1. **READING COMPREHENSION (12 marks)**

1. I had always wanted to travel. But after having my son Chris, now 30, I didn’t have the money or the time for long exotic trips, so we settled for a week in France or Spain once a year.

2. Then, an email popped up in my inbox to win a trip with an ice cream company. I had to write 200 words about the importance of travelling. I started typing what I had seen on my week-long holidays. I actually did see backpackers spend more time in fast-food restaurants than experience new cultures. As soon as I pressed ‘Send’, I forgot all about it. I didn’t even tell Laurence, my husband.

3. Months later, in December 2005, I checked my email. As I read “Congratulations!” I realised I’d won my lifetime trip. My first thought was what my husband would say. I raced to the kitchen and blurted out “I’ve won a three-month-round-the-world trip!” “For two?” he asked. But I had to admit it was just for one! Luckily, he was thrilled for me. Besides, he couldn’t have got time off his job.

4. The prize was only for flights, which meant I would use my £1,750 savings as spending money. I knew it would be worth it. First, I went on safari in Africa. Then, in India, I stayed with a local family for three weeks. There, I learnt how to cook curry the traditional way. Later, I saw Komodo dragons as I toured Indonesia. I even had tea with the Sultan’s mother. It was wonderful.

5. Flying back home from Hawaii after 12 weeks, I was eager to go on another trip – this time with Laurence.

Laura Bloom (Woman’s Own) March 22, 2010
COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS
1. Tick (✓) the right option (1 mark)
   • The text is mainly about
     a) An unexpected world tour prize.  
     b) A couple winning a round-the-world trip.  
     c) A 12-week stay in Africa.
2. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail in the text showing that it is FALSE. (4 marks)
   a) Laura Bloom never travelled before. (paragraph 2)
   b) Laurence reacted selfishly when he heard about his wife’s prize. (paragraph 3)
   c) The prize included all expenses. (paragraph 4)
   d) Laura was hesitant to waste all her savings on the trip. (paragraph 4)
3. Fill in the boxes with the names of the places Laura visited during her trip. (2 marks)
   Kenya → India → ...................................... → ......................................
4. Find, in the text, words meaning almost the same as (2 marks)
   a) appeared suddenly (paragraph 2): ..............................................
   b) spoke unclearly (paragraph 3): ..............................................
5. What do the words underlined in the text refer to? (2 marks)
   a) ‘it’ (paragraph 3) refers to ...........................................................
   b) ‘It’ (paragraph 4) refers to ...........................................................
6. Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)
   If you were Laura Bloom, would you spend all your savings on a three-month-round-the-world trip? Why? Why not?
   I ...................................................................................................... because

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II. WRITING (12 marks)

1. Use the information in the table below to write a six-line paragraph about *Greenpeace,* (4 marks)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Independent global campaigning organisation</th>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>Greenpeace International in the Netherlands + offices in 40 countries</td>
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<td>Goals</td>
<td>Changing attitudes</td>
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<td>Protecting and conserving the environment</td>
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2. The Health Club in your school is organising an anti-smoking campaign. As a member of this club, you have decided to write a 12-line article in your school magazine in order to warn your school mates against the hazardous effects of smoking and give them some tips to quit this unhealthy habit. (8 marks)
III- LANGUAGE (10 MARKS)

1. Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

while / nutrition / since / to / connection / raising / inactivity / increase / much

Obesity experts have been saying for years that children who sit in front of the TV screen day in and day out tend to be heavier. But now they are finding it's also the television ads children are watching, along with other factors, that can add inches ......................... their waistlines. A new policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) argues that junk food and fast food ads...................... a child's desire to eat those types of foods. Studies also show that if kids stay up late at night ......................... playing video games, their lack of sleep can be a major factor in ......................... the risk of obesity and their drifting away from a healthy diet. “We’ve created the perfect conditions for childhood obesity: media, advertising and.........................,” said Dr. Victor Strasburger, a member of the AAP. “American society couldn’t do a worse job at the moment: too ......................... TV, too many food ads and not enough exercise or sleep. Physicians and other health professionals can play a role by encouraging parents to control children’s TV viewing, teach them about good ......................... and discuss the impact of food advertising,” he added.

2. Circle the right alternative. (3.5 marks)

Repeated acts over time which involve a real or perceived imbalance of power with the more powerful children or groups attacking those who are less powerful are defined as bullying. It can be verbal harassment, (physics / physical / physically) assault, or other more subtle methods of coercion such as manipulation. (Whether / If / Although) the UK currently has no legal definition of bullying, some US states have laws against it. Bullying is usually done to force others to do things by fear or (compensation / threat / prevention). It can be prevented when children are taught social skills to (success / successful / successfully) interact with people. This will help them to be productive adults when (considering / interacting / occurring) with bothersome people. Bullying in school and the workplace is (such / also / too) referred to as peer abuse. Bullying can (survive / live / exist) between social groups, social classes and even between countries.

3. Supply the right tense or form of the bracketed words. (3 marks)

The University of the Third Age is an international organization. Its aims are the education and (stimulate) ......................... of retired members of the community – those in the third ‘age’ of life. It is (common)......................... referred to as U3A. This university (start) ......................... by Professor Pierre Vellas in Toulouse in 1973. In France, the Third Age University is (most)......................... associated with a local university. In 1998, U3A Online was launched to provide cognitively-(challenge) ......................... virtual courses for isolated older people from any country. Since then, the initiative (widen) ......................... to include any person who regards themselves as being in their third age.