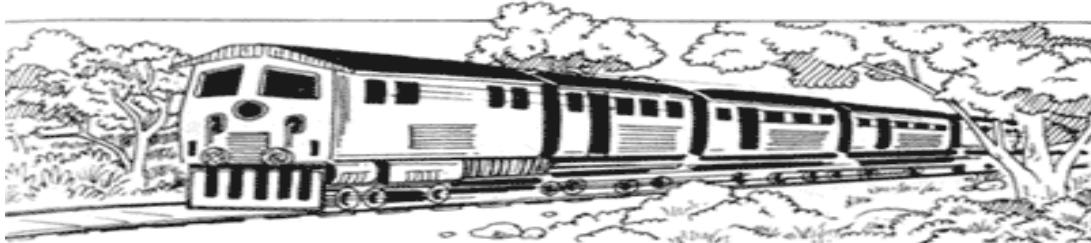


My First Train Journey



I experienced my first train journey just last year when my parents took us all to Penang for a holiday. We arrived at the Kuala Lumpur Railway Station at 7.00 a.m. to catch the 7.30 express train to Butterworth. Crowds had started gathering at the ticketing counter to buy tickets and there were long queues. Fortunately, we had bought our tickets two days earlier, so we went straight to the platform. There, we waited for the train and saw many people rushing to the platform. Children were running about happily. We quickly bought some magazines, mints and chocolates.

The train finally arrived and we scrambled into our coach to get to our seats. I was lucky to get a good seat near the window. At last, the guard blew the whistle and the train moved slowly and pulled out of the station. I felt thrilled at that very moment and I enjoyed the jerky movement and the new experience.

There were friendly passengers all around and soon we started talking and joking among ourselves. The scenery outside was interesting and varied. Trees, bushes, rice-fields and farmers' huts flashed past us and we were greeted by village children waving and smiling at us happily. I also saw vegetable farms with rows and rows of long beans, chilies and brinjals.

After about three hours, I felt sleepy and dozed off in spite of the **rattling** sound of the wheels. Suddenly, there was a jerk and the train came to a halt. The engines hissed and the brakes squeaked. I woke up with a start and looked out of the window. We had reached a station. Three minutes later, the train started moving again and accelerated gradually until it was traveling at a constant speed. I spent the rest of the journey reading as the initial excitement had gone.

Five hours later, the train **jerked** to a complete stop. We had at last reached our destination. We **disembarked** and walked a short distance to board the ferry to the island of Penang. It had been a very pleasant journey, one I could look forward to on our return to Kuala Lumpur.

rattling a rapid series of short loud sounds

jerk To move in sudden abrupt motions

disembark to leave a vehicle

I)Reading comprehension (

1)Read the text and fill in the table with the appropriate information (2marks).

Time	7 a.m	7.30 a.m	12.30
Activity	Arrival at the train station

2)Correct the following false statements with reference to the text (2marks).

A) When the writer and his parents reached the station they immediately bought their tickets.

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B)The writer was fortunate to get an aisle seat.

.....

3)Find a word in the text meaning nearly the same as (1mark)

Luckily (p1)=.....

4) what is your favourite means of transport ?explain why ?(1mark)

.....

II) language (8marks)

1)fill in the blanks with words from the box .there are two extra words.(2marks).

Destruction – useful – in – fuel – smog – species

Rainforests make up some of the most valuable resources we have, yet they are being destroyed in massive foods, producing rainforest.



The rainforest also holds endless possibilities for resources. These could include cures for disease and new food crops that will be wiped out before they are found because of theof the rainforests.

The rainforest is also home to millions ofof animals, plants and insects as well. It is estimated that five out of six rainforest species have never been seen. This adds up to millions



of organisms that have never before been encountered. This demonstrates that more species live in the rainforest than any other ecosystem on earth, and we are obliterating .

2) Match the utterances in column A with their functions in column B .There is an extra function in B.Write your answers in C.(2marks).

A	B	C
<p>Agent:(1) <u>Good afternoon!</u> Where are you flying to today? Dan: Los Angeles. Agent:(2) <u>Could I have your passport, please?</u> Dan: Here you go. Agent:(3) <u>Are you checking any bags?</u> Dan: Just this one. Agent: OK, please place your bag on the scale. Dan: I have a stopover in Chicago – do I need to pick up my luggage there? Agent: No, it'll go straight through to Los Angeles. Here are your boarding passes – your flight leaves from gate 15A and it'll begin boarding at 3:20. Your seat number is 26E. Dan:(4) <u>Thanks.</u></p>	<p>a)thanking b)polite request c)asking for information d)inviting e)greeting</p> 	<p>1+..... 2+..... 3+..... 4+.....</p>

3)Put the words between parentheses in the correct tense or form .(4marks)

Garbage solution

Garbage collection is less frequent than it used to be .Many (city)..... have restrictions on how many bags you can put at the curb (recycle).....and composting programs reduce the need for garbage (collect).....In some cities you can even recycle diapers .The goal is to reduce or eliminate the need for landfills. Did you industry is

profitable Some cities such as New York sell (theygarbage to other



know the garbage

countries .Garbage(pick)..... make a living out of sorting through trash . Many people think old dumps should be reopened and mined for treasures such as metal. No body (want)..... to live near a landfill though environmentalists hope that landfills



obsolete .One alternative to dumping is to use garbage as fuel .This might (have)..... reverse effects . Would you bother to recycle if it wasn't (necessity).....

III) Writing(6marks)

Your friend has problems friends because he doesn't .He is always alone surfing that it can provide him needs.



getting on well with his communicate with them the net because he thinks with whatever he

Write him an e-mail to show him the disadvantages of using the internet

And convince him to use it wisely.

