



Banha University

Faculty of Arts

Academic Year: 2015



English Language Dept.

1st Year Geography Students

Time: 2 hours

Date: 17/1/2015

I- Part One

Read the passage, then answer the following questions:

[8 Marks]

Some people seem to have been born with an ***unfailing*** sense of direction. Even when lost in a ***forest***, they find their way home as surely as a dog picks up a ***scent*** of a hunted man. The secret is probably that they never feel lost. Others, like myself, can even manage to get lost in a department store.

While in the army there was nothing I disliked so much as the map-reading exam, for the simple reason that I always feel lost even with a map in my hand. For weeks I had lain awake at night thinking of the practical ***test*** I would have to face at the end of the course. At the end the ***evil*** day arrived. It was to be my responsibility to lead a small ***band*** of soldiers back to camp from nowhere. We were driven out in a closed lorry and left in a ploughed field with instructions to get back to camp as quickly as possible.

Well knowing my abilities, the soldiers smiled as they saw me looking at the map and they made all sorts of helpful suggestions. I folded the map up, put it in my pocket, and said that we would head east. After walking through cornfields for over an hour we came to a wild stream. I again looked at the map. It seemed to be covered with masses of thin blue lines, but which particular line was this stream? In despair, we sat down in the cool shade and I felt like throwing the map into the water. About fifteen minutes later, a boat passed and I asked the boatman if he could give us a lift to the nearest village. I pretended that we had been out for a walk and somehow got lost. The boatman invited us on board and I felt very foolish when he told me that he had helped hundreds of soldiers to pass their map-reading test! Not long afterwards, we got back to camp, the commanding officer congratulated me on having led the men back so quickly!

Questions

- 1. Why, in the writer's opinion, do some people have good sense of direction?**
- 2. What would the writer have to do at the end of the map-reading course?**
- 3. How did the writer and the soldiers reach the ploughed field?**

4. What did the writer ask the boat man?
5. Give one word or more that mean: unfailing, forest, scent, test, evil, band.
6. Translate the second paragraph in the previous passage.

II- Part Two

Read the following sentences and choose the best definition for the underline words: [6 Marks]

1. After the storm caused raw sewage to seep into the ground water, the water Department had to take measures to decontaminate the city's water supply.

a) refine	c) freshen
b) revive	d) purify
2. The doctor got to the crux of the issue.

a) outline	c) crucial point
b) opposite	d) unhealthy
3. When people heard that timid Bob had taken up by skydiving, they were incredulous.

a) fearful	c) convinced
b) outraged	d) disbelieving

III- Part Three

Choose the right answer: [6 Marks]

1. Good morning, sir. You ----- all this way just to see me.

a) didn't have to come.	b) needn't have come.
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2. The alarm clock is ringing. It ----- be time to get up.

a) must.	b) must have.
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3. Even when a girl is old enough, she ----- ask her parent's blessing when she marries.

a) have to.	b) ought to.
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4. Under the law an employer----- pay wages regularly.

a) have to.	b) ought to.
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5. Marry----- gone to school yesterday instead of the cinema.

a) should have.	b) must have.
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6. We were lucky we ----- out in such bad weather.

a) didn't have to go.	b) needn't have gone.
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With my best wishes,

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Answers

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They seem to have been born with an unfailing sense of direction. Even when lost in a forest, they find their way home as surely as a dog picks up a scent of a hunted man.

2. What would the writer have to do at the end of the map-reading course?

He had to pass a test which was the responsibility to lead a small band of soldiers back to camp from nowhere.

3. How did the writer and the soldiers reach the ploughed field?

They were driven out in a closed lorry and left in a ploughed field with instructions to get back to camp as quickly as possible.

4. What did the writer ask the boat man?

He asked the boatman if he could give them a lift to the nearest village.

5. Give one word or more that mean: unfailing, forest, scent, test, evil, band.

unfailing:

without error, correct, right

forest:

large area of land covered with trees and plants

scent:

smell

test:

exam

evil:

damned, bad

band:

group

6. Translate the second paragraph in the previous passage.

عندما كنت في الجيش لم يوجد ما أكره مثل أمتحان قراءة الخرائط، لسبب بسيط وهو أنني أشعردائماً بالضياح حتى إذا كان بيدي خريطة. بقيت لمدة أسابيع راقداً على السرير في الليل أفكر في الإمتحان العملي الذي علي أن أواجهه في نهاية دراسة هذه المادة. وفي النهاية أتى اليوم الذي كنت أخافه. كانت مسئوليتي أن أقود مجموعة صغيرة من الجنود الى المعسكر من مكان مجهول. تم توصيلنا بسيارة نقل وتركونا في حقل محروث مع تعليمات كي نعود الى المعسكر بسرعة قدر الإمكان.

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