

READING

THE TOURIST WHO TURNED INTO A SAINT

1. Just over a year ago Pearl Smith had a good life. She lived in a respectable, middle - class Birmingham suburb. She'd brought up two children and established a thriving florists business. Then her life changed dramatically when she went on a week's holiday to Egypt.

2. While most people go abroad and come back with a sun tan and a roll of photographs, Pearl returned with a new mission. She told her shocked family and friends that she was selling her business and renting out her house so that she could open an orphanage for the street kids of Luxor.

3. Now she is a loving mum to 55 abandoned children whom she rescued from the streets.

«I was living quite happily before I went to Egypt» recalls Pearl, 50, on a brief visit to Britain» I enjoyed working in my florists, which I'd had for nine years. My home was filled with luxuries, such as a washing machine and television - I had more than most people - I was comfortably off.

4. «Now my life is hard - I get up early, work solidly all day and fall into bed exhausted at night. It's a very basic, simple lifestyle but that's why I love it. I don't have any regrets and I wouldn't swap my new life for anything.

5. «Everybody thought I'd gone completely mad and couldn't believe I would give up my family, home and business to live in a third world country. But if they'd seen the abandoned babies and the conditions they live in, I bet they would have done the same.

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END-OF-TERM TEST OF ENGLISH N°1

READING COMPREHENSION (12marks)

1) Fill in the table with information about Pearl Smith (3 marks)

Previous job	age	New mission

2) Correct the following statements (3 marks)

a) Pearl left her job in Britain because she didn't like it.

b) She is exhausted and wants to go back to Britain.

c) She returned from Egypt with some photographs.

3) Answer the following questions (2 marks)

a) How did Pearl's family react when she decided to leave Britain?

b) What kind of relationship does Pearl have with the children?

4) Has Pearl done a good thing ? why or why not? (2 marks)

5) What do the underlined words refer to? (2 marks)

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LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1) Put the verbs/ words between parentheses in the correct tense/ form (2 marks)

