

LANGUE VIVANTE 1: ANGLAIS

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8 Points)

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

AIR TRAVELLING

Traveling by air has always been a very difficult task for me. Since my childhood I had developed a fear for air travel. It was in the month of May last year, when on receiving a call from my mother, I had to rush to Mumbai to be at the side of my seriously ill grandmother. Since there was no other mode of transport, I was compelled to take a flight from Delhi to Mumbai in flight number IA 814.

When the flight took off, I was in mortal fear and held my breath fearing the worst. An old woman sitting beside me sensed my nervousness and tried to console me. In a moment we were air borne. I had a strange sensation of butterflies in my stomach, which made me uneasy.

To divert my mind I settled down with a Sidney Sheldon novel, which kept me engrossed for about an hour. The old woman beside me broke the ice chatting about her family and children. She also laughed at her first experience of air travel, which now for her was a thing of the past. We were served refreshments by the airhostesses and had just about finished, when we felt a big jolt.

The cup on the tray fell onto my lap splashing to the ground making it messy. As if in explanation the public address system came to life: "This is your captain speaking. The plane has entered into a thick cluster of clouds causing turbulence. One engine has developed a snag, which is being taken care of. Please do not panic and fasten your safety belts immediately. We shall overcome this problem shortly". The panic button had inadvertently been pressed, for instead of inspiring confidence it caused great apprehension. I looked around to see fear stalking everyone's face.

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A/ VOCABULARY CHECK (4 points)

The words or groups of words in column A are from the text. Match them to their meanings or synonyms in column B. One option in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example. Example: 1- D.

Column A	Column B
1- childhood (L1)	A- forced
2- compelled (L4)	B- airport
3- took off (L5)	C- flight attendants
4- engrossed (L8)	D- infancy
5- beside (L9)	E- problem
6- airhostesses (L11)	F- occupied
7- jolt (L11)	G- left the ground
8- messy (L12)	H- dirty
9- snag (L14)	I- near
	J- vibration

B/ COMPREHENSION CHECK (4 points)

Decide if the following statements are true or false. Write (T) for true and (F) for false then Justify your answers by indicating the line number. Number 1 is an example.

Example: 1- F (L1).

- 1- It's a pleasure for the narrator to travel by plane.
- 2- The narrator's phobia of air travel dates back to his infancy.
- 3- To distract himself, the narrator watched a good movie.
- 4- The old woman beside him was also afraid of air travel.
- 5- All the engines were perfectly working.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task 1: Choose the correct form of the adjective in brackets to complete the sentences below. The number 1 is an example. Example: 1- shortest. (3points)

- 1- February is the (short - shorter - shortest - more short) month of the year.
- 2- Travelling by plane seems to be (more safe - safer - safest - safe) travelling than by bicycle.
- 3- It was the (most boring - boring - boringer - boringest) speech I have ever heard.
- 4- Village women are as (courageous - more courageous - most courageous - courageouser) as men.

Task 2: The text below is about a rich American trader and the different means of transport she uses. Read it and fill in the gaps with the word from the box. One word from the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example. N°1 is an example. Example: 4- Travel by plane. (3 Points)

Walks; prefers; by sailing; travel by plane; bicycle
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Likane is a very rich trader. She lives in USA, near the sea. She goes to her job (1)..... boat. From time to time, she rides her (2)just to practice 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 in Africa.

PART THREE: WRITING (6 points)

You are taking part in a writing competition on the following topic: "The best means of transport". Write a paragraph of 12 lines maximum in which you:

- _ Mention six (6) means of transport in your city.
- _ Tell your favorite means of transport and say why you like it.
- _ Mention the means of transport you dislike and say why you dislike it.