



I. READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

THE TEXT

1. Most holiday snaps have a fascinating tale behind them, but few are better than the story that Emily Demello can tell following her one-week trip to Cuba. The 21-year-old Canadian woman lost her waterproof digital camera in the sea when she visited the Caribbean island with friends two years ago. She was heartbroken after losing precious snaps, but **they** have been recovered thanks to a scuba diver. Emily, a student from Vancouver, lost her camera while staying at a hotel in Varadero in January 2012.
2. She told Mail Online Travel: "My dad originally bought me this shockproof, waterproof camera because I'm extremely clumsy. He said it was 'Emily-proof'. I was taking photos with my friends in the ocean – maybe three days into the trip – and got hit by a big wave which knocked the camera out of my hand. **We** looked for about 20 minutes. As soon as it was gone, the current must have taken it away, though." Emily was 19 at the time and it was one of her first trips abroad with her friends. "It was disappointing that I still managed to lose the camera, even with all of its safety features." There were about 100 photos and video clips on the memory card, and luckily, one of the pictures was of her plane ticket, which had her name printed on it. That's how Ruben Urquiza managed to track her down.
3. Ruben, a professional diver, found the camera – damaged from being pounded by waves – a year ago while he was diving in the ocean off the coast of Varadero, but the memory card was intact. But he didn't get around to finding Emily until this month because he only recently gained access to the Internet. He downloaded the photos and video clips to his computer and scrolled through them, spotting the image of her aeroplane ticket. From there, Ruben was able to track down Emily on Facebook, sending a friend request and a message that had one of the photos attached. Emily said: "I think it's an amazing story – it really seems like it's something out of a movie. There are people like Ruben, doing great things, everywhere. It means a lot that he took the time to find me and email my pictures to me. Nothing stays lost forever."



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1) Tick (✓) the most suitable title. (1 mark)

- a. Recovering a long-lost valuable memory card ☐
- b. Recovering a long-lost water- proof camera ☐
- c. Recovering long-lost precious holiday photos ☐

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

- a. While on holidays, Emily stayed with a Cuban family. (Paragraph 1)
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- b. Emily lost her camera as soon as the holiday started. (Paragraph 2)
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- c. Emily believes that once you lose something, you can never recover it. (paragraph 3)
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- d. It took Ruben a year to contact Emily because she had no permanent address. (Paragraph 3)
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3) Tick (✓) the right option. (4 marks)

1- By saying that the camera was 'Emily-proof', the girl's father meant that the camera

- a) was tested waterproof ☐
- b) could resist her clumsiness ☐
- c) was easily tracked down ☐

2- Ruben found the camera in

- a) 2012 ☐ / b) 2013 ☐ / c) 2014 ☐

3- Ruben managed to identify the camera's owner thanks to

- a) another scuba diver's help ☐
- b) the hotel staff members ☐
- c) the image of the plane ticket ☐

4- Emily knew Ruben was serious when he

- a) attached one of the snaps to the Facebook message ☐
- b) sent her the video clips on the memory card ☐
- c) downloaded the photos to his personal computer ☐

4) Circle the two (2) adjectives that apply to Emily when she lost the camera. (2 marks)

disappointed – indifferent – relieved – sad – thrilled

5) Focus on paragraph 3 and find a word meaning 'something undamaged'. (1 mark)

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6) What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (2 marks)

- a. 'they' (paragraph 1) refers to
- b. 'We' (paragraph 2) refers to