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Cette épreuve comporte deux (2) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.

<u>PART ONE</u>: Reading (8 points)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it, on your answer sheets.

My first flight

I am Anna. I clearly remember my first airplane ride. It was in my last year of high school, and instead of taking the usual trip to Costa Brava in Spain, my friends and I decided to go to Italy. I was both really excited and really afraid. I packed my luggage a week early and every day I would add something more in my case. We were non-stop talking about our trip. I read the security rules for airports and airplanes a hundred times, so that I would not miss anything.

The day finally arrived. My mother drove me and one of my friends to the airport. We got there early, as usual, because my mother is English and she never runs late. After my mother left, we went outside for a while and waited for the rest of the group. From our position, we could see every plane taking off. I was mesmerized. The planes were so close to us; I could almost feel

10 their wind. My mesmerisation was also tinted with a fear that a plane might crash at any time. I could not take it anymore so we went back inside. I decided to eat some candy and some chocolate before the flight. As I was eating, I observed people around me. They all seemed so calm like it was just another day. I just couldn't understand their states of peace.

Finally the rest of the group arrived... Once we got into plane and found our seats, I could only do one thing: search for the lifebuoys and the oxygen masks!

Adapted from Airplanereading.org/story/318/my-first-time, 11/03/2022

A- Vocabulary

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The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition 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- trip (L 2)	a- continuously
2- excited (L 3)	b- period of time
3- luggage (L 3)	c- fascinated
4- non-stop (L 4)	d- travel, journey
5- while (L 8)	e- look for
6- mesmerized (L 9)	f- fall down violently
7- crash (L 10)	g- looked
8- seemed (L 12)	h- enthusiastic
9- search for (L 15)	i- baggage
	j- wait for

B- Comprehension check

Read the text again and say if the following statements are true or false. Write (T) for true and (F) for false, then give the line(s) to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-T (L 1)

- 1- Anna had her first flight when she was a high school student.
- 2- She was not afraid to take the plane.
- 3- Anna packed her baggage a month before the flight.
- 4- Anna and her mother arrived late at the airport.
- 5- Anna was surprised to see how peaceful the other passengers were.

<u>PART TWO</u>: Language in use (6 points)

<u>**Task 1**</u>: The sentences below are about means of transport. Select the appropriate preposition to make each sentence meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1- by

- 1- Travelling (by on in) plane is more interesting than travelling by train.
- 2- Jonas and his brother live next to the school. They go to school (at in on) foot.
- 3- If you get $(\mathbf{on} \mathbf{at} \mathbf{in})$ a crowded bus, you will be exposed to pickpockets.
- 4- It is dangerous to travel (at in by) motorbike during the rainy season.

<u>**Task 2**</u>: In the passage below, a tourist is comparing the different means of transport he has used so far. Choose the best option among the propositions between brackets to make the passage meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example 1- cheaper

As a tourist, I have used various means of transport. Worldwide, I have noticed that travelling by coach is **1** (cheap – cheapest - cheaper) than travelling by train. However, I believe that trains are **2** (safer – safe – safest) than coaches. In most countries, I have found that renting a personal car is **3** (more expansive – most expensive - expensive) than travelling by train or by coach. Anyway from my experience, I conclude that the plane is **4** (most comfortable – more comfortable – comfortable) than all the other means of transport.

<u>PART THREE</u>: Writing (6 points)

Your Nigerian pen friend wants to visit you soon. He sent you a message to get information about the means of transport in your country. As a reply, write a paragraph on his WhatsApp Number. In your writing:

- list five (05) means of transport used in your country
- tell him how you go to school
- give your favourite means of transport and justify your choice.

(12 lines maximum)