

The text

-1- GROWING Up in *Bolton*, as part of an immigrant community - the daughter of an English mother and a Bangladeshi father – I didn't really go on holiday. Later, when I was a teenager, I'd tag along with some English school friends going on summer hols with their families to the *Lake District*, or *Wales*, or even as far a field as the *Dordogne*. I remember thinking how strange, it was for people to work so hard for 50 weeks of the year so they could have the perfect two weeks on holiday. And, of course, it was never perfect. I didn't want to live my life like that. I wanted quality of life in the everyday, as well as on holiday.

-2- But at university and in my twenties I went to most countries in *Europe* as well as to *India* and the *USA*. I'd go somewhere different each time, sometimes on my own, sometimes with a friend. And I wanted to learn as much as possible – reading about it and doing a lot of sightseeing, so I'd really get a sense of people and the culture.

-3- After I graduated, I went to India with a friend for several months. As with the pyramids of *Egypt*, I found that actually seeing the *Taj Mahal* is so astonishing, it makes you catch your breath. We did long overnight train journeys to *Calcutta* and *Orissa*, and what's so fantastic about those train journeys is how you can see the whole Indian life cycle from the train : people getting up in the morning, washing, feeding their children, conducting their entire lives. It's a complete sightseeing experience in itself.

-4- Later on, when I was married, my husband Simon and I would go to the *Lake District*, usually after we'd been to see my grandparents in *Blackpool*. Places like Ambleside can be very touristy, but I love the mountains and the purity of air.

-5- Just before **Brick Lane** was published, I wanted to go back to *Bangladesh* with my husband to see where I was born. But I couldn't get a visa – it was a big blow at the time, but I'm still hoping that I'll be able to some day. A two-week holiday in *Cape Town* was the consolation prize. I was very excited about going to *Africa* at all – more like an enormous theme park for white people, staffed entirely by black people. Of course, parts of *America* are like that, too. *Cape Town* is a place of extremes, of the very rich and the very poor, but the scenery is immensely awe-inspiring.

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Duration : 2 Hours		Classes :4th Sciences
Student's name :.....	Class :	N° :
		Mark : /20

Reading Comprehension : (12 mks)

1- The text is about a woman who : (1mk)

- a- is fond of travelling (...)
- b- complains about travelling (...)
- c- organizes package tours (...)

2- Correct the following false statements with details from the text : (2mks)

a- Monica is interested in visiting different places to do shopping. (§2)

b- Monica fulfilled her dream of visiting her native country. (§5)

3- What is the advantage of travelling by train in India? (1mk)

4- Complete the following table with information from the text. (3mks)

Country	Monica's Feeling
Egypt
India
South Africa

5- What do the underlined words refer to : (2mks)

❖ that (§1) :

❖ we (§4) :

6- Choose the alternative that best explains the underlined expressions : (2mks)

➤ It makes you catch your breath. (§3)

- 1) It makes you feel surprised. ()
- 2) It makes you feel frightened. ()
- 3) It makes you feel disappointed. ()

➤ A two-week holiday in Cape Town was the consolation prize. (§5)

- 1) Was like a compensation. ()
- 2) Was like a rewarding. ()
- 3) Was like a punishment. ()

7- If you were given the opportunity to visit one of the countries mentioned in the text, which one would you choose? Why? (1mk)

language : (06 mk)

1- Fill in the blanks with words from the list (there are two extra items) (3mks)

Visitors-show-celebrate-adeventurous-best-dance-preformances-Galleries

Something that is on the "fringe" means it is on the edge, outside established boundaries. Fringe festivals all kind of art in many exciting, unusual and exceptional forms. The roots of these independent festivals are in *Scotland*. "I love the fringe. I think it's theevent in the *District of Columbia*. You get to see all different types of..... ; you go to things you might not normally go to." That was a volunteer at this year's Capital Fringe which ended last month in the center of *Washington*.to the festival could see all kinds of shows with all levels of artistry and talent. Capital Fringe describes itself as rebellious and, alive in the present moment. festival organizers asked visitors to put their worries aside and laugh, cry, clap, and hug.

2- Put the bracketed words in the correct tense/form : (3 mks)

Buckingham Palace is *London's* best known tourist attraction. As the official London (**reside**)..... of the Queen, it flies *Her Majesty's* personal standard. *The Palace State Rooms* are open (**day**)from early August to early October. For the rest of the year, the spectacular ceremony of *Changing the guard* takes place at 11.00 every day in the height of summer. Even if you miss the Palace opening, you can still see some of the Queen's glorious collection, one of the (**fine**)in the world. *The Queen's Gallery* (**reopen**)after refurbishment in 2002, with even more rarely seen works on show. The Queen, a great lover of horses, also opens *Her Royal Mews** to the public. *The Mews*, (**rebuild**) by *Nash* in 1820s, contains some of the finest working stables in existence. The (**magnificence**)....., gilded, and polished state carriages and coaches are on show, plus horses and equipage.

* Mews : a building which was used in the past for keeping horses and is now used as a house.

Writing : (12mk)

Task 1 : (04mks)

Use the information in the following notes to write a biography of **Charlie Chaplin** :

- 16th April 1889 : date of birth in London.
- 1914 : first public performance.
- 1910 - 1912 : tour the United States with the Fred Karno troupe and participate in some films.
- 1952 : leaving the United States.
- 25th December 1977 : death in Switzerland

