

Task 1

- **Read the statements. Then read the advertisements and find which statement corresponds to which advertisement. Next to each statement write a letter (A-H). Some advertisements correspond to more than one statement.**
- **Mark your answers on the answer sheet.**

1. You are a winter sports lover and you plan to spend your holidays in a famous winter resort which has the highest mountains in central Europe. _____
2. Your cousin has just got married and she and her new husband are planning to go to a place that has a fantastic view of the surrounding nature. And this will cost them nothing. _____
3. Your friend would like to spend his holidays somewhere where there are plenty of seaside places and beautiful and romantic nature with exceptionally rich wildlife. _____
4. Your 20-year-old cousin enjoys night clubs and dancing. He would like to spend the summer in a place near the sea where he can have a good time. _____
5. You study world history and you want to go for a holiday in a place where you can see one of the best known statues. _____
6. A friend of yours studies national dances. You advise her to travel to this place and study the origins of one of the world's most famous dances. _____
7. Your friend is interested in the historical links between Asian and European cultures and wants to visit some places which reflect these. _____
8. You want to become a pottery specialist. Your friend advises you to spend your holidays in a place where you can visit a relevant museum. _____
9. Although it's not very big, this country has a lot of interesting sights and it's a popular place for tourists in every season of the year, especially for those who love skiing. _____
10. Your friend is keen on boating. He wants to spend his holidays where he can practise his favourite kind of activity. _____
11. Your father's special field of interest is old swords and guns, both Asian and European. He is going to spend some time in a place where there's a good collection of these. _____
12. In this place there are plenty of cultural and entertainment places, as well as beautiful places to swim and famous mountains. All this makes it a special place to spend a holiday. _____

Where to spend a holiday?

A.

Best known for its sun-kissed beaches, Rio de Janeiro has much to offer. There is opera, ballet and many more cultural centers with museums, churches, parks, and of course, Sugarloaf and Corcovado Mountains. Dining starts late, around 9 p.m., and dancing in the clubs begins around 11 p.m. Yes, this is a great city for enjoyment!

B.

Bigger than Niagara, Iguasso Falls are truly an unforgettable natural wonder. For a real adventure, there are boat rides and windsurfing. You can also explore the national parks which surround the falls from all sides. Prices are reasonable. Half price for children under 12. And free for newly married couples!

C.

Buenos Aires is a unique city of art, culture and history with 150 parks and 42 theatres. Visit Avenida 9 de Julio – the widest avenue in the world. The home of tango – the well-known Argentinian dance. Most of the popular pastime places - clubs, discos, cinemas and theatres - need advance reservations.

D.

Situated where Europe and Asia meet, Istanbul is a busy port full of historical sites. The most famous one, Aya Sophia, was first built by Roman Emperor Constantine. Don't miss Topkapi museum - Sultans' palace - where you will find a series of fascinating rooms and displays of weapons, jewels, costumes and many more.

E.

Anyone interested in Greek culture and its ancient history shouldn't miss the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. Its unique collection of pots, jewels, and other classical treasures makes it one of the world's top museums of art and history. Another must is the Acropolis, a complex of temples and palaces.

F.

The diversity of such a small country as Cuba is amazing. It is set in the warm waters of the Caribbean and has one of the best climates in the world. Visitors can relax in exotic surroundings. Most beaches are close to all the important sites, such as the national parks with their diverse flora and fauna.

G.

Berlin is a fascinating mixture of past and present. Why not try a visit to Schloss Charlottenberg? Built between 1695-99 for Sophie Charlotte, Prussia's first queen, Berlin is the city's loveliest palace. It has beautiful gardens and is very close to the Egyptian museum where visitors can see Queen Nefertiti's world-famous statue.

H.

Covering only 41,293 square kilometers, Switzerland is one of Europe's smallest countries. It is only one-twelfth the size of Italy. Perhaps the greatest attraction for most tourists is the Alps, Switzerland's famous mountains, and the highest in central Europe. Tourists visit the country all the year round, though winter sports are a special attraction.

