The Norwegian State Railways (NSB) is developing a combined transport system which it describes as being both 'efficient and environmentally-friendly'. In cooperation with German manufacturers, Talbot and Ackerman-Fruehauf, NSB has produced a bimodal Combi-trailer service, which operates on both rail and road. Two Combi-trailers are currently deployed on the route between Oslo and Bergen, providing a door-door freight service. The longhaul part of the journey is undertaken by rail, while, for the shorter distance movements at either end, the Combi-trailer is converted into a standard road trailer. NSB hopes to introduce the bimodal concept onto other routes in the near future.

NSB is also investing heavily in building up its combined transport terminal infrastructure. The latest facility to be opened is at Alnabru, which NSB sees as an important hub centre for international combined transport. Facilities include container/swapbody handling equipment and a large loading dock area. NSB now has 13 terminals for combined transport at strategic locations throughout Norway.

In a bid to boost the combined transport movement of refrigerated cargo, NSB has recently introduced a special generator wagon, which claims to make clip-on generator sets 'superfluous'. Reefer containers with electrically powered refrigeration units can be connected up to the central generator wagon unit, thereby guaranteeing that cargo moving both nationally and overseas can transported in a safe temperature-controlled environment throughout the rail leg of the journey.

**I) Choose one answer (A, B, C, or D) for the following questions:**

1. Who developed combined transport systems?

A) Norway

B) Germany

C) Norway and Germany

D) Not specified

1. The Combi-unit operates:

A) mostly on rails

B) in equal measure on road and rail

C) multimodally

D) standardly on road

1. The facility in Alnabru:

A) Was opened recently

B) Was opened a long time ago

C) Hasn’t been opened yet

D) Will never be opened

1. Why has NSB introduced a special invention for refrigerated cargo?

A) Their competitors were threatening to offer an invention first

B) They just wanted to make multimodal transportation more suitable for refrigerated cargo

C) They were not happy with what they had thus far

D) Because until then refrigerated cargo was not environmentally-friendly

1. What has been offered as a solution for refrigerated cargo?

A) Special wagon that acts as a power generator

B) Special wagon that acts as a refrigerator

C) Containers with their own refrigeration

D) Small generators that can be attached to each refrigeration unit

**II) Find the synonyms for the following words in the text:**

Used: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 1)

Handled: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 1)

Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(paragraph 2)

Unnecessary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 3)

Abroad: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(paragraph 3)

Part: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(paragraph 3)

**III Write questions for the following sentences, so that the answer to the question is the underlined part of the sentence:**

1. NSB is developing a combined transport system.

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1. NSB now has 13 terminals for combined transport.

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