

End-of-term Test (B)**The text**

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Reading comprehension (12 marks)

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2- For each of the following statements pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (4 marks)

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The trip changed nothing in Allison's life. (paragraph 3)

3- Find in the text words meaning: (3 marks)

Alone (paragraph 2): _____

Distant/ faraway (paragraph 3): _____

Devoted (paragraph 4): _____

4- Complete the following paragraph with words from paragraph 2. (3 marks)

Allison went rock _____ in Thailand nearly six years ago. It was her first time to ever travel alone, particularly _____. She relished the experience as she had the best of both worlds: enjoying solo traveling and encountering _____.

5- What does the underlined word refer to? (1 mark)

This (paragraph 3):

6- Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If you were Allison, would you sign up for a guided group to go rock climbing? Why or why not?

Language (6 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with the right words from the list. There are two extra ones. (3 marks)

enrolled/ faster/ learning/ millennials/ workforce/ identified/ pace/ staying

We can all become obsolete. In itself this is nothing new, but the fast _____ of recent changes means we can now become obsolete _____ than ever before. This is a risk not only for us personally, but it is also a risk for organizations if the skills and knowledge of their _____ becomes obsolete. The key to _____ relevant and valuable is continuous or lifelong learning. A Pew Research study found that 81% of 18-29-year olds in the United States _____ themselves as lifelong learners. It has been argued that _____ are prioritizing happiness and learning because they understand the link between the two. As this younger cohort moves through the workforce, we might expect greater demands for continuous learning opportunities. This is _____ to see, but also presents a challenge to organizations that do not promote a culture of continuous learning or are limited to fixed courses or resources.

2- Put the words in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

In Vietnam, 72 per cent of preschool teachers are (**qualify**) _____ or not trained to deliver child-centered ‘learn through play’ programs, and the curriculum does not foster the social and emotional learning of children. Over the years, UNICEF Vietnam (**help**) _____ the Ministry of Education and Training to pilot a ‘Social Emotional Learning’ curriculum in 200 preschools in the (**poor**) _____ provinces with high concentrations of (**ethnicity**) _____ minority students. The pilot includes teacher training, on-the-job coaching, and classroom environment improvements, benefiting 5,000 children aged 3–5 years. These preschools empowered and encouraged

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- 2- After dropping out of school and working as a carpenter for more than 30 years, your 45-year-old uncle wants to go back to school and obtain his high school diploma. Write him a letter in which you express your opinion about this. Make sure to state clear arguments and examples. (8 marks)

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