

## The Text

- 1- Shopping centers are dangerous places for nine-year-old Bean. “She is severely allergic to latex\*,” explains her mother Lisa Bean, 32, from Kent.
- 2- “Balloons are **lethal** for my daughter because they release small particles of latex. When one of them touches her face or she breathes it in, her body itches and she has difficulty in breathing, which could be fatal.”
- 3- Lisa noticed that her daughter had some kind of allergy when she was two years old. She had just got out of the bathroom when her whole body began to swell up. She was crying and rolling around on the carpet because she was itching so much.” Lisa and her husband Peter rushed Jaymie to the doctor but **he** had no idea what had caused the reaction. And as time went on, Jaymie’s allergic reactions got steadily worse.
- 4- “We kept food diaries and had allergic tests done but we didn’t find out,” says Lisa. It was not until last year that Lisa finally discovered the cause. Jaymie and a friend had been playing with a balloon when suddenly her face began to swell. “Did the balloon touch your face?” Lisa asked her. “Yes, only once,” Jaymie replied. “It suddenly **dawned on me** that she might have latex allergy,” says her mother Lisa. Jaymie was immediately tested and the result was positive. “We had to throw out anything with latex,” says her mom.
- 5- So far, everyone has been supportive. Teachers keep rubbers away from her and are trained to give her first-aid in case of a shock. And if she is invited to a birthday party, her friends make sure in advance that there are no balloons around so that Jaymie does not have to miss out on any party.
- 6- “I am sure that people who do not know Jaymie may think I am irrational when I tell **them** that a balloon could be fatal to my daughter,” says Lisa. “At home and at school, Jaymie is safe but when we go out, we have to be constantly alert – my child’s life is at risk”.

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### Glossary

Latex\*: An artificial product used in paints and plastic tools.

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**Comprehension questions: (12 marks)**

**1) Tick the right option: ( 1 mark )**

- The text is: a) argumentative
- b) narrative
- c) expository

**2 ) Correct the following false statements with the right details from the text: (3 marks)**

a) After seeing a doctor, Jaymie’s situation improved.(Par 3)

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b) Nobody helped Jaymie in her difficult situation. (Par 5)

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c) Jaymie’s life will be put at risk if she stays at home.(Par 6)

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**3) Complete the following paragraph with words from the text: (3marks)**

Jaymie had an allergy to latex. Her parents did not realize the real ..... until the day she was playing with a balloon. Jaymie started itching. After being tested, her parents were obliged to .....all objects made of latex. Her mom believes that she has to be constantly aware of any .....that may endanger her daughter’s life.

**4) Circle the nearest equivalent of the following expressions: (2 marks )**

**A- Lethal (par 2) means:**

- a) Boring / b) causing death / c) curable

**B- It suddenly dawned on me (par4) means:**

- a) became uncertain to me / b) became obligatory to me / c) became clear to me

**5) Read and find out what these underlined words refer to: (2marks)**

- he (paragraph 3) .....
- them (paragraph 6) .....
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**6) If you were Jaymie’s parents, would you accept using genetic engineering to cure her? Justify your answer. ( 1mark)**

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**LANGUAGE: (6marks)**

**1) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form: ( 3 marks)**

Anyone with breast tissue, male or female, is at risk for breast cancer. The risk is **(high)** ..... for women than men. Add increasing age to having breast tissue, and your risk also increases. If blood relatives have had breast cancer, then you have a bit higher risk than someone with no history of the disease in their family. Check with your doctor and your family health history, to be on the **(safety)** .....side. Breast cancer is more accurately detected and **(treated)**..... at an early stage before it spreads, as compared to 20 and 25 years ago. Now, 80% of women who were diagnosed with breast cancer and who do not have any spread of the cancer will survive at least five years beyond their **(diagnose)** ....., and many live even longer than that. Even if the cancer has spread, new **(treat)**.....and therapies can help improve survival rates and qualities of life. Early **(detect)**.....is essential.

**2) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list: (3 mark)**

save/ characteristics / guide / spending / between / affordable / vehicle / look
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Skycar seems to be the solution for future transportation problems. Skycar is an invention .....a traditional automobile and a personal plane. Skycar has big turbo engines, a red body and a stylish ..... You can now go fast anywhere at a fraction of the time. You can .....a lot of time, travelling at up to 530 kilometers per hour, high in the air. You will be able to drive / fly it legally in the city within a couple of years. But you must obtain a driving license for this new ..... Inside the skycar, sophisticated computers will safely .....you to your destination and help you land almost everywhere. Skycar producers say that it will not be .....as a popular car before 10 years.

**WRITING: (12 marks )**

**1)Guided writing: Complete the conversation below with suitable questions (4 marks)**

**You:** where do you usually spend your summer holiday?

**Your friend:** Generally in Hammamet.

**You:** .....

**Your friend:** We always rent the same house.

**You:** ..... town centre?

**Your friend:** No, it is near the beach.

**You:** .....there last summer?

**Your friend:** Yes, of course. And then we went to Sousse for a couple of days.

**You:** .....there?

**Your friend:** To attend my cousin's wedding ceremony

**2)ESSAY: (8 marks)**

You have just come back from a holiday advertised by James Brox Company. As the holiday advert was too exaggerated and you were disappointed with a lot of things, you decided to write a letter to the manager of ( James Brox Company P.R.6 London ) to complain about your spoilt holiday.

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