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 **Third Term Written Test I (April 2010)**

 One of the greatest mysteriesof the world, for which scientists have so far been unable to find any satisfactory explanation**,** is the Bermuda Triangle, sometimes called "the Graveyardof the Atlantic". This is an area of the Western Atlantic between Bermuda and Florida, roughly triangular in shape, where since 1945 at least a hundred ships and planes andover a thousand people have disappeared. No wreckage has been found, no bodies, lifebelts or any other evidence of disaster.lt is as if theseplanes, ships and people had never existed. In some cases a radio message has been received from an aircraft reporting everything in order a few minutes before all contact was lost. In the extraordinary caseof five navy planes disappearing on a routine mission from Florida, the rescue plane sent to locate them vanished also. There have been references to the curious white light observed by the astronauts on their way to space, but was also notedby Christopher Columbus five centuries ago. Whether this light has any connection with the mysterious disappearance is unknown- it is just another curious circumstancesas yet unexplained.

 Many fantastic theories have been advanced to accountfor the disturbing incidents that occurin the area of the Bermuda Triangle.lt has been asked whetherthese appearances are caused by extraterrestrial activity, by some undiscovered sources of energy or some dimension of time or spaceunguessed by man. There is no answer and speculation continues as anxiety increases.

**1)** ***The text is*** : a) descriptive. b) argumentative c) expository (1)

**2) *Choose a title*:** a) The mystery of planes b) extraterrestrial activity c) The Bermuda Triangle (1)

**3) *Say if these statements are True or False*:** (2)

a) Some people havedisappeared in the BermudaTriangle. ..................................................

 b) Contact with planes is lost instantly. ..................................................

 c) Rescue planes returned to Florida. ...................................................

 d) The mystery of the Bermuda Triangle has been solved. ..................................................

**4) *Answer these questions according to the text*:** (2)

 a) Why is the Bermuda Triangle so mysterious?

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 b) Who first saw the curious light? …………………………………………………………………………..

**5) *Find in the text synonyms to*:**  (2)

 **-** capable(§1) =...................................................... - catastrophe (§1) = ..............................................

 - relation (§2) = ..................................................... - strange (§3) =/= ...............................................

**6) *Ask question with the underlined words*:** (2)

 a) Since 1945 a hundred ships and planes have disappeared.

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 b) The rescue plane sent to locate them vanished also.

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**7) *Complete the following table*:** (2)

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| **Noun** | **Verb**  | **Adjective**  |
| anxiety …………………………..………………………….. | //////////////////////////////////////////////.................................................exist | ......................................................satisfactory ////////////////////////////////////////////// |

**8) *Spot the mistake and correct it*:** (2)

 a) The NASA advised pilots to not fly over the Bermuda Triangle. .........................................................

 b) Where you have bought that sci-fi book? .........................................................

**9) *Give the correct form of the verb in brackets*:** (2)

 a) If I were a scientist I (solve) the mystery of the Bermuda triangle. ...............................................

 b) If you see the film about The Bermuda Triangle, you (enjoy) it. ................................................

 c) Many people would have been saved if scientists (solve) the mystery. ...............................................

 d) You (accept) to travel to Bermuda if they offered you a trip? ...............................................

**10) *Express it differently*:**  (4)

a) A radio message has been sent by a pilot from an aircraft.

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 b) The curious white light was observed by the astronauts on their way to space.

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 c) “We have found no wreckage, no bodies and no lifeboats,” a pilot said.

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 d) These appearances are caused by extraterrestrial activity.

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