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**The text:**

***S***ue Povey gets up at six every morning and makes breakfast for fifteen people. Sue has a difficult job – she works hard every day. But she doesn’t work in an office. She’s a mother with fifteen children, and thirteen of them live at home. Sue’s family is unusual – the average British family only has 1.8 children**.**

***S***ue Povey and her family live in Swindon, in the south of England. After breakfast her husband, Ian, goes to work. Sue drives the children to school. **(**she needs a minibus for this!**)** Nine children go to school and she drives home with the other four children. Every weekday she looks after the children and cleans the house. She does the washing eight times a day, and after lunch she irons clothes for three hours. Sue spends all her life in the kitchen**.**

***E***very afternoon at 3.30 she collects the children from school in the minibus. Then she helps ***them*** with their homework. After that she cooks dinner for fifteen. Her husband comes home at six. After dinner she goes to the supermarket with two of her sons. They help her with the shopping. Sue buys 50 litres of milk a week! Sue loves her big family. All the children help Sue and help each other. The house is always lively when it’s full of children**!**

***Aim High / student’s book 1***

**1/ Reading comprehension (6 marks):**

**A.** Say if the following sentences are ***TRUE*** or ***FALSE***. **(2 marks)**

**a)** Sue has an easy job. **(…………………)**

**b)** Sue’s husband helps her with the shopping. **(…………………)**

**B. Answer the following questions (2 marks)**

**a)** Where do Sue and her family live?

**……………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**b)** How often does Sue do the washing-up?

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**C. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the text. (1pt)**

After breakfast, Ian the husband ……………… to work and he comes …………… at six.

**D. What does the underlined word in paragraph three refers to? (1 mark)**

-“***them***” refers to: **………………………………………………………………………………………**

**2/ Language: (8 marks)**

1. **Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. (3 marks)**

***(competitions / assembly / optional / hates / packed / attends / snack / strict)***

My son Ben is a lazy school boy. He goes to a large secondary school. But he **(1)………………** it because all the subjects are compulsory. In fact, he dislikes studying math and science. He also refuses to wear his school uniform. Ben rarely **(2)………………** his class on time and during the **(3)…………………** he never sings the national hymn with his classmates. Besides, Ben finds lunch in the school canteen tasteless. So, he always brings **(4)…………………** lunch with him. For him, school is boring and tiring because his parents are too **(5)…………………;** they keep telling him to work harder and harder. He just loves the extra-curricular activities. Many **(6)……………………** are organized and he enjoys performing plays, dances and giving musical presentations.

1. **Circle the right altternative. (2,5 marks)**

Peter is the youngest pilot in his company. He **(finishes / finished / will finish**) his studies when he was 22 years old. Now, he is working for the British airways and he (**flies / is going to fly / is flying**) big planes. Peter likes his job because it is exciting**.** He also visits many countries and he hopes he (**visits / visited / will visit**) China. He says that it has the reputation for (**make / making / to make**) healthy traditional dishes. For the next summer holidays, Peter (**joins / joined / is going to join)** his friends to Spain. He will be able to enjoy the sun and the sea.

1. **Put the bracketed words in the right tense / form (2.5 marks)**

My friends and I had a problem about our holidays last year. I wanted **(have) ……………** a lazy seaside to relax. I love **(read) ……………** a good book and sunbathing in the sun. However, Amanda enjoys busy cultural holidays. She would visit museums and art galleries. The travel **(agency) ………………** tried to help us and **(suggest( …………………** Greece**.** We **(fly) ………………** to Athens together. Amanda stayed there and I sailed to the island of Kos**.** It was the best island I have ever seen in my life.

**3. Writing : (6 marks)**

In his/ her last e-mail, your English friend asked you the following question:

**“Do you like school?”** Write him / her an e-mail to tell him / her **why you like or dislike school**. The following hints may help you:

* School is: boring/ tiring/ exciting/ important for the future
* Favorite Subjects / Teachers are…

**To:**[John.smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:John.smith@hotmail.co.uk)

**Subject:** School

Dear John;

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1. **Adherence to task. (…………/2.5)**
2. **Language. (…………/2.5)**
3. **Mechanics of writing**. **(…………/1)**

**Good Luck**