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You are surfing the Internet and you see a web article about what going to school is like in other countries. Read the web article.

Text 3 Web article

Not your everyday school

① How do you travel to school? Is it an easy bus ride, or a simple stroll? For children in small villages, travelling to school can be a matter of life and death. In some areas of Indonesia, children cross a rapid river using a rickety old bridge that might break any minute. Not all rivers have bridges, so there are children in the Philippines who use old tyres to get across. Going tubing may be a recreational activity elsewhere in the world, but in this part of the globe it is a means of transport!



② Bangladesh is a country plagued with floods, especially during the rainy season. Some areas become completely flooded during this time, forcing many schools to close. Because of this, students often rely on boat schools for their education. These boats are well equipped, each having computers and a small library. These floating schools pick students up from the riverside in the morning and send them home at night. No one gets a day off for bad weather here!

③ What do children learn in northern Russia? Apart from traditional subjects, some learn valuable skills like hunting and fishing. This is because they need to learn how to survive in the harsh environment. Some of them will even follow in their parents' footsteps to become hunters and fishermen.



④ Students in some places around the world have to deal with and adapt to many different challenges just to get an education. Shouldn't we be grateful that going to school is just a simple everyday routine for most of us?

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Comprehension 3 *Your sister is asking you questions about the web article. Answer her questions using information from the web article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Find an expression in paragraph 1 that means ‘a situation that is very dangerous’.

2 In paragraph 1, find a word that means ‘shaky’.

3 i) What is ‘going tubing’ (line 9)?

ii) Why is ‘going tubing’ not a recreational activity for students in the Philippines?

4 Why are there boat schools in Bangladesh?

5 What does ‘this time’ (line 13) refer to?

6 Complete the sentence below.

Children in northern Russia need to learn how to hunt and fish because _____

_____.

7 According to the web article, are the following statements True **(T)**, False **(F)** or Not Given **(NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Children in Indonesia do not go to school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Each boat school holds around 20 students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) In northern Russia, there are many hunters and fishermen.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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8 What is the tone of 'No one gets a day off for bad weather here!' (line 17)?

A serious

B sarcastic

C educational

D playful

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9 Match the main points (A–C) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–C) on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Main point
i) Paragraph 1 _____	A Floating schools
ii) Paragraph 2 _____	B Survival skills
iii) Paragraph 3 _____	C Hazardous school journeys
iv) Paragraph 4 _____	D The challenges of education

10 Complete the following summary using ideas given in the web article. Write ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct.

For some children in _____, the only way they can _____ to school is by _____ a broken old bridge over a _____ flowing river. In the Philippines, some have to _____ old tyres because there are no _____.

Since it often _____ in Bangladesh, many children go to boat schools. Every morning, each boat school _____ its students up and _____ them home after school.

Learning to _____ and _____ is essential for students in northern Russia. They might not _____ if they do not know these skills.



11 Would you like to learn how to hunt and fish? Why or why not?
