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. We have a small garden behind our house where many birds come to drink. Last spring,

2. My brother wants to be a vet, so he reads books about animals every evening. Yesterday,

3. Our class has two goldfish called Goldie and Bubbles. Every morning, two students feed them. Today,

4. The Arabian leopard is in danger. Only a few hundred live in the mountains of Dhofar. Last year,

5. My uncle keeps bees and makes honey. Last Saturday, he let me watch him work. I wore a special white suit, and

A.	**it was my turn, but I forgot the fish food at home! Luckily, our teacher had some extra.**
B.	**a family of birds built a nest in our lemon tree. We watched the babies grow every day.**
C.	**he learned that some turtles can live for more than one hundred years. He could not believe it.**
D.	**I did not get stung once. The honey we collected tasted like flowers.**
E.	**the rangers found three leopard babies with their mother. Everyone at the reserve was very happy.**
F.	**he told me which snake is safe and which is dangerous. Now I know what to do if I see one.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Twelve-year-old Said has a very unusual friend: a young falcon called Zarqaa. Said's father found the bird last year on their farm near Adam. She had a hurt wing and could not fly. The family called a vet, who showed them how to care for her. Every morning before school, Said fed Zarqaa small pieces of meat and gave her fresh water. Slowly, her wing became strong again. After three months, the vet said she was ready to fly free. On a cool Friday morning, Said and his father took her to the open desert. Said opened the cage door and stepped back. Zarqaa looked at him for a moment, then opened her great wings and flew up into the sky. She flew in a circle above them twice, as if to say thank you, and then she was gone. Said felt sad, but also happy. 'Wild birds belong in the sky,' his father said, and Said nodded. Every evening now, when Said hears a falcon's cry over the farm, he looks up and wonders if it is Zarqaa, healthy and free.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. What was the falcon's name?

7. Where did the father find the bird? _____

8. How long did the family care for her? _____

9. On which day did they free her? _____

10. How many times did Zarqaa circle above them?

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