

RAMADAN SPECIAL LISTENING & COMPREHENSION**Part one****10 marks**

You are going to listen to the story of a nurse, Cassie and her Muslim patient. For questions 1-10, circle the correct answer (A, B, or C), which you think fits best according to the text.

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| <p>My name is Cassie. I am 23 years old. I graduated as a qualified nurse this year and was given my first position as a home nurse.</p> | 45 | <p>a place for debates and discussions and as I did not know any Muslims except for my patient I thought it would be good to speak to some live and ask questions. I went on to the Islam section and entered the room 'True Message'.</p> |
| <p>5 My patient was an English gentleman in his early 80's who suffered from Alzheimer's¹. In the first meeting I was given the patient's record and from it I could see that he was a convert to the religion of Islam, therefore he was a Muslim.</p> | 50 | <p>Here I asked questions regarding the repeated movements and was told that these were the actions of prayer. I did not really believe it until someone posted a link of the Islamic prayer on YouTube.</p> |
| <p>10 I knew from this that I would need to take into account that some modes of treatment may go against his faith, and therefore try to adapt my care to meet his needs. I brought in some 'halal' meat to cook for him and ensured that</p> | 55 | <p>I was shocked.</p> |
| <p>15 there was no pork or alcohol in the premises as I did some research which showed that these were forbidden in Islam.</p> | 60 | <p>A man who has lost all memory of his children, of his occupation, and could barely eat and drink, was able to remember not only actions of prayer but verses that were in another language.</p> |
| <p>20 My patient was at a very advanced stage of his condition so a lot of my colleagues could not understand why I was going to such lengths for him, but I understood that a person who commits to a faith deserves that commitment to be respected, even if they are not in a position to understand.</p> | 65 | <p>This was nothing short of incredible and I knew that this man was devout in his faith, which made me want to learn more in order to care for him the best I could.</p> |
| <p>25 Anyway, after a few weeks with my patient I began to notice some patterns of movement.</p> | 70 | <p>I came into the Paltalk room as often as I could and was given a link to read the translation of the Quran and listen to it.</p> |
| <p>30 At first I thought it was some copied motion he's seen someone do, but I saw him repeat the movement at particular times: morning, afternoon, evening.</p> | 75 | <p>The chapter of the 'Bee' gave me chills and I repeated it several times a day.</p> |
| <p>35 The movements were to raise his hands, bow and then put his head to the ground. I could not understand it. He was also repeating sentences in another language, I couldn't figure out what language it was as his speech was slurred but I know the same verses were repeated daily.</p> | 80 | <p>I saved a recording of the Quran on my iPod and gave it to my patient to listen to. He was smiling and crying, and after reading the translation I could see why.</p> |
| <p>40 Also there was something strange, he didn't allow me to feed him with my left hand (I am left-handed).</p> | | <p>I applied what I gained from Paltalk to the care for my patient but I gradually found myself coming to the room to find answers for myself.</p> |
| <p>Somehow I knew this linked to his religion but didn't know how.</p> | | <p>I never really took the time to look at my life; I never knew my father, my mother died when I was 3, my brother and I were raised by our grandparents who died 4 years ago, so now it's just the two of us.</p> |
| | | <p>But despite all this loss, I always thought I was happy, content.</p> |

