

**A journey by balloon**

**Read the following passage, and then answer the questions below:**

The desire to reach the North or South Pole has always attracted sailors and explorers. Many ships have been lost in the ice during these polar expeditions.

One Swedish exploration team had the idea of flying to the North Pole in a hydrogen balloon. The leader was Andree, the experienced Arctic explorer. He took with him two other men. **They** set off on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1897 from Danes Island, in the Arctic. In the basket with the three men was food, fuel for cooking, tents, guns and sledges, in case they landed on ice.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July, got caught in freezing fog. The weight of the ice meant the balloon became too heavy to continue flying. The men could **survive** the crash into the ice. They travelled across the ice for two months, before they died. Thirty years later, their skeletons were found near White Islands by two Norwegian sailors.

**A- Answer the following questions:**

1- What did the three men die of?

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2- When did the journey begin?

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3- Why did the sailors take sledges?

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**B- Choose the correct answers from a , b ,c or d:**

1- The best title for this passage can be.....

**a- Norwegian sailors    b- A journey by balloon    c- Skeletons    d- Sledges**

2- The underlined pronoun " **They** " refers to.....

**a- Swedish explorers    b- Islands    c- sailors    d- ships**

3 – The word" **survive**" means.....

**a- die    b- discover    c- crash    d-continue to live**

**C-Tick (✓) or ( x ):**

- 1- The balloon became heavy because of the food and fuel in it. (     )
- 2- The explorers could fly in the balloon safely for five days. (     )

**D- Do as shown between brackets:**

- 1- I had the idea of exploring the North Pole. (Make negative)  
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- 2- The balloon was very heavy. It couldn't fly easily. (Join with: too ..... to)  
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- 3-Some sailors died after their boat (crash) ----- a big stone. (Correct the verb )

**E- Write what you would say in the following situations:**

- 1- Your friend says that life in the North Pole is very easy.  
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- 2- Your uncle is going to have an expedition in the jungles of Africa.  
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**F- Translate the following sentences into good Arabic:**

- The desire to reach the North or South Pole has always attracted sailors and explorers. Many ships have been lost in the ice during these polar expeditions.  
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