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You are going to read an article by a girl who has taken a trip across the desert with her family. For questions 1 - 6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

My family and I are from the US, but we're currently living in China. And last year we undertook an incredible trip across the country! My dad's a busy but very successful architect, working in one of the country's biggest cities. However, we were all in need of a break, so he decided we'd do a nature trip into the countryside, which we often did. And for him, because he was always keen to push himself to the limits, this time that had to be a trip to some of the country's remotest areas. He knew we'd look back and remember it as the adventure of a lifetime. But as always, he did check it met with our approval too - which of course it did! After all, who'd turn down the chance of a trip like that?

Dad's dream was a trip across the desert where we could experience its raw wildness and spot some wild animals such as camels that had become endangered. The dream sounded awesome - but the practical arrangements turned out to be incredibly complicated. In all his enthusiasm, dad hadn't particularly considered the practicalities, even though in his professional life he has to do exactly that all the time. To start with, getting someone to accompany us was a challenge, as few tour companies had the right experience for this kind of trip. So, my parents were left trying to find the right team and sort out the equipment they planned to take. Gathering it all took weeks, and we ended up taking far too much stuff. But finally, we were ready.

Personally, I couldn't wait for the off and certainly didn't think twice about going on the trip or what risks might be involved. To me, it was yet another adventure I'd be having with my parents. However, they finally very reluctantly admitted to me that they'd come in for some harsh criticism for taking a teenager along on a challenging and potentially dangerous trip. That was hard for me to hear. But those critics clearly just hadn't taken in the fact that I'd been totally at home with trekking through the toughest of terrains from a young age, and that their interference wasn't needed. Trips like this had become a way of life.

Anyway, off we went into the desert, and before long we'd had some spectacular sightings of amazing wild horses. At first, though, I found it really hard to take in the sheer size and isolation of it all. But I just kept reminding myself we'd got plenty of supplies and were with an experienced team - who'd hopefully get us out again! No amount of planning or training, though, could have prepared us for what happened one day – a day that brought home to me how powerless we were in the face of the faces of

nature. A huge storm suddenly blasted across the area and transformed the desert from a dry wasteland to a winter wonderland. It was a timely reminder not to take anything for granted out there in the wilderness, and to remember our limitations.

Finally, we had to start preparing for the long journey home to our busy, bustling city. But then the night before we set off, our guide admitted he'd once got stuck in the desert when a sandstorm swept over everything and his group were unable to travel for days. Luckily, they'd all survived, and I guess it demonstrated how skilled a guide he was, and that we were in safe hands. But I remember wishing he hadn't mentioned it until we were back home again. It just reminded me of the dangers we were still facing and wasn't exactly the kind of story I'd imagined I'd be telling all my friends. Anyway, despite my enthusiasm to get home, I still wasn't completely ready to say farewell to it all, and I knew a small part of me would always remain in the free, open spaces of the desert, with its vast skies and total silences.

1. The impression we get of Kara's father in the first paragraph is of someone who

A wants his family to be high achievers like him.
B makes decisions that his family don't always agree with.
C puts his family's needs above his own whenever possible.
D considers whether his family will benefit when making plans.

2. Why does Kara make reference to her father's professional life in the second paragraph?

A to explain why he paid such careful attention to some aspects of the trip
B to emphasise how different the trip would be from his own personal experience
C to suggest that his initial approach to preparing for the trip was surprising
D to say why he was just the right kind of person to take such a trip

3. In Paragraph 3 what does Kara mean when she says she 'didn't think twice about going on the trip'?

A She knew she didn't have much choice.
B It never occurred to her that she shouldn't go.
C She tried to put it out of her mind until it was time to leave.
D It was better not to think too much about the dangers.

4. What was Kara's attitude towards people who criticised her parents?

A She was irritated because it was unjustified.
B She was worried that the critics might be right.
C She was sad that her parents were upset by it.
D She was grateful that her parents hadn't told her earlier.