- 85 One of my colleagues told me about Paltalk as
It was only after spending time with my patient
that I felt like I was missing something. I was
missing that sense of peace and tranquility my
patient, even through his suffering, felt.
- 90 I wanted that sense of belonging and a part of
something that he felt, even with no one
around him.
- 95 I was given a list of mosques in my area by a
lady on Paltalk and went down to visit one. I
watched the prayer and could not hold back
my tears.
- 100 I felt drawn to the mosque every day and the
Imam and his wife would give me books and
tapes and welcome any questions I had.
- 105 Every question I asked at the mosque and on
Paltalk was answered with such clarity and
depth that I could do nothing but accept them.
- I have never practiced a faith but always
believed that there was a God; I just did not
know how to worship Him.
- 110 One evening I came on Paltalk and one of the
speakers on the mic addressed me. He asked
me if I have any questions, I said no. He asked
if I was happy with the answers I was given, I
said yes.
- 115 He asked then what was stopping me from
accepting Islam, I could not answer.
- I went to the mosque to watch the dawn
prayer and the Imam asked me the same
question, I could not answer.
- 120 I then went to tend to my patient, I was
feeding him and as I looked in his eyes I just
realized, he was brought to me for a reason
and the only thing stopping me from
accepting was fear.... not fear in the sense of
something bad, but fear of accepting
something good, and thinking that I was not
worthy like this man.
- 125 That afternoon I went to the mosque and
asked the Imam if I could say my declaration
of faith, the Shahaadah.
- He helped me through it and I was shown and
guided through what I would need to do next.
- I cannot explain the feeling I felt when I said it.
- 130 The feeling was overwhelming joy, clarity and
most of all, peace.
- The first person I told was not my brother but
my patient.
- 135 I went to him, and before I even opened my
mouth he cried and smiled at me.
- I broke down in front of him, I owed him so
much.
- 140 I came home and logged onto Paltalk and
repeated the Shahaadah for the room.
- They all helped me so much and even though I
had never seen a single one of them, they felt
closer to me than my own brother.
- 145 I did eventually call my brother to tell him and
although he was not happy, he supported me
and said he would be there for me. I couldn't
ask for more.
- 150 After my first week as a Muslim, my patient
passed away in his sleep while I was caring for
him. To Allah we belong and to Him we shall
return.
- He died a peaceful death and I was the only
person with him.
- 155 He was like the father I never had and he was
my doorway to Islam.
- From the day of my Shahaadah to this very day
and for every day for as long as I live, I will pray
that Allah shows mercy on him and grants him
the reward for every good deed I perform in the
tenfold.
- 160 I loved him for the sake of Allah and I pray each
night to become an atom's weight of the Muslim
he was.
- Islam is a religion with an open door; it is there
for those who want to enter it. Verily, Allah is
the Most Merciful, Most Kind.
- ¹. *Alzheimer's: A disease in which mental
capacity decreases because of the breakdown
of brain cells. It causes memory loss.*

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<http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com>

1. At first, Cassie knew her patient was a Muslim because:

- A. he was a convert to the religion of Islam.
- B. he was an English gentleman.
- C. the documents concerning the patient specified his religion.

2. Before Cassie met the patient,

- A. she didn't know anything about Islam.
- B. she didn't know she had to treat Muslim patients differently.
- C. she didn't know that certain foods were not allowed in Islam.

3. The phrase "going to such lengths for him" in line 21 indicates,

- A. the fact that Cassie would go to faraway places to buy halal food.
- B. Cassie's dedication and commitment to give her patient the best treatment.
- C. the fact that Cassie's colleagues could not understand why she was so committed to caring for her patient.

4. Cassie could not understand her patient's speech when he performed prayer because

- A. it was an unbelievable thing to her.
- B. she noticed the movements very recently.
- C. it was in a language that Cassie didn't know.

5. Paltak

- A. was introduced to Cassie by a workmate.
- B. is a place for Islamic debates and discussions only.
- C. is the place where Cassie spoke to a Muslim for the first time.

6. Cassie was shocked after watching the YouTube video of Islamic prayer because

- A. her patient was so devout in his faith.
- B. the verses that her patient read were in a foreign language.
- C. she had a patient suffering from Alzheimer who could remember the actions and verses of prayer.

7. In line 68, the phrase "gave me chills" indicates that;

- A. Cassie was frightened and nervous about reading more.
- B. what she read had a powerful effect on her.
- C. Cassie was feeling very cold.

8. When Cassie let her patient to listen to the Quran on her iPod, he smiled and cried because

- A. he got chills from the chapter of the 'Bee' too.
- B. he understood what he was listening to.
- C. he wanted Cassie to read the translation of the verses.

9. Although Cassie had gone through so much sad events in her life she always thought she was

- A. satisfied with her life.
- B. peaceful but sad at times.
- C. always looking back at her life.

10. It was easy for Cassie to accept the answers she received for her religious questions because

- A. she had read books and watched videos given by some Muslims.
- B. the answers were convincing with clear details.
- C. she was beginning to learn how to worship the right God.

Part two

5 Marks

Now read from lines 85 to 163 of the transcript and answer the following questions.

11. What was stopping Cassie from accepting Islam despite the convincing answers she got on Paltalk?

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12. What was the best feeling Cassie got once she said her declaration of faith?

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13. Quote two sentences from the text which indicate that the patient was a big reason why Cassie accepted Islam. (2 marks)

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14. Which word or phrase indicates that Cassie prays her patient receives ten times of every good deed she does?

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