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Read the following text in which the writer decided to go on a vacation away from a stressful life. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

An Exciting Adventure

1 Mark Boye is a 35-year-old, hard-working man. He lives in the over-crowded and busy city of Hong Kong. Since his childhood, he has always had a sense of adventure and a **passion** for exploring nature and experiencing a simple life. Mark has what most people consider a normal life. He is a successful businessman with a good job as a manager of a food company, a big house, and a happy social life. However, he has recently been under too much stress, constantly worrying about expanding his business to increase his profits.

2 One day, after much thinking, Mark realized that he had needed a change in his life, so he decided to take a one-month vacation. Following his heart, he intended to travel single and with no money to make his old dream come true. After surfing the Internet, he managed to get a caravan offered by people who give away things they don't want for free. Early in the morning, he set out on his trip. A few hours later, he parked his caravan on a farm. The farm owner didn't charge Mark any rent in exchange of his work, so Mark was relieved. At first, many of life's basic different **chores** were difficult to carry out, and life's needs were not easy to meet. Soon, however, these difficulties became history and Mark could overcome them. For instance, food was the first need, but he found that there were three main ways of getting it without paying: growing his own vegetables and fruits, searching for wild plants, and bartering. He then had to learn to cook in the open air by burning wood that he found in the local woodland.

3 In addition to that, Mark found that even the simplest tasks like having a shower or washing clothes were incredibly time-consuming. For example, washing his clothes in a bowl of cold water, using liquid soap made by boiling some nuts on his stove, could take two hours or more. Despite all of this hard work, Mark didn't complain at all, and that is a sign of **satisfaction** and happiness. He got used to spending his time this way, and he never got bored; there was always something to do and something to learn about; and on top of that, he enjoyed every single minute of it. He admits that such a lifestyle might have some **consequences** on one's personal life. Such a life might be possible for a single person, but would it sound appealing to future couples to live with such life **prospects**?

4 When Mark's friends ask him about his experience, he says the main lesson is that self-satisfaction is the real source of happiness. They also ask him what disturbs him in his everyday life, and all he can think of are things like stress, traffic jams, and bills! Now, at the end of his one-month long vacation, Mark says he loves it, but is it possible for everyone to live the same experience and still be happy?

Questions

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own.

1. Mark decided to spend a vacation in nature. Based on paragraph 1, what two negative factors made him do so? **(02)**
2. What were the two main difficulties that Mark faced on the farm as mentioned in paragraph 2? **(02)**
3. Based on paragraph 3, why were the simplest tasks time-consuming? **(02)**
4. How would you compare Mark's feelings before and after the adventure? **(02)**

B. What do the underlined pronouns in paragraph 2 refer to? (02)

1. them 2. it

C. Use contextual clues to figure out the meaning of each word in the box below. Then, fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the following sentences. (04)

1. prospects	2. consequences	3. passion	4. satisfaction	5. chores

1. I get self ____ from feeding and walking my dog.
2. The damaged car showed the ____ of reckless driving.
3. My brother has a strong ____ for drawing.
4. Daily ____ could include cutting hay, chopping firewood, and gathering crops.

D. The reading selection has 4 paragraphs (1-4). Each of the following extracts (A) and (B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully. Then, choose from paragraphs (1, 2, 3 and 4) the one that correctly fits with each extract. (02)

Extract (A): He felt rather overwhelmed by the cooking at first, but he was quickly accustomed to it, and it became one of his biggest joys.

Extract (B): It isn't easy for a married couple to survive with no money, no car, no job, and even no hot water.

E. Correct the <u>ONE</u> grammatical error in each sentence. (04)

1. First of all, I was a typical person: anxious, impatient, and I had curiosity.
2. Office workers who telecommute from their own homes are much productive than before.
3. My seven-year-old nephew have some disgusting habits that make him weird.
4. I can't remember where have I met you.
5. The lady whose sick should see a doctor soon.
6. When Paul arrived at the airport, he discovered that he forgot his ticket at home.
7. Everyone in the conference room have filled out the application form.
8. I haven't talked to the director since five days.

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Answer Key
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A.
1. The two negative factors that made Mark spend a vacation in nature were the overcrowded and busy city he was living in and the stress he was under. **(02)**
2. The multiple chores he had to carry out and life's needs that he had to meet were the two major difficulties that Mark faced on the farm. **(02)**
3. Each simple task took at least two hours to be done due to the long procedure it demanded. **(02)**
4. Before the adventure, Mark was disturbed, worried and stressed out; however, after the adventure he felt self-satisfied and relieved. **(02)**

B. (02)
1. Them refers to difficulties.
2. It refers to food.

C. (04)
1. satisfaction
2. consequences
3. passion
4. chores

D. (02)
1. Paragraph 2
2. Paragraph 3

E. (04)
1. Had curiosity : curious
2. Much more : more
3. Have : has
4. Have I : I have
5. whose who's, who is
6. forgot had forgotten
7. have has
8. since for