**Reading Comprehension (5 Points)**

**Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.**

On April 1912 the largest passenger steamship ever built, appropriately named the Titanic, sank in the North Atlantic Ocean after hitting an iceberg. The Titanic had left Southampton, England, five days earlier and was on her maiden voyage.

In 1985, National Geographic Explorer –in- residence Dr. Robert Ballard located the wreck of the Titanic. He went back to the Titanic nineteen years later to see how it had changed. It was the height of the cold war and in fact I was on a secret mission when we found the Titanic. The US navy had agreed to finance the development of our underwater video technology. In return we had agreed to use the technology to find two US nuclear submarines that had disappeared in the 1960s.

**A. Decide whether the following statements are True or False (3 points)**

1. In 1985, Dr. Ballard returned to the wreck of the Titanic to see how it had changed.

2. Ballard was involved with a mission of finding US navy submarines.

3. Dr. Ballard accepted to fund the video technology in order to use it underwater.

**B. Fill in the gaps with the suitable word from the text (2 points)**

4. The Titanic was on her…………….voyage when it hit the iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean.

5. The discovery of the Titanic happened in 1985 when Dr.Ballard was on a secret mission. That was during the height of the ……….