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UNIT SIX  
EXPLORERS

## I. Reading

### A. Read the following passage then answer the questions below :

#### A Famous Explorer

Roald Amundsen was a famous explorer from Norway. He is most famous for his expedition to the continent of Antarctica. In fact, he was the first man to reach the South Pole. This was a very big achievement. First, he had to sail from Norway to Antarctica - that voyage took six months. Then there was another journey over land to the South Pole - that journey took almost two months. It started on the 19th of October and he reached the South Pole on the 14th of December, 1911. They had a lot of equipment to carry over land, so Amundsen's team needed four sledges. As well as the sledges, the team also had to wear skis. There was also no modern technology in 1911 so they had to use a compass to find the South Pole. They took tents to sleep in and they wore thick fur coats.

- Read the paragraph and then answer the questions. Write ONE word for each answer:

1. Roald Amundsen was a famous **explorer** from Norway.
2. He was the **first** person to reach the South Pole.
3. It took six months to **sail** on a ship from Norway to Antarctica.
4. Then the **journey** over land began on October 19<sup>th</sup> .
5. Sledges and skis were some of the **equipment** they needed.
6. Amundsen and his team used a compass and slept in **tents**.

**B. Read the following text and answer the questions below:**

**Lighting up the World**

Thomas Edison invented the modern electric light bulb. Before that, people used to light their homes with candles and oil lamps. Streets used to be dark because street lamps were powered by gas.

But Edison's invention changed all that, lighting up homes and cities with light that was safe, cheap and long-lasting. He didn't invent the first light bulb, but he improved the idea. He made it possible for millions of people to use electric light in the way that we use it today.

Edison was born in 1847 in the USA, when few people understood electricity. His school teachers thought he was 'difficult' because he got distracted easily. His mother was angry at his teachers' attitudes and decided to teach him at home instead. She was a very good teacher. Edison grew up to be one of the most important inventors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Read the text then answer the questions. Decide if each statement is True or False:**

1. Thomas Edison was an inventor.

True

False

2. Street lamps used to be powered by oil.

True

False

3. Thomas Edison's invention made light cheap.

True

False

4. Thomas Edison invented the first light bulb.

True

False

5. Edison was easily distracted at school.

True

False

6. Edison's mother taught him at home.

True

False

## II. Vocabulary

### A. Choose the correct word from a, b, or c :

- To \_\_\_\_\_ means to travel by 'driving' a boat.  
a. cycle      b. fly      c. sail
- To \_\_\_\_\_ means to find something for the first time.  
a. invent      b. explore      c. discover
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is an expedition with a very important purpose.  
a. tour      b. mission      c. trip
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a journey by sea.  
a. trip      b. tour      c. voyage
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is the way to travel somewhere.  
a. route      b. explore      c. expedition
- Vasco da Gama was an \_\_\_\_\_ who sailed directly from Europe to India.  
a. inventor      b. farmer      c. explorer
- A / An \_\_\_\_\_ is a dangerous and difficult journey to find out something.  
a. explore      b. expedition      c. experiment
- Africa is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.  
a. island      b. country      c. continent
- This bracelet is \_\_\_\_\_, it worths a lot of money.  
a. valuable      b. value      c. invaluable
- People \_\_\_\_\_ the rainforest and cut down the trees.  
a. increase      b. destroy      c. control
- China was a great \_\_\_\_\_ in the past.  
a. city      b. continent      c. empire
- The crocodile \_\_\_\_\_ the nest from the enemies.  
a. destroys      b. guards      c. attacks

13. Today is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the tour and we saw five elephants.
- a. five                      b. fifth                      c. fives
14. \_\_\_\_\_ teachers run the science club at school.
- a. Twice                      b. Two                      c. Second
15. Bobo is five months old. He's the \_\_\_\_\_ lion born this year.
- a. four                      b. fourth                      c. four times

**B. Complete the following passage using words from the box :**

**mission – voyage - discover - sailed - route**

When British yachts woman, Ellen MacArthur began her voyage in 2005, her (1) mission was not to (2) discover a new land, but to break a world record. She succeeded! She (3) sailed on a (4) route which took her through the world's most dangerous seas and broke the world record for the fastest non-stop (5) voyage around the world.

