

English Paper

Refer to the following paragraph for Question 1-5

“What plans do you suggest?” Wilbur asked Orville at the end of September in a letter from Berlin, where he had returned again. “We cannot afford to spend much more time on negotiations, nor can we afford to return to America without some arrangements for our European business.” [1]

So stay they did and for a while Orville joined Wilbur in Berlin. Not until the start of November, back in Paris, did they decide it was time to go. [2]

But not before going with Hart Berg to see a demonstration put on by the French aviator Henri Farman, “Monsieur Henri, ” a former artist, champion bicycle rider, and automobile racer, who was considered Europe ’s outstanding pilot. Large crowds gathered at Issy-lesMoulineaux southwest of Paris. Farman had been getting a great deal of publicity, and even in the United States. (“Aren ’t you getting worried over ‘Farman ’s flights’?” Katharine had asked.) Farman flew a biplane made by a French aircraft manufacturer, Voisin Frères. Many of his trials were unsuccessful. On the longer flights, he had trouble getting off the ground, and the same was true when trying to make a circle. But in one flight he covered more than half a mile and flew an almost complete circle. [3]

Yet from what he saw, Orville felt he and Wilbur had no cause to worry. When asked by a reporter what he thought, Orville said only that he and his brother never liked to pass criticisms on the work of others, and that time would show whether the methods used in the Farman machine were sufficient for strong winds. [4]

French aviation enthusiasts had no doubt, however, that France was now clearly in the lead. France could boast of the Voisin brothers, Gabriel and Charles, who had formed their aircraft company only that year, and other French aviators beside Henri Farman, including Léon Delagrangé, who also flew a Voisin biplane, and Louis Blériot, who had taught himself to fly in a monoplane of his own design. Like Henri Farman, these French pilots flew in public and greatly to the public ’s delight. [5]

Also, quite unlike the Wright brothers, most of the pilots in France—Farman, Santos-Dumont, Delagrangé, Blériot, Comte Charles de Lambert—were men of ample private means for whom the costs of their aviation pursuits were of little concern. [6]

- An excerpt from “The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough

1. “So stay they did and for a while Orville joined Wilbur in Berlin” [Paragraph 2]. Which one of the options below is the grammatically correct form of the sentence?
 - a. So they stayed, and Orville joined Wilbur in Berlin for a while.

- b. So, they did stay and for a while Orville joined Wilbur in Berlin.
 - c. So they stayed in Berlin for a while as Orville joined Wilbur.
 - d. Orville joined Wilbur in Berlin where they stayed for a while.
- 2. *“Yet from what he saw...”* Which is the closest word that indicates Orville’s attitude in Paragraph 4?
 - a. Demanding
 - b. Forceful
 - c. Unflinching
 - d. Impassive
- 3. *“... were men of ample private means...”* [Paragraph 6] implies that French aviators were
 - a. Powerful
 - b. Affluent
 - c. Introvert
 - d. Arrogant
- 4. *“But in one flight he covered more than half a mile and flew an almost complete circle”* [Paragraph 4]. In the given context, you would describe the above incident as:
 - a. Exception
 - b. Sudden
 - c. Unpredictable
 - d. Stunning
- 5. The phrase *“clearly in the lead”* [Paragraph 5] is:
 - a. Adjective
 - b. Adverb
 - c. Idiom
 - d. Gerund
- 6. What is a document written by hand called?
 - a. Script
 - b. Manuscript
 - c. Autography
 - d. Autobiography

7. The word “Aviakul” comes from the Latin word *Avia* meaning Flight and the Sanskrit word *kul* meaning Home. Such words which are derived out of at least two foreign languages are called:
- Interjective words
 - Colloquial words
 - Nominal words
 - Hybrid words
8. Gravity : Pull
- Dust : Desert
 - North Pole : Directions
 - Iron : Metal
 - Magnetism : Attraction
9. All students who apply for a scholarship are likely to _____ one.
- Get
 - Receive
 - Obtain
 - Granted
10. Read the sentence below to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).
- An Indian aircraft
 - Laden with cargo
 - Got drowned in Indian Ocean
 - No error

Answer Key

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. D
8. D
9. B
10. C