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Class :	8B, 8C and 8E	
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Part One: Reading Comprehension (total: 28pts)

Read the selection below about the mysterious death of Amelia Earhart and then answer the questions that follow.

1 Amelia Earhart was the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, but she mysteriously disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean. Amelia Earhart was born in Kansas in 1897. Thirty-one years later, she received a phone call that changed her life. She was invited to be the first woman to take a flight across the Atlantic Ocean. The flight took more than 20 hours – about three times longer than it routinely takes today to cross the Atlantic by plane. But she was so thrilled by her first experience in a plane that she quickly began to take flying lessons. She wrote, "As soon as I left the ground, I knew I myself had to fly."

2 After that flight, Earhart became famous on media. She was given a tickertape **parade** down Broadway in New York and even President Coolidge called to congratulate her. Because her impressive career performance and physical appearance were similar to pioneering pilot and American hero Charles Lindbergh, she earned the nickname "Lady Lindy." She wrote a book about her flight across the Atlantic, called 20 Hrs. 40 Min.

3 Earhart was so confident about herself and continued to break records. She polished her skills as a speaker and writer, always supporting women's achievements, especially in aviation that she liked most. Her next goal was to achieve a transatlantic crossing alone. In 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first person to make a nonstop flight across the Atlantic alone. Five years later, Earhart became the first woman to repeat that achievement. Her name even became more popular and that's why she was then called the undoubted queen of the air.

4 Earhart then wanted to fly around the world, and in June 1937, she flew from Miami with Fred Noonan as her navigator. No one knows why she left behind important communication and **navigation** instruments. Perhaps it was to make room for additional fuel for the long flight. Earhart and Noonan made it to New Guinea in twenty-one days and then left for Howland Island, a tiny island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The last communication from Earhart and Noonan was on July 2, 1937 with a nearby Coast Guard ship. The United States Navy conducted a massive search for more than two weeks to explain the mysterious **circumstances** of their disappearance, but no trace of the plane or its passengers was ever found. Many people believe they got lost and simply ran out of fuel and died.

5 Amelia Earhart remains in the Americans' memory as one of the world's most celebrated aviators. She remains a symbol of power, **perseverance** and adventurous spirit of American women.

A. Circle the correct answer. (2 pts each)

1. **Why does the author mention that Earhart's Atlantic flight took "about three times longer than it routinely takes today"?**
   a) To criticize early aviation technology.
   b) To explain why Earhart later wrote a book about the flight.
   c) To compare Earhart's flight directly to modern commercial pilots.
   d) To emphasize the physical and mental difficulty of her achievement.

2. **Which inference best explains Earhart's decision to pursue a solo transatlantic flight after becoming famous?**
   a) She felt pressure from the media to continue flying.
   b) She wanted to distance herself from Charles Lindbergh's influence.
   c) She was motivated to prove her independence and personal capability.
   d) She believed group flights were safer but less meaningful.

3. **The nickname "Lady Lindy" mainly reflects which idea in the passage?**
   a) Society's tendency to measure women's success in relation to men.
   b) Earhart's desire to imitate Lindbergh's flying style.
   c) The public's belief that Earhart and Lindbergh flew together.
   d) A lack of originality in Earhart's achievements.

4. **Why does the author include speculation about why Earhart left behind navigation instruments?**
   a) To provide evidence that Earhart was careless.
   b) To suggest multiple possible explanations without certainty.
   c) To argue that the disappearance could have been prevented.
   d) To shift blame onto Fred Noonan.

5. **How does the tone of the passage change near the end of the text?**
   a) From critical to hopeful.
   b) From celebratory to mysterious.
   c) From emotional to humorous.
   d) From uncertain to factual.

6. **Which statement best expresses the central theme of the passage?**
   a) Aviation progress depends on technological advancement.
   b) Fame can be both rewarding and dangerous.
   c) Determination and courage allow individuals to challenge social limits.
   d) Exploration often leads to tragic consequence.

7. **What can be inferred about the mood when the author describes the last flight over the Pacific?**
   a) Excitement and joy.
   b) Mystery and tension.
   c) Humor and lightness.
   d) Indifference.

B. Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to? (2 pts)

a- it (Paragraph 1) _____

b- their (Paragraph 4) _____

C. Answer the following questions using complete sentences of your own. (2 pts each)

1. What was Earhart's motivation to attempt a flight across Atlantic alone?

_____

_____

_____

2. What personality traits of Amelia Earhart are revealed in the passage?

_____

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3. What is the author's purpose in writing this passage?

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4. Give a suitable title to the selection.

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D. 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. (1 pt each)

parade – circumstances - navigation - perseverance

1. Despite repeated setbacks, his _____ eventually led to remarkable achievements.
2. The city organized a _____ to honor the athletes for their achievements.
3. Under normal _____, the flight would have arrived on time.
4. Poor _____ can lead travelers far off their intended route

Part Two: Grammar (Total: 14 pts)

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets. (1 pt each)

When the storm finally 1. _____ (hit) the town, most residents 2. _____ (sleep), unaware of the danger. The emergency team 3. _____ (prepare) for hours before the first call 4. _____

(arrive), and they 5. _____ (respond) immediately. While the firefighters 6. _____ (battle) the rising water, the wind suddenly 7. _____ (change) direction. By the time help 8. _____ (reach) the most damaged area, several homes 9. _____ (destroy), and families 10. _____ (wait) for assistance since early morning.

B. Correct the following sentences. Write the correct sentence under the wrong one. (1 pt each)

1. Where did you go when I saw you yesterday?

   _____

2. I was in the office, when this lesson began?

   _____

3. I have met that man a week ago.

   _____

4. I didn't want to go to the cinema because I have seen this movie already.

   _____

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A.

1. d

2. c

3. a

4. b

5. b

6. c

7. b

B.

a- "it" in paragraph 1 refers to the flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

b- "their" in paragraph 4 refers to Earhart and Noonan.

C.

1. She was driven by a desire for adventure and to push boundaries for women in aviation. She was motivated to prove her independence and personal capability.

2. Confidence, determination, adventurousness, perseverance, and support for women's achievements.

3. To inform readers about Amelia Earhart's life and achievements and to highlight her as a symbol of courage and pioneering spirit.

4. Answers will vary (The Achievements of a Pioneering Female Pilot)

D.

1. perseverance

2. parade

3. circumstances

4. navigation

Part Two: Grammar (Total 13 pts.)

A.

1. hit
2. were sleeping
3. had been preparing
4. arrived
5. responded
6. were battling
7. changed
8. reached
9. not applicable
10. had been waiting

B.

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