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L3a Long Comprehension Set 4

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Life at 40,000 feet by Vanessa Mak

People often ask me what it's like to be a flight attendant, and my answer is always the same: it's incredible! The last five years of my life have been a roller coaster journey; full of excitement, surprise, and of course, a lot of hard work.

I first decided that I wanted to become a flight attendant ten years ago when I was just fifteen. My family could never afford to go on holiday, which made me want to see the world, and here was a perfect opportunity to do just that. What's more, I have always been friendly and love talking to people, and so I thought a customer service job would be perfect for me. However, I was embarrassed to tell my parents that this was the job I wanted to do because I knew they wanted me to become a doctor or a lawyer. I kept my mouth shut for five years and got a job as a secretary at a law firm when I left school.

I knew that I would never be happy doing this, however. I plucked up the courage to tell my parents what I really wanted to do, and they supported me. It was a huge relief. Before I knew it, I was working for British Airways as a flight attendant.

Of course, my favourite thing about the job is that I get to see so many different places. In the last few months I have been to some of the world's greatest capital _____ (a) _____, such as London, Rome, Berlin and New York. My _____ (b) _____ says that in the next few months, I will be travelling to Venice, Tokyo and Boston. What a thrill! That's not to say the job is without any drawbacks. I still don't like it when there's _____ (c) _____ during a flight – I don't feel sick, but the sudden jerky movements make it difficult to do my job properly.

Being a flight attendant isn't for everyone, but I definitely recommend it if you love travelling to different places and talking to different people.

1. What is Vanessa's job and how long as she been doing it?

2. Why did Vanessa decide to do this job? Give **two** reasons.

3. Which word in the passage means "shy or ashamed"?

4. What does "this" in line 11 refer to?

5. What words best fill the gaps in paragraph 4?

(a) c_____ (b) r_____ (c) t_____

6. Which of the following is **not true**?

- a. Vanessa was a teenager when she knew she wanted to be a flight attendant.
- b. The first job that Vanessa got did not satisfy her.
- c. Vanessa's parents have never encouraged her with her job.
- d. According to Vanessa, not everyone would enjoy being a fight attendant.



7. Would you like to be a flight attendant? Why or why not?
