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Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 24 /40)

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 <u>it</u> 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 tickertape¹ 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 aviation² 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 <u>it</u> 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.

¹ tickertape: bits of colored paper thrown from windows for public celebration

² aviation: the business or practice of flying airplanes

Questions:

A- Answer questions 1-4 in complete sentences using your own words.

- 1- According to paragraph 1, what motivated Earhart to take flying lessons? (Score: 02)
- 2- In paragraph 3, the writer says "Her next goal was to achieve a transatlantic crossing alone." What does this indicate about Amelia's character? Explain. (Score :02)
- 3- Based on the selection, in which year did each of the following incidents happen? (Score: 02)
 - a- Amelia was invited to be the first woman to take a flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
 - b- Amelia could make a nonstop flight across the Atlantic alone.
- 4- Based on the selection, what does each of the following underlined pronouns refer to?(Score: 02)
 - a- it (Paragraph 1) b- it (Paragraph 4)
- 5- Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the selection? (Score: 02)
 - The History of Aviation
 - The Achievements of a Pioneering Female Pilot
 - The Tragic Death of the Queen of Air
 - Achievements of Early Aviation Pioneers
- **B-** Refer to the selection and then complete the following sentences. (Score: 02)
 - 1- Amelia Earhart was called "Lady Lindy" because of------
 - 2- The United States Navy conducted a massive search in order to ------
- C-The reading selection has five paragraphs $(1\rightarrow 5)$. 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 and then choose from paragraphs $(1\rightarrow 5)$ the one that correctly fits with each extract. (Score:02)
 - **Extract (A):** Amelia Earhart, the widely known international celebrity during her lifetime, also remains the world's best known woman pilot even long after her mysterious disappearance. It was her independence, persistence, courage and goal-oriented career that have driven her lasting fame in the American culture.
 - **Extract (B):** It was first published in 1928 but has continued to be reprinted in periodic new editions. Earhart wrote about her experiences as a passenger who made her way to be the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air.
- **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. (**Score: 04**)

thrill	ed (Paragraph 1)	popular (Paragraph 3)	
tiny(Paragraph 4)	massive(Paragrap	aph 4)mysterious(Paragraph 4)	

- 1- The newly-married couple were ------ when they were given a pair of tickets to Mexico as a wedding gift from their parents.
- 2- The police is still investigating the reasons for the-----death of several important politicians in the country.
- 3- Because the book he wrote was very -----, it was translated into eight languages.
- 4- Computers are able to process -----amounts of data in few seconds.

- E- In each of the following sentences there is ONE grammatical error. Identify the error and then correct it. (Score: 04)
 - 1- The lady whose sick should see a doctor soon.
 - 2- When Oliver arrived at the airport, he discovered that he forgot his ticket at home.
 - 3- Everyone in the conference room have filled out the application form.
 - 4- I haven't talked to the director since five days.
- F- Rewrite the following sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning.(Score: 02)
 - 1- The journalist has already sent the articles on the volcano tragedy. *The articles* ------
 - 2- "Why did the team leader stop the field trip?" asked the manager. *The manager asked*------

Part Two: Writing: (Score: 16/40)

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

Prompt (A): Read the following statement about the value of adventure.

Adventure is always worth the time and effort.

Based on the statement above, write a narrative essay about an adventure you once had. As you develop your essay, describe what your adventure was about, who was involved, what happened and how that adventure affected you positively. Copy and fill in the chart below and then write the essay. Your essay should be between 150-200 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

1	Title
2	Setting
3	Characters
4	Events
5	Ending

Prompt (B): Read the following statement from an article about high achievers.

The success of leaders and high achievers never comes by chance. It is the result of having strong faith in oneself, transforming dreams into goals and taking actions towards achievement.

Make an outline and then write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, refer to the positive effects of self-confidence, good will, and hard work on achieving success in life, work or school.

In your essay, provide a thesis statement in the introduction, a topic sentence in each body paragraph and support the main idea with relevant, specific and adequate details. Give examples drawn from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 150-200words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas and organization (Score: 05), language and style (Score: 05), outline/chart and title (Score: 04), tidiness and legible handwriting (Score: 02).

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A-

- 1- She took flying lessons because she was so excited by her first flight in a plane.
- 2- It indicates that she was self-confident and ambitious as her next goal was to cross the Atlantic Ocean. She was also courageous, adventurous and ready to take risks because she wanted to cross the Atlantic alone.
- 3- a- Amelia was invited to be the first woman to take a flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928.

b- She could make a nonstop flight across the Atlantic alone in 1932.

- 4- a- "it" in paragraph 1 refers to the flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
 - b- "it" in paragraph 4 refers to the reason why she left behind navigation and communications instruments.
- 5- The Achievements of a Pioneering Female Pilot

B-

- 1- Amelia Earhart was called "Lady Lindy" because of her impression career performance and her physical resemblance to the pioneer pilot Lindbergh.
- 2- The United States Navy conducted a massive search in order to find out what happened to the plane and its passengers.
- **C-** Extract A is the correct part that completes paragraph 5. Extract B is the correct part that completes paragraph 2.

D-

- 1- thrilled
- 2- mysterious
- 3- popular
- 4- massive

E-

- 1- whose \rightarrow who's, who is
- 2- forgot \rightarrow had forgotten
- 3- have \rightarrow has
- 4- since \rightarrow for

F-

- 1- The articles on the volcano tragedy have already been sent by the journalist.
- 2- The manager asked why the team leader had stopped the field trip.