Task 2

- **Read the text. Then read the statements below and decide whether they are True (T) or False (F). Circle the right answer.**
- **Mark your answers on the answer sheet.**

A man of multiple talents

Howard Hughes was an American aviator, engineer, industrialist, film producer, film director, philanthropist, and one of the wealthiest people in the world. In the late 1920s, when he was still very young, he gained popularity as a producer, making big-budget and often controversial films. Hughes is in fact one of Hollywood's most successful film directors. He is also known as one of the most influential aviators in history; he set several world air-speed records and bought and expanded Trans-World Airlines. Hughes is also remembered for his strange life-style and eccentric behavior. This and other aspects of his life are clearly shown in the Oscar nominated film *The Aviator*.

Hughes was born in Texas on 24 September, 1905, in a wealthy family. His father became rich through his highly successful Hughes Tool Company. Young Howard inherited his father's wealth just as he entered university. Due to his wealth, Howard Hughes was able to invest money in anything he wished. So, after dropping out of university, he moved to Hollywood where he bought a studio and began making films. His first films were all financial successes. He even won an Academy Award for directing *Two Arabian Nights*. Spending nearly four million dollars of his own money, Hughes wrote and directed the film *Hell's Angels* and, a year later, wrote and directed *Scarface*. Both of these films became movie classics, though the latter was nearly forbidden because of its violence.

Besides working in the film industry, Hughes had a strong interest in aviation and he began to be preoccupied with the idea of flying. He broke several world flying records, including a trip from New York to California and a round-the-world flight which he completed in four days. Some believe that he in fact advanced aviation by fifty or more years with his ideas on how to make planes bigger, lighter and especially more aerodynamic. In 1932, he created the Hughes Aircraft Company and in 1934 he built and personally test-piloted the world's most advanced plane, the H-1. He also set a new air-speed record, taking the plane to 352 kilometres per hour.

In 1972, the author Clifford Irving announced that he had written an authorized autobiography of Hughes. But just before the book came out, the media found out that the book was not a true story. As a result, the author had to spend some time in jail for 'inventing' Hughes' biography. No other biography of Howard Hughes was published in his lifetime. By the end of his life, although Hughes suffered from pain from a plane crash, as well as a mental disease, he still managed to fund what is now the largest private medical centre in the world - the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Howard Hughes' life was both glamorous and pitiful. He was a man of multiple talents and, despite the fact that he is remembered as a crazy person, he remains one of the most prominent aviators and film directors in American history.

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| 1. Howard Hughes became a film producer at an old age | T | F |
| 2. The film <i>The Aviator</i> is a biographical film | T | F |
| 3. People remember Hughes as an extraordinary person | T | F |
| 4. Hughes moved to Hollywood after passing his final university exams | T | F |
| 5. Howard Hughes is the director of several well-known films | T | F |
| 6. Hughes was the author of several world records in aviation. | T | F |
| 7. It took Hughes four days to fly round the world | T | F |
| 8. Howard Hughes' father created Hughes Aircraft Company | T | F |
| 9. The author of Hughes' 'autobiography' was imprisoned for writing it | T | F |
| 10. Several biographical books were published about Hughes in his lifetime | T | F |
| 11. Howard Hughes never invested any funds in medicine | T | F |
| 12. In his later years, Hughes suffered from mental problems. | T | F |

Task 3

- **Read the text. Then match the headings (A-H) with the paragraphs (1-6). There are two extra headings, which you do not need to use.**
- **Mark your answers on the answer sheet.**

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| A. Life is worth living | E. One more stays alive |
| B. Unemployment leads to foolish acts | F. Doctors arrive |
| C. Best tourist attraction | G. Some tragic cases |
| D. Shocked viewers | H. The police will decide |

Jump over the Niagara Falls

1.

A 40-year-old man named Kirk Jones became the first person to survive a risky jump over the Niagara Falls without a life jacket. Tourists who were standing at the top of Niagara, in Canadian territory, were amazed to see how Jones flew down, like a bird, over the 52-metre-high falls. They were even more surprised to learn that Jones was in his everyday clothes and after 'landing', managed to swim to a rock, on the US side of the border. Jones was soon found by the emergency service and taken to a nearby hospital for a medical inspection.

2.

The police believe that Jones had carefully planned the jump in advance. However, they do not think Jones wanted to kill himself. The video of the incident, which was taken apparently by one of his friends, shows a cheerful-looking Jones. The video will help the police to conclude whether Jones tried to kill himself or whether it was just a playful act. In the initial report made by the police it was also mentioned that Jones received minor, non-life threatening injuries.

3.

