



ENGLISH TEST

PART ONE : READING FOR COMPREHENSION

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow.

TRAVELLING

Travel is something which people do every day. It is very difficult to avoid the need to travel. It may be a trip to school, university or to work. Travelling can often take a long time, especially when great distances need to be covered. People often enjoy travelling abroad for holidays. But for some people, travelling is not fun at all. Some people suffer from travel sickness. This means that they will become unwell each time they travel.

Travelling can be either affordable or costly. It often depends on how far you want to travel and the choice of transport. Using a bicycle will not cost anything as you power it by using your legs. However, the use of a bicycle can be hard work and can take a lot of time to travel long distances. Cars and motorcycles are faster modes of transport, but are more expensive to use as gasoline is needed for them to work. It can usually be assumed that the longer you wish to travel, the more expensive and time consuming it will be.

The use of a plane is necessary for people wanting to travel very long distances. A pilot will fly a plane from an airport for many thousands of miles to take people to places far away. Although traffic is rarely a problem for airplanes, it can take a lot of preparation to travel by plane. People often need to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure.

A) VOCABULARY CHECK

Match each word from the text in column A with its synonym or meaning in column B. Write your answers like in the example: Example: 1-A

BOX A	BOX B
1. travel (L1)	A) go on a journey
2. trip (L2)	B) unpleasant
3. covered (L3)	C. ride
4. abroad (L3)	D. voyage
5. fun (L4)	E. pleasure
6. unwell (L5)	F. accessible
7. affordable (L6)	G. travelled
8. power (L7)	H. before
9. prior to (L15)	I. overseas; to other countries

B) COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Say if the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Give the lines of the text to justify your choices.
Example: 1-T (L1)

1. Travel is an action people always do.
2. People always enjoy travelling abroad for holidays.
3. Travelling can never be affordable or costly.
4. A plane is necessary for long distances.
5. People arrive at the airport long time before the departure.

PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE

TASK A) The text below is about a rich American trader and the different means of transport she uses. Complete it with the words or expressions from the box:

Example: 2-bicycle

walks; by sailing; travel by plane; bicycle

Likane is a very rich trader. She lives in USA, near the sea. She goes to her job **1**....her boat. From time to time, she rides her **2**.... just to practise sport. It is only to move to the pharmacy that she **3**.... because it is not far. But, she is obliged to **4**.... when she comes to Africa.

TASK B) Complete the following paragraph with the appropriate words or expressions in brackets to make it meaningful. Do like this: 1-prefer

1- (prefer/would rather/prefers) the bus to the car because the drivers of buses are generally careful. My brother says **he 2- (prefer/would rather / prefers)** travel by plane because he does not like boat. Unfortunately, he has no money. So, for the time being, he **3-(prefer/would rather / prefers)** travelling by car. I always tell him that cars are better than everything, I personally **4-(prefer/would rather/prefers)** cars.

PART THREE : WRITTING

You are taking part in a writing competition on the following topic "Your favourite means of transport".

In a paragraph of twelve (12) lines maximum,

- mention the different means of transport in your area;
- say which ones you prefer;
- give the reasons why you prefer them.