

Question 4B (15 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer questions 1 to 10.

The moment which Hans and Sonia, his younger sister, were impatiently waiting for finally arrived. In the minutes to come, they would be flying to England. Unlike their parents, they would be travelling by air for the first time. They were very excited since they had often heard their friends talking proudly about their flights.

"I hope we'll have a nice time on the plane," Sonia told Hans.

"Don't worry, Sonia. The question of hoping doesn't arise. I am fully convinced that our flight will be a pleasant one," replied Hans with a broad smile on his face.

Hardly had Hans pronounced the last word when boarding started. It took some time for all the passengers to be on the plane. After having put their hand luggage in the overhead compartment, they sat down and fastened their seat belts. The two children were at a loss to understand how can a plane carry so many people.

On the stroke of ten at night, the plane took off and soon it was high up in the sky. Unfortunately, the children could not admire the beauty of the island from above. Perhaps, they would have the chance of doing so when coming back. At times, their parents cast a glance at them to see whether they were scared. They were not. On the contrary, happiness could be read on their faces.

After dinner, the children started watching a film but they could not stay awake for long as they were very tired. Soon they fell asleep.

The next morning, about an hour after breakfast, the plane landed safely at Heathrow Airport in London to the great joy of all passengers. As soon as the children and their parents were outside the airport, a voice was heard. It was that of Fred, the children's uncle, who has come to pick them up. He rushed towards them and hugged everybody affectionately. Soon after, he drove them to Stratford City where they would be spending their holidays.

Circle the correct answer.

1. Hans is

- A of the same age as his sister. C older than his sister.
B younger than his sister. D more or less of the same age as his sister.

2. The children's parents

- A had travelled by plane before.
B would be traveling by air for the first time.
C were scared to travel by plane.
D had never travelled by plane before.

3. Before boarding, the children were talking about

- A their flight. B their friends. C their parents. D the passengers.

4. At times, the children's parents looked at them to see whether

- A their seat belts were fastened. C they were having their meal.
B they looked frightened. D they were sleeping.