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**ΤΟ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ 4 (ΤΕΣΣΕΡΙΣ) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ  
ΟΛΕΣ ΟΙ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΔΟΘΟΥΝ ΣΤΟ ΤΕΤΡΑΔΙΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΩΝ**

**PART I: COMPOSITION**

**(40 MARKS)**

**Write a composition of about 250 words on the following topic:**

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of camping holidays.

**PART II: READING COMPREHENSION**

**(30 MARKS)**

**Read the text below and do ALL the exercises that follow:**

**LIVING ON A BOAT**

I have always loved the water. The earliest home I can remember was in a small seaside community, a view of the water from my bedroom, the sound of the waves crashing on the shore lulling me to sleep as a child. I have lived in many places since then, most of them on land, none of them offering me the peace and serenity that I found near the sea. Life is a series of changes. Some of them small, some major. But it's usually the ones that we are most afraid of that pay off most in the end. And so was the change I made two years ago moving from life on land onto a boat.

I began my new life aboard towards the end of the summer. The place I found is a small boatyard with room for about forty boats and a homey feel to it, unlike most of the fancier marinas. The owner lives on site and takes care of us like family. There are ten of us here in the yard living aboard year round, divided among seven boats. Our little community is wonderful. Someone is always around to offer a hand when you need one. There's always a little get together going on gathering at a picnic table in the summer, on someone's deck in the winter.

In the few years I have lived here, I have never locked the door to the boat (as a matter of fact, I don't know where the key is). In all the years on land, I couldn't go to sleep without checking the doors and windows and making sure the alarm was on.

The summers are filled with activity. The yard fills with seasonal boaters, friends we see only for those glorious months. Spending the weekends on the bay, or a trip to Fire Island instantly washes away the week's stress. Starting the day off with a cup of coffee on the deck, feeding the ducks and swans that gather noisily at the waterline makes all the difference in dealing with the upcoming day at work. By fall, the rest of the boats come out of the water, leaving us to the peace and quiet that the winter brings.

Looking back, I am amazed how much this life aboard has changed me. The boat has become my little cocoon, sheltering me from both the weather and the stress of New York life. I have reduced my possessions by half, throwing away the things that

no longer add value to my life. My wardrobe contains only the things I actually wear. Typical American consumerism is rapidly becoming a thing of the past for me.

My free time is spent differently, too. Quiet has become something I crave. The TV no longer plays for background noise, the programmes seem superficial and dull compared to the nature that surrounds me. Evenings are more likely spent reading or listening to music.

I have gained an incredible amount of self-sufficiency also. A boat requires a different type of maintenance than a house. I've never heard of a house sinking from neglect, but a boat needs frequent checking for wear and tear. Inevitably, things deteriorate faster in the salty environment, and with each new repair to deal with, I come out a little more accomplished from the experience. All in all, this life is one I wouldn't trade for the world.

**A. Choose the best answer. (5x3=15 marks)**

- 1. The writer first enjoyed the calming effect of the sea when she ...**
  - A. moved to a boatyard two years ago.
  - B. was a young girl and lived by the sea.
  - C. used to fall asleep on the beach as a child.
  - D. became an adult.
  
- 2. What is the writer's opinion of changes in life?**
  - A. The small changes are often the most important.
  - B. The biggest changes are the most difficult.
  - C. They are always pleasant.
  - D. The most frightening ones bring the most satisfaction.
  
- 3. What is the boatyard community like?**
  - A. There are forty boats, but the owner lives in a different marina.
  - B. There is a family atmosphere and everyone is very helpful.
  - C. The owner is very friendly and organizes small parties or picnics.
  - D. It's a fancy marina but the people do not get on well.
  
- 4. How does she feel about security on a boat?**
  - A. It's safer than living in a house.
  - B. It's not as safe as living in a house.
  - C. She can't go to sleep without locking the door.
  - D. She always has the alarm on.
  
- 5. Why doesn't the writer want to go back to living on land? Because ...**
  - A. a house needs more maintenance.
  - B. she prefers life on a boat, although it's hard work.
  - C. she doesn't want to deal with difficult situations.
  - D. she likes salty environment.

**B. Answer the following questions according to the text. (3x3=9 marks)**

1. Write three (3) ways the writer can get rid of stress?
2. What is her attitude towards TV now and how does she spend her free time?
3. What are the benefits of living on a boat?

**C. Find words in the text which mean the same or almost the same as the following: (6x1=6 marks)**

1. calmness
2. at once
3. belongings
4. want very much
5. great
6. exchange

**PART III: USE OF ENGLISH (30 MARKS)**

**A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. (5x2=10 marks)**

1. Kate studies harder than John. **(as)**  
John does not \_\_\_\_\_ Kate.
2. He has never flown on an aeroplane before. **(first)**  
It's the \_\_\_\_\_ flown on an aeroplane.
3. Rachel started taking piano lessons five years ago. **(been)**  
Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ the piano for five years.
4. "I didn't steal her wallet," he said. **(denied)**  
He \_\_\_\_\_ wallet.
5. Illegal hunters are going to destroy the elephant population. **(be)**  
The elephant population \_\_\_\_\_ by illegal hunters.

**B. Use the word given at the end of each sentence to form words that fit the blanks. (10X1=10 words)**

**Walk this way**

Discover the most 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**SPECTACLE**) countryside in Britain on a land Trek walking holiday. We offer an 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**BELIEVE**) range of walking holiday and short breaks around Britain, but they all have one thing in common. They are all led by our own 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**EXPERIENCE**) guides, who can really bring the countryside to life for you and your fellow 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**WALK**). Follow the footsteps of the Roman Legionnaires along Hadrian's Wall or hike from shore to shore across England. Go along the coastal paths of Cornwall or climb England's 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**HIGH**) mountain in the Lake District. To make your holiday a 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**MEMORY**) experience, you can stay in 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**FRIEND**) guesthouses or small family-run hotels. We inspect every 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**ESTABLISH**) and select each one of them for its high quality facilities. With 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (**DAY**) departures for beautiful destinations and such a wide 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**CHOOSE**) of holidays, you can easily create your perfect holiday.

**C. Complete the gaps with ONE suitable word. (10x1=10 marks)**

**How about an Eco-Holiday?**

Are you tired lying on the beach all day and baking in the sun? Are you keen 1. \_\_\_ saving our planet and meeting like-minded people? If so, then one of our eco-tourism packages is 2. \_\_\_ perfect solution for your upcoming holidays. The waiting lists are long, 3. \_\_\_ make sure you make your arrangements in advance. Some eco-holidays are dedicated to protecting dangerous species and helping 4. \_\_\_ to reproduce. What 5. \_\_\_ caring for whales and then wind-surfing in your free time? Or, why not be part of a group 6. \_\_\_ regularly patrols the grounds of a Kenyan nature reserve? If you 7. \_\_\_ more of a cold weather person, then maybe you can help clean up oil spills in Alaska 8. \_\_\_ staying in accommodation with breathtaking view. Whatever your choice, local transport is usually expensive and our organization 9. \_\_\_ ensure that you don't experience any major inconvenience. Your love for the environment and your willingness to work hard 10. \_\_\_ make a difference.

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