Jones recently lost his job as a salesman after his parents shut down the family business, which made measuring tools for car manufacturers. His father said that he closed the business because it was not very successful and did not provide income for the family. He added that, of course, he would not have done that if he had known what it would lead to. But he also admitted that surviving the fall had probably given his son strength to look for new work elsewhere.

4.

The only other person known to have survived the jump over the Niagara Falls without any kind of safety apparatus was seven-year-old Roger Woodward in 1960, who fell out of a boat and over the falls. However, the boy had a slight advantage - he was wearing a life jacket which probably helped him to escape the pull of the waterfall after the drop.

5.

Dangerous acts at the Niagara Falls were banned in 1951, after a man named Red Hill died while jumping down the Niagara Falls in a device he called The Thing - a mixture of lorry tyres tied together. 'The device fell apart, and so did Red,' Niagara Falls historian Paul Gromosiak told the journalists. Since 1901, 13 people have taken the jump over the falls in a container of some kind, including barrels and other apparatus. Three of them died in the attempt.

6.

When Kirk Jones was leaving the hospital he told the journalists that he wanted to kill himself. This was once again confirmed in a telephone interview with ABC News, when Jones said he did not want to go on living when he climbed over a special barrier and fell into the noisy Niagara River on Monday. 'But I can tell you now that after hitting the falls I feel that I am even more eager to live - and live a full life,' he said.

Task 4

- Read the text and the questions below. For each question, mark the letter next to the correct answer: A, B, C or D.
- Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

Dear Mr Shannon,

My husband and I have just come back from Rome, and we immediately telephoned our lawyer, Mr Taylor. Mr Taylor advised us to write and tell you about our holiday in Rome. It was the worst holiday we have ever had. It was the most expensive one too; we paid more than 2,000 dollars for seven very uncomfortable days. And we are writing to you because we booked our holiday with *The Sunshine*, your travel company.

On the 15th of July we went to your New York office. We booked our plane tickets and our hotel there. The travel agent told us that the Paradise Hotel in Rome was comfortable, clean and quiet. We were shown pictures of a very modern hotel with a large swimming pool and beautiful gardens, next to St. Peter's Cathedral. So we didn't hesitate to pay the whole cost of our holiday to your New York office agent. We were due to fly from New York to Rome on 10th August but our plane was delayed for twenty hours! We were of course very tired when we arrived there. The travel agent told us that an Italian Express car would meet us at the airport and take us to the Paradise Hotel. But no car was waiting and we had to take a taxi to the hotel. When we arrived, we found that it was not the same hotel as the one in the pictures your company showed us in the New York office. The name was the same but it was very different from the pictures. It was an old house, with no garden or swimming pool. And it was in a very crowded part of Rome.

The woman in the hotel did not know who we were, so obviously the room had not been reserved. In the end we were given a small room at the back of the hotel. It had no bathroom and was next to the kitchen. We had to carry our suitcases to the room ourselves. In the room there was not enough space for a wardrobe and we had to keep our clothes in our suitcases. Besides, the room was dirty and hot.

We decided to leave Rome and come back home after two days as we were not satisfied with the hotel. We have already spoken to our lawyer and we would be grateful if you would refund all our costs as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Smith

1. What can the reader learn from the letter?
 - A. The holiday was wonderful.
 - B. The holiday was expensive but good.
 - C. The holiday was not expensive at all.
 - D. The Smiths are disappointed.

2. What is *The Sunshine*?
 - A. It's a hotel.
 - B. It's a travel agency.
 - C. It's a lawyer's office.
 - D. It's the name of the airport.

3. Julia Smith bought the tickets to Rome
 - A. in the hotel in Rome.
 - B. in the airport in New York.
 - C. in a travel agency in Rome.
 - D. in a travel agency in New York.

4. The Smiths went to the hotel from the airport
 - A. by bus.
 - B. in a taxi.
 - C. in an Italian Express car.
 - D. in a hotel car.

5. The hotel in which the Smiths stayed in Rome
 - A. was in a place with a lot of people.
 - B. was in a quiet place.
 - C. was newly built.
 - D. had a swimming pool.

6. How long did the Smiths spend in Rome?
 - A. A week.
 - B. Thirty days.
 - C. Two days.
 - D. The whole of August.

7. How does Julia Smith feel about the travel agent's service?
 - A. She is very satisfied with the service.
 - B. She is not satisfied with the service.
 - C. She thinks they are good at serving customers.
 - D. She thinks the company is good at reserving hotels