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- 5 Ms. Hallen, 31, a nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, was the subject of a Jan. 18 Metropolitan section article, as she left for West Africa as a volunteer on the front lines of the Ebola epidemic. Preparing to join Partners in Health, a Boston-based aid organization, Ms. Hallen dealt with the curious questions of colleagues about her motives, and the worries of her family. At the last minute, she had to choose between putting her life in danger by treating Ebola patients directly in Sierra Leone, or being posted to Liberia, where she would be involved in infrastructure building. She chose Sierra Leone, a decision she does not regret.
- 10 She worked at the Maforki Ebola treatment unit in the northern district of Port Loko. Nurses and doctors did essentially the same work. In eight-hour shifts, they moved between the "suspected" Ebola ward and the "confirmed" ward, spending two hours at a time in sweltering personal protective gear. Medications were basic - anti-emetics for vomiting, 15 antibiotics, anti-malaria drugs and intravenous fluids - but sometimes in short supply. Electrolytes came in glass ampuls that were hazardous to use, because they often broke and cut the hands of those who opened them.
- The hardest times were when children died. "Nothing would really have to be spoken about it," Ms. Hallen said.
- 20 But she said she was never nervous about her own safety. "It was just like you got to do it." Ms. Hallen had a private room and bathroom, but no running water, in a compound called the Sugar Shack. She showered and flushed the toilet with buckets. She quickly tired of rice in cassava leaves and fish, and regretted not having brought more snack food from home. Friends living in 25 a nearby Danish camp would sometimes bring her "gourmet" bread and cheese for lunch.
- Despite the hardships, Ms. Hallen extended her tour to eight weeks from six. On the morning of the day she was leaving, March 11, her group was called to an emergency meeting. "We kind of knew right away that it was not 30 going to be good news," she said. They were told that one of their American colleagues had been infected with Ebola.
- As a van took Ms. Hallen to the airport, she saw living quarters being taped off and people decontaminating the premises. "It could have happened to anybody," she said.
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35 The sick American, who was not identified, was flown to the clinical center of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., for treatment. A few days later, a Sierra Leonean community health officer working at the same unit was found to have Ebola as well.

40 To avoid 21 days of quarantine in her studio apartment, Ms. Hallen flew to Montana, where she was allowed to go out, as long as she stayed three feet away from other people.

Now back at work, she has not forgotten. " I did what I could to help the people there, but I feel like I really got so much more out of it than I could have imagined, " she said. She wants to go back.

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### **I. COMPREHENSION (12 points)**

#### **A. ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE ? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS BY QUOTING FROM THE TEXT. (1 point per question)**

1. Ms Hallen chose Sierra Leone because it was the safest option for her.
2. Her family and colleagues encouraged her to go to Sierra Leone.
3. She had to stay in the same ward during her shift.
4. Ms Hallen extended her tour because she did not face any difficulties.
5. She is happy because she learnt a lot from her experience.

#### **B. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (1 point per question)**

1. Mention the main character's age and occupation.
2. What were her hard choices ?
3. When was the most difficult moment during her work there ?
4. Describe Ms Hallen's daily life outside work.
5. Why did she fly to Montana instead of her hometown ?

**C. FIND SYNONYMS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN THE INDICATED PARAGRAPHS. (0.5 point per word)**

1. Passed away (paragraph 3).
2. Difficulties (paragraph 4).

**D. WHAT OR WHO ARE THE FOLLOWING UNDERLINED WORDS REFER TO ? (0.5 point per word)**

1. "where she would be involved ... " (paragraph 1 – line 6).
2. "it could have happened to anybody ... " (paragraph 5 – line 29).

**II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (8 POINTS)**

*Some words or grammar parts are missing from the text below. Choose the most appropriate ones from the list (A-I) for each gap (01-08) in the text. There is one extra word, which you do not need to use. Draw the table below into your answer sheet and write your answers in the right boxes. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

Volunteering helps others, but it (0) ..... also help you, too. If you are upset (1) ..... something that has (2) ..... like a hurricane or other disaster, doing something about it can be a great way to cope with your (3) .....

Volunteering also lets you see your own life in new (4) ..... Volunteering lets you spend some time focusing on (5) ..... for a while.

Lots of people and students find that they really enjoy (6) ..... Volunteer experiences often put you in a different environment and expose you to people and situations that you (7) ..... come across in your regular life. For instance, you can learn that just on the edge of your town are some kids (8) ..... really need winter clothes.

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| a) might          | b) happened     | c) others   |
| d) would not have | e) volunteering | f) feelings |
| g) ways           | h) who          | i) about.   |

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**III. WRITING (10 points)**

**Traitez l'un des deux sujets suivants :**

**Topic 1 :** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement ? Give reasons.

*Volunteering is the perfect way to discover something that you are good at.*

**Topic 2 :** Before going to Sierra Leone Ms Hallen and her mother had talked about the trip. Her mother was against the trip but Ms Hallen tried to convince her. Imagine and write the conversation between them.