



I- READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

THE TEXT

1 - When Ann McNamee signed up for the University of the Seven Seas in 1963, a new study-abroad program sailing to 20 different countries during one semester, she had never left the United States – and she had no idea how much the voyage would impact her life. Fifty years later, Ann has decided to come onboard once again as a lifelong learner.

2 - The 1963 voyage was mind-bending and eye-opening for Ann, and it has deeply changed her ever since. Today, Ann is thrilled to be traveling on this 50th anniversary voyage alongside her husband Bob. Back in October of 1963, 300 college students from across the country boarded the ship in New York City, set to visit 22 ports and 20 countries on their way to Lisbon, Portugal. They took classes in sociology, religion, and other courses that were a requirement for all of them.

3 - When Ann returned to school in Oregon, she knew that Semester At Sea had changed her perspective. “After Semester At Sea, I was so focused in class. I realized how much people in other countries wanted an education, and they were serious about it. I had a completely different outlook on education after the trip”, she said.

4 -As a teacher, Ann incorporated many of the lessons she had learned from her trip around the world into her classroom. In Africa and India, Ann visited orphanages and had an eye-opening experience that has, in many ways, affected the course of her life the most. The feeling of helplessness and a desire to make life better for others in need led her, later in life, to adopt three children.

5 - “I’d told Bob so much about the new trip, and he was the one who said, ‘let’s do it!’ “I’m realizing that it affected who I was as a parent, as a spouse, and as a teacher.” “But I don’t think the kids really know right now how much of an impact this is going to have on their whole future”, she added.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Complete the following table with appropriate details about Ann's first trip . (3 marks)

Name of the trip	Type of program	Departure point	Duration
Semester At Sea

2. Tick(✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

The message conveyed in this text is :

- a- Travelling enriches your learning experience. ()
b- Travelling opens up new job opportunities. ()
c- Travelling makes your dreams come true. ()

3. For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

a- Before the voyage, Ann often travelled abroad. (par.1)

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b- The students who took part in the trip came from different countries. (par.2)

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c- Ann failed to persuade her husband to join her on the new voyage. (par.5)

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4. Focus on paragraph 4 and fill in the table with the decisions Ann made. (2 marks)

At professional level	At personal level
a.	b.

5. Find words in the text meaning the same as : (3 marks)

- a. very excited and pleased (par. 2) :
b. attitude (par .3) :
c. powerful effect (par .5) :

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

- a. their (par.2) refers to
b. it (par.3) refers to

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

If you were given the opportunity, would you join Semester At Sea ? Why or why not ?

If I were given the opportunity, I.....Semester At Sea

because.....