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. Kayaking is my favourite water sport. Last Friday, my cousins and I took our kayaks to the sea, and

2. The via ferrata in Jebel Akhdar is a climbing path with metal ropes and ladders. When our group tried it,

3. Before any adventure trip, you must prepare well. Our club leader always checks three things:

4. Snorkelling at the Daymaniyat Islands was unforgettable. The water was so clear that

5. My friend wants to try sandboarding on the big dunes. I told him to start on a small dune first, because

A.	**we could see the fish ten metres below us. A turtle swam slowly past my mask!**
B.	**the weather, the equipment, and the water bottles. 'A good adventure is a safe adventure,' he says.**
C.	**we paddled for an hour and found a small hidden beach. We had it all to ourselves.**
D.	**the wind at the top is stronger than you think. He listened, and he loved it.**
E.	**the metal was cold and the view was amazing. Halfway up, an eagle flew past us.**
F.	**my uncle takes us dune-bashing in his car. The dunes feel like a golden rollercoaster.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) (5 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Every adventure club has stories, but the story of the 'Midnight Hike' is the one the students of Grade 8 will never forget. The club leader, Ms Badria, planned a special night hike in the hills near the school. The goal was to watch the meteor shower that happens every August. Twenty students came, each with a torch, warm clothes and a parent letter. They left school at eight in the evening and walked up the easy path for an hour. At the top, Ms Badria made everyone turn off their torches. 'Now wait,' she whispered. At first, the students saw nothing and heard only the wind. Then, slowly, their eyes learned the dark. The sky above them was full of stars - thousands of them, more than anyone had ever seen from the city. Then the first meteor came: a line of white fire across the sky. Everyone shouted. Then came another, and another. In one hour, the group counted sixty-three meteors. On the walk down, nobody talked much. It was as if the mountain had given them a secret. The next day at school, a newspaper reporter came to interview the club, and their photo was in the paper. But the students agree: the best part was not the photo. It was standing on a dark mountain with your friends, watching the sky dance.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. What was the goal of the night hike?

7. When did they leave school? _____

8. What did Ms Badria make everyone turn off? _____

_____

9. How many meteors did the group count?

_____

10. Who came to interview the club?

_____

READING SCORE	
	10