5. What seems to have particularly made an impression on Kara during her time in the desert†

A the skills of the team of people travelling with them
B the fact that they were able to survive on just the supplies they'd taken
C the realisation that they had no control over certain events
D the range of rare and unusual wildlife they managed to see

6. The night before they were due to return home, Kara felt

A saddened at having to leave the quiet of the desert.
B unprepared to resume her normal life again.
C reassured by something she heard from their guide.
D excited about all the stories she would be able to tell.

Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

FINDING EMPLOYMENT

My first **(7)** _____was as a sales **(8)** _____at a large department store. I wanted to work part-time, because I was still studying **(9)** _____university and I was only **(10)** _____to work a few nights a week.

I came **(11)** _____the advertisement in the local newspaper. I remember the interview as though **(12)** _____were yesterday. The personnel manager sat behind a large desk. He asked me various questions which surprised me because all I wanted was to work in sales. An hour later, I was told that I had got the job and was given a contract to go **(13)** _____. I was to be trained for ten days before I took my post. Also, as a member of **(14)** _____I was entitled to some benefits, including discounts. When I eventually started, I was responsible **(15)** _____ the toy section. I really enjoyed it there and I loved demonstrating the different toys. I was surprised at how friendly my **(16)** _____were, too. They made working there fun even when we had to **(17)** _____ customers who **(18)** _____ on our nerves. On the whole, working there was a great experience which I will never forget.

7	**A** occupation	**B** job	**C** work	**D** employment
8	**A** employee	**B** attendant	**C** officer	**D** assistant
9	**A** in	**B** on	**C** at	**D** for
10	**A** excellent	**B** able	**C** proud	**D** experienced
11	**A** across	**B** into	**C** on	**D** round
12	**A** it	**B** I	**C** that	**D** there
13	**A** on	**B** over	**C** ahead	**D** with
14	**A** staff	**B** crew	**C** team	**D** party
15	**A** of	**B** at	**C** with	**D** for
16	**A** assistants	**B** staff	**C** colleagues	**D** employees
17	**A** control	**B** deal with	**C** manage	**D** cooperate
18	**A** came	**B** went	**C** got	**D** were

For questions 19 – 27 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. Write down this word by yourself in small letters.

Leek week I made a **(19)** _____ **(SUGGEST)** to my cousin Alex, offering to take him to an **(20)** _____ **(AMUSE)** park. He was very excited because it was his **(21)** _____ **(FAVOUR)** place. However, from the moment I picked him up, he was very noisy, which surprised me since his behaviour was **(22)** _____ **(NORMAL)** very different. At one point, while waiting to get on a ride, he disappeared. **(23)** _____ **(LUCK),** the manager, who was very **(24)** _____ (**HELP)**, found him an hour later amongst a crowd. Apparently, Alex had seen a famous basketball player and wanted his autograph. He **(25)** _____ **(APOLOGY)** to me immediately but I was so **(26)** _____ **(ANGER)** at him that we left. It was then that I made the **(27)** _____ **(DECIDE)** never to take Alex out again.

Read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

28. She was so beautiful in that dress that I couldn't take my eyes _____ her.

A from
B out of
C by
D off

29. When I _____ the book, I'll return it to the library.

A will finish
B finished
C finish
D am finishing

30. Sally bought _____ furniture that her apartment looks great after renovation.

A such a nice
B so a nice
C such nice
D so nice

31. Our teacher gave us _____ homework for the weekend.

A far much
B too much
C such much

D too many

32. Anne accused Tim _____ breaking her sunglasses.

A of
B for
C about
D to

33. Our neighbour has been arrested _____ forgery.

A on
B of
C for
D from

34. It took Steve three weeks to _____ from his illness and return from the hospital.

A heal
B cure
C recover
D overcome

35. Our house looks dirty. It must definitely _____ this summer.

A been painted
B be painted
C being painted
D have been painted