**C. Complete the following sentences using words from the box :**

**Valuable – continent – era – increased – empire -destroyed**

- a. Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia are all on the continent of Africa.
- b. The explorers discovered gold and other valuable things.
- c. It was an era of exploration that lasted four centuries.
- d. In the past, expeditions increased people's knowledge of other cultures.
- e. The Aztec empire stretched across Central America.
- f. In the 16th century, the Spanish army destroyed the Aztec civilization.

**D. Complete the following sentences using words from the box :**

**translated - tore off - chew - popped - scoop up - circular - heaps**

1. If you don't chew your food, you might get stomach ache.
2. He tore off some paper from the notebook and wrote down his phone number.
3. If I had heaps of money, I would travel around the world.
4. More people could sit around the table because it was a circular shape.
5. Ana speaks Spanish and English very well, so she translated the Spanish into English.

**III. Grammar**

**A. Choose the correct answer from a, b or c:**

1. The cameras will record \_\_\_\_\_ we're sleeping..  
a. until                      b. while                      c. as soon as
2. We'll trek deeper into the jungle \_\_\_\_\_ we come to the jaguars' habitat.  
a. until                      b. while                      c. as soon as
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the jaguars appear, the video will start working .  
a. Until                      b. While                      c. As soon as
4. \_\_\_\_\_ we're walking, I will wear light clothes.  
a. Until                      b. While                      c. As soon as
5. I will check the compass every ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_ we arrive.  
a. until                      b. while                      c. as soon as
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I get to the jungle I will put on and we will put up the tent.  
a. Until                      b. While                      c. As soon as

7. Tom discovered a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ food during his travels.  
 a. interested                      b. interesting                      c. interests
8. Tom was on a \_\_\_\_\_ journey around the world.  
 a. fascinate                      b. fascinating                      c. fascinated
9. John was having an \_\_\_\_\_ adventure in Africa.  
 a. excite                      b. exciting                      c. excited
10. Abai's family was \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard about Tom's adventures.  
 a. amaze                      b. amazed                      c. amazing
11. Tom was very \_\_\_\_\_ after such an eventful day on the road.  
 a. tired                      b. tire                      c. tiring
12. Cycling around the world was a \_\_\_\_\_ task.  
 a. tired                      b. fire                      c. tiring
13. Mike was feeling \_\_\_\_\_ and unhappy.  
 a. tired                      b. fire                      c. tiring
14. \_\_\_\_\_ countries did the explorers visit? Ethiopia  
 a. Which                      b. How many                      c. What
15. \_\_\_\_\_ dangers did they face?  
 a. Which                      b. How many                      c. What
16. \_\_\_\_\_ days did they travel ? 10 days  
 a. Which                      b. How many                      c. What

**B. Unscramble the following words to make questions:**

- transport / use / did / what / Ibn Battuta / ?  
 • What transport did Ibn Battura use?
- he / did / many / years / travel / how / for / ?  
 • How many years did he travel for ?
- he / which / travel / continents / in / did / ?

- Which continents did he travel in?
- travel / how many / he / did / kilometres / ?
- How many kilometers did he travel ?
- 4. country / which / born / he / was / in / ?
- Which countries did he born in ?

## IV. Writing

### A. Write a blog or diary entry about ...

" An exploration trip you went on "

**These points may help you:**

- When did you go?
- Where was the exploration trip?
- Why did you go on this trip?
- With whom did you go?
- What animals did you see?
- How did you go there?

➤ **Use time references and dates to organize your work :**

What a great day! When we got to the wildlife park at 9.30 a.m, the first animals we saw was a group of lions. They looked very strong. Then, we went to see the monkeys. Next, we went to feed the elephants, that was fun! The elephants took the food with their trunks. They looked strange. This was the second time I've been to this wildlife park and there is always something new to see. I love it!



**B. Write about:**

“A historical explorer ”

➤ **These questions may help you :**

- Who is the explorer?
- Where did he go?
- Why did he go on his expedition?
- What were the results?

Ibn Battuta was an extraordinary traveller. At the age of 21, he left his home in Morocco in North Africa. He wanted to go to Mecca, but instead, he returned nearly 30 years later. During this time, he crossed five continents on foot, by camel and by boat. He was on a mission for knowledge and experience of different kingdoms and cultures. He travelled across Africa, the Middle East, Central and South East Asia, China, India and Europe.



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