

When Mike, my husband, and I decided to take off for a year to travel the world with our three teenage sons, the decision was the easy part. Walking away from the life we currently knew was the difficult part. The number one question I am asked is about the boys' schooling.

FLVS played a major role in making our dream a reality. We began homeschooling the boys through FLVS in 2005 while Harrison was in middle school and when our twins were entering high school. Using FLVS as our main educational platform allowed all of **them** to work ahead. Morgan and Zach were able to finish high school in only three years and Harrison was able to work ahead by a year. Even while traveling, he decided to take a few extra online classes. It started out fine, as we were always able to find an Internet connection. However, we quickly discovered the Internet was not always reliable in other countries.

In fact, I remember a situation when Harrison was taking a big Spanish exam while we were in the jungle of Costa Rica. He was sitting outside, which is where he found the strongest Wi Fi signal. There were monkeys swinging above his head as he was taking the exam. A little over an hour into the exam, he hit the submit button and lost his Internet connection. He was not a happy camper, but he went with the flow and contacted his teacher who reset the exam. After several similar instances, we decided to hold off on taking any additional online classes due to unreliable Internet.

Mike always says that it was giving our three sons a hands-on, real world global education. While I agree, I believe we also learned so much more. We discovered how happy we can be without lots of stuff – and most importantly, we learned how to step away out of our comfort zones, because that is where life and the adventure truly begins.

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(Adapted)

I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks) :

**1) Match the following headings with their appropriate paragraphs (4 marks) :
(There is one extra heading)**

Headings	Paragraphs / Answer
a- Online schooling is a dream	1 -----
b- Living is enjoying adventures	2 -----
c- Online learning is the solution	3 -----
d- Online exams at risk	4 -----
e- The need to see the world	

2) Justify the following False statements with details from the text (3 marks) :

a- During their travel, the family members succeeded in being online.
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b- Harrison was unable to take his exam because he was disturbed by monkeys.
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c- The family members had connection problems only once.
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3) Tick the appropriate option for the following expression : (1 mark) :

He went with the flow (pg 3) :

a- he refused failure / **b-** he denied reality / **c-** he coped with misfortune

4) What does the underlined word refer to in the text (1 mark) :

Them (pg 2) refers to :

5) Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

a- spend time away from work (pg 1) :

b- bring back into use (pg 3) :

6) Give a personal justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

Do you approve of learning online while traveling around the world?

I (dis)approve of
because

II- LANGUAGE (6 marks)

Name :.....
4th Form

1) Fill in the blanks with 06 words from the box to get a coherent paragraph (3 marks) :

link – with – by – affordable – high – but – those – moreover

Online school is best for kids who feel responsibility for their own education. It's also best for **1-** who feel comfortable with technology since the computer will replace the school bus as their **2-** to school. There are teachers and tools online to help students learn to plan their time **3-** if they just don't care, those might not help. If you have a motivated student **4-** few options close to home, this school type may bring a **5-** -quality education into the home rather than sending your child away to school. Even the private virtual schools are much more **6-** than a private day or boarding school.

2) Match sentence parts A with the suitable sentence parts B to get a coherent paragraph (3 marks) : (There is one extra sentence part in B)

A	B
1- My daughter experienced bullying on the playground	a- for my daughter's safety.
2- After watching another student suffering permanent injuries	b- she was "falling behind."
3- we eventually decided to enroll in ORVA	c- of rude behaviour.
4- At her last conference, I was told that	d- she needs.
5- She was getting bored in her classes because her teacher had to spend more time	e- and on the bus.
6- Now she is getting the individualized attention	f- from three older students, g- with other students instead of teaching.

1- / 2- / 3- / 4- / 5- / 6-

III- WRITING (12 marks) :

1) Use the following information to write the biography of Helen Mirren (4 marks) :



Helen Mirren : actress

Born : 26 July 1945. Hammersmith, London, England

1967 : begin acting career with / Royal Shakespeare Company.

Achievements : 2006 win an Academy Award / Best Actress for her role in The Queen.
2015 star / the thriller Eye in the Sky.

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2) Topic (8 marks) :

For some people, the ideal holiday is to get away from their normal routine by staying in a hotel or camping in a countryside. Others prefer to stay at home and entertain themselves. Write an article for your school magazine about the benefits of going away on holidays according to you.

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