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COMPREHENSION CHALLENGE

[GAMESHOW EDITION]

Read the passage and answer Questions 1 to 10.

Peering out from the leafy shelter of the path, Dawan watched the villagers gather outside her home. They had come to bid Dawan farewell. Dawan was finally leaving the village to go to a better school in the city. In the dim light of the house sat her grandmother.

"Don't be afraid, child. Calm down," her grandmother said gently. "I have put your new uniform and shoes on the mat there. Are the villagers all waiting for you outside? Never mind, child, take your time." 5

Dawan smiled gratefully at her grandmother and walked over to the mat where her things lay waiting. She bent down to put her shoes on and dressed hurriedly as she wondered, "Will I get used to studying in the city?" Her nervousness increased as she heard the sound of the heavy old bus rumbling in the distance. The last thing she wanted was to miss the only bus that could take her to the city. 10

"Child, you come here."

Dawan obediently crawled to the corner where her grandmother sat, and knelt down in front of the old woman. As her grandmother was her only caregiver since birth, it made saying goodbye to her most painful. 15

Her grandmother asked, "You have a long life ahead of you and this is just the first step. Gather yourself together and face the world out there boldly. You hear me?" Dawan nodded and calmed down after hearing her grandmother's soothing voice. Her grandmother gave her a gentle shove. "Well child, you must go now. You've packed everything you want to take with you, haven't you?" 20

Dawan stared at her blankly, then shook her head. "No, no, I can't go yet!" she blurted out. Swallowing hard, she continued desperately, "Grandmother, please, I'm not ready. I haven't packed everything yet. How about you? I can't pack you in my luggage! And how about my friends? I'll miss them." She tried hard to fight a sob rising from her throat, but could not stop it. 25

Her grandmother smiled and answered firmly, "My child, you will have a better future by going to the city. Don't be sad. Be brave. Go now, child."

The bus driver honked sharply. Dawan saw him wave frantically for her to board. Dawan took a deep breath, held her head up and walked out. She was ready to face the world. 30

Adapted from 'Sing to the Dawn' by Ho Minfong

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Answer the questions given to you in complete sentences

Q1. _____

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Ans: _____

Q2. _____

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Ans: _____

Q3. Choose words from paragraphs 1 to 3 which have similar meanings to the words below.

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Ans:

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Q4. _____

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Ans: _____

Q5. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the boxes below to indicate the order in which the points are described in the passage.

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Q6. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. []

Ans:

Word from the passage	What the word refers to

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Q7. _____

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Ans: _____

Q8. _____

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Ans: _____

Name: _____

Q9. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

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Statement	True / False	Reason

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Q10. _____

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Ans: _____

