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. My grandfather crossed the desert by camel when he was young. Last week, he showed me

2. We went camping in the Empty Quarter last winter. The sand dunes were higher than houses. At night,

3. Our flight to Salalah was early in the morning, so

4. The old caravan road from Muscat to Nizwa was busy two hundred years ago. Travellers stopped at

5. When our car broke down on the mountain road, a kind farmer

A.	**we stayed in a hotel near the airport the night before. We slept only five hours!**
B.	**the stars were so bright that we did not need a torch. We just sat and watched the sky.**
C.	**his old maps and the small bag he carried on every journey. They smelled of history.**
D.	**small villages to rest their animals and buy dates and water. Some of those villages are still there today.**
E.	**stopped his tractor and pulled us to the top of the hill. He would not take any money for his help.**
F.	**an old man told us stories about the ships that sailed from Sur to India. His grandfather was a captain.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

The Al Harthy family had been planning their journey to Jebel Akhdar for months. They left their home in Muscat early on Thursday morning, when the roads were still empty. The road climbed higher and higher, and the air became cooler. Little Ali pressed his face to the window. He had never seen mountains so tall. At midday, they reached the village and walked along the narrow paths between the old stone houses. Ali's mother bought a basket of pomegranates from a woman at the market. 'These grow only here, on the green mountain,' the woman said with a smile. In the afternoon, the family walked to the edge of the canyon. Ali held his father's hand tightly. Below them, the valley was so deep that the trees at the bottom looked like green dots. They stayed at a small guest house that night and woke to the sound of birds. Before the drive home, Ali picked a small white flower and pressed it between the pages of his notebook, so he would never forget the green mountain.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. When did the family leave Muscat?

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7. What did Ali's mother buy?

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8. What is the mountain's other name?

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9. Where did the family sleep?

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10. What did Ali press in his notebook?

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