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. Flamingos visit Oman every winter. They stand in the shallow water of the lagoons. If you go early in the morning,

2. My cat Mishmish had four kittens last month. They were tiny and their eyes were closed. Now

3. The vet in our town is very kind. When my dog hurt his leg,

4. Sea turtles have lived in the oceans for millions of years. In Oman, they come to the beaches at night to

5. Our neighbour has an old horse called Najmah. She cannot run fast any more, but

A.	**lay their eggs in the warm sand. The babies run to the sea as soon as they come out.**
B.	**she carried him to his car gently and did not ask for money. 'Just help an animal one day,' she said.**
C.	**they run and play all day. My favourite is the little orange one with no tail.**
D.	**she still loves children. Every Friday, she takes me for a slow ride around the farm.**
E.	**you can see hundreds of them, pink against the blue water. It is a beautiful sight.**
F.	**everyone wanted to hold them, but the vet said we must wait one more week.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

When the fishermen of Mirbat found the young whale on the beach at dawn, they knew they had to act fast. The whale was small - only three metres long - but very heavy, and the tide was going out. One fisherman ran to the town and came back with twenty men, buckets, and a long piece of cloth. All morning, the men poured sea water over the whale's grey skin to keep it cool. Children from the nearby houses brought more buckets. A vet came from Salalah by car, driving for two hours. At midday, the tide began to return. The men lifted the cloth under the whale and, slowly and carefully, pushed her into deeper water. For a moment, nothing happened. Then the whale moved her tail, once, twice - and swam out to sea. Everyone on the beach cheered. The vet told the children that the whale would remember their kindness. That evening, the fishermen's wives cooked a big dinner for everyone, and the story of the saved whale was told again and again, long into the night.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. How long was the whale?

7. How many men came to help? _____

8. Where did the vet come from? _____

9. When did the tide return? _____

10. What did the wives cook?

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