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 brother and I joined the school hiking club this year. On our first hike, the teachers showed us

2. Rock climbing looks difficult, but the instructors at the centre make it safe. Before you climb,

3. Last weekend, our family went camping in the Empty Quarter. When night came,

4. Paragliding over the mountains of Salalah was the most exciting thing I have ever done. From the sky,

5. Mountain biking is popular in Oman now. Every Friday, fifty riders meet near the wadi, and

A.	**the green mountains looked like soft pillows, and the sea was a line of silver.**
B.	**they ride together for two hours. Some of them are only eleven years old!**
C.	**how to read a map and use a compass. These skills are more important than strong legs.**
D.	**we sat around the fire and listened to my grandfather's stories about the old travellers.**
E.	**they check your helmet and harness twice. Then they teach you how to hold the rope.**
F.	**my friend forgot his water bottle, so he had to go home early. Water is the most important thing in the desert.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) (5 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

When the adventure club at Al Noor School announced a trip to Jebel Shams, fourteen-year-old Harith was the first to sign up. His older sister Maryam was worried. 'The mountain is three thousand metres high,' she said. 'Are you ready?' Harith trained for a month. Every afternoon, he walked up the big hill behind his house with a heavy bag. On the day of the trip, twenty students and four teachers drove up the mountain in two buses. The air at the top was cool and fresh. The guide, Mr Salim, led them along a safe path at the edge of the great canyon. Harith looked down at the valley, a thousand metres below, and felt his legs shake a little. 'Hold the rope and look ahead, not down,' said Mr Salim with a smile. After three hours of walking, the group reached the viewpoint. Below them, clouds moved like a white sea. The teachers made hot tea, and everyone ate dates and bread together. On the way home, Harith slept all the way down the mountain. That night, he told his sister, 'I was scared for one minute, but brave for three hours.' Maryam smiled. 'Then next time,' she said, 'I am coming with you.'

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. Who was worried about the trip?

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7. How long did Harith train?

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8. What is the guide's name?

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9. How many hours did the group walk?

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10. What did the teachers make at the viewpoint?

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