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Le sujet comporte 4 pages

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I- READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

The text

- On July 16, 1991, the world's first hospital on a train set out on its first journey from Mumbai's Terminus. Twenty-six years later, the Lifeline Express continues to take a multitude of medical services to the people of India. It all started with a simple idea: take hospital services and medical aid to the people, especially those living in far-flung areas of rural India, who remain poorly serviced by health care facilities. The Lifeline Express regularly camped in different parts of India to conduct medical projects that offered free consultation, treatment and surgeries in various specialities.
- Before the train arrives, and as a preliminary screening, a medical team would visit the area to assess the health requirements of the locals. That done, they would prepare a list of those who require surgeries. Currently, each project of the Lifeline Express serves nearly 5,000 people in rural parts of the country free of charge. The medical camps also include training and awareness programmes among the rural poor, local doctors and school students. The train also travels the length and breadth of the country to areas affected by natural or man-made disasters. Moreover, Wi-Fi-enabled, the hospital train helps doctors and experts established in metropolitan cities examine patients' diagnostic reports.
- The train not only provides health care for millions of rural poor but also transforms their lives. Dr. Nagda, a Mumbai-based surgeon who has volunteered his services on the train for the last 16 years, recalls receiving a wedding invitation from the father of a girl he once applied medical care to on the train. "When she came to me as a child, she had foot deformity. I operated on her and her feet were straightened. Now she has gone to college and chosen her own partner," Dr. Nagda said.
- Such has been the impact of the train that other countries have replicated the idea – China now has four such trains and South Africa has two. Bangladesh and Cambodia, however, each have a riverboat hospital. A train that has truly lived up to its name, the Lifeline Express continues to "reach the doorstep" of thousands of poor patients. It is now planning to get a blood bank of its own and ramp up its post-operative care facilities.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option. (1 mark)

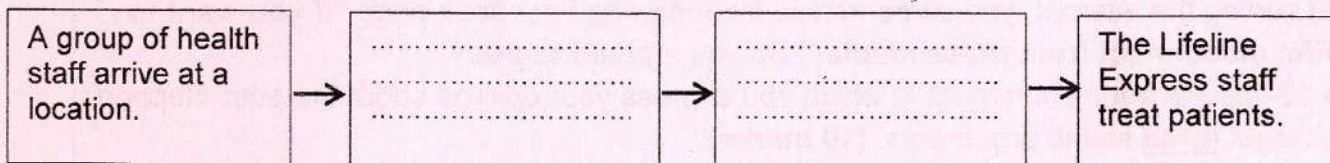
The text is mainly about a train that

- a. gives free rides to those who can't afford them. ☐
- b. offers shelter and nutrition to the needy Indians. ☐
- c. makes medical care accessible to rural patients. ☐

2. Complete the following paragraph with three words from paragraph 3. ONE word per blank. (3 marks)

When she was still a child, the girl who was treated by a volunteering surgeon for physical, was empowered. Now, with feet, she has entered and got married.

3. Focus on paragraph 2 and complete the chart below with the steps followed by the Lifeline Express medical team. (2 marks)



4. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

a. Local people have to pay for the medical services on the train. (paragraph 2)

b. The train services are limited to medical treatment. (paragraph 3)

c. In some countries, the train hospital is the only innovative medical project. (paragraph 4)

5. Pick out from paragraph 4 two things still needed to improve the services offered by the train. (2 marks)

- a.
- b.

6. Pick out words from the text meaning nearly the same as: (3 marks)

- a. remote (paragraph 1):
- b. examination (paragraph 2) :
- c. reproduced (paragraph 4):

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If you were a health professional, would you volunteer on such a train? Why? Why not?

If I were a health professional, I volunteer on such a train because

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II. WRITING (15 marks)

1. Use the notes below to write a 5-line paragraph about Zero Emission Day (ZeDay). (5 marks)

Celebration day	worldwide annual event / 21 st September
Launch date and founder	2008 / Ken Wallace / activist
Aim	raise awareness / harm caused / CO2 emission
Recommended actions	- cycle / walk / take / public transportation / go / work - stop / use / fossil fuels / 24 hours

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2. While surfing the internet, you came across the following Facebook post: **“If you want to enjoy life, disconnect from mass media.”** Do you agree/disagree?

Write a 12-line Facebook comment in which you express your opinion about the post. Support it with at least three sound arguments. (10 marks)

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III. LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with seven words from the box below. (3.5 marks)

by – minimise – with – increasingly – lit – investigation – assisting – for – living

Sleeping with some amount of light has become a way of life for many. Research, however, suggests that sleeping in a brightly- room could negatively affect metabolic and cardiovascular health compared snoozing in a darker room. "Just a single night of exposure to lighting during sleep can impair glucose and cardiovascular regulation, which are risk factors heart disease, diabetes and metabolic syndrome," said Phyllis Zee, chief of sleep medicine at Northwestern University. "More is needed," he added. "But light exposure during sleep could have implications for those in modern societies where indoor and outdoor night-time light contact is widespread. It's important that a person should the amount of light exposure during sleep," Zee concluded.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

For all those who have ever been cut up on the road by a reckless lorry driver, it will be welcome news. Thousands of drivers will be trained to drive less (**aggressive**) The Department for Transport (**fund**) training for 10,000 commercial drivers next year, as part of government plans to improve air quality. The 'eco-driving' courses will be aimed initially at firms operating big vehicle fleets. But they can be extended to other commercial drivers, and even private motorists, if the scheme (**prove**) popular. Hundreds of driving instructors will also be offered training so they can pass on fuel- (**save**) techniques to learners. Documents published with the Government's clean air strategy this week claim aggressive driving may be a significant factor in pushing pollution to (**legal**) levels on some roads. "Excessive speed and accelerating hard are known to increase fuel (**consume**)", said the Department for Transport report.

3. Circle the right option. (3.5 marks)

Companies can help break down the barriers preventing girls from accessing technology through training, mentoring and jobs. (**As / Due / For**) access to mobile phones and the internet grows, information and communication technologies (ICTs) are playing an ever-stronger role in efforts aimed at (**improvement / improving / improve**) the lives of girls. In many countries, (**besides / although / however**), girls still lag behind boys in terms of access to and use of ICTs. Barriers such as gender discrimination, lack of (**attendance / confidence / influence**), language difficulties, low literacy and lack of time and money continue to prevent girls and young women (**at / of / from**) taking full advantage of technology. The corporate sector can help girls (**overcome / build / confirm**) these barriers in a number of ways. It can provide direct support to girls through ICT programmes, hire young women for technology- (**based / base / basing**) jobs and set an example to encourage others to do their part.