the sun comes up. His job is to protect the Arabian leopard, one of the rarest animals on Earth.

Salim has worked in the mountains for fifteen years. He knows every path and every cave. Each morning, he drives his old green jeep along the rocky roads and checks the special cameras that watch the leopards at night.

Last October, the cameras showed something wonderful: a mother leopard with two small cubs. It was the first time anyone had seen cubs in that valley for three years. Salim was so happy that he danced next to his jeep.

But the work is not easy. Some farmers let their goats walk too high into the mountains, where the leopards live. Salim visits these farmers again and again. He drinks coffee with them, listens to their problems, and explains how the leopards help the mountains. Slowly, many farmers have become his friends. Now, they call him when they see a leopard, instead of being afraid.

'The leopard cannot speak,' Salim says. 'So I speak for it.'

This year, the cameras counted five different leopards in the valley - two more than last year. For Salim, every new cat is a victory, and every cubs' photo is a promise that the mountains will not be silent.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. How long has Salim worked in the mountains?

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7. What does Salim check every morning?

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8. How many cubs did the cameras show?

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9. Who does Salim drink coffee with?

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10. How many leopards did the cameras count?

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READING SCORE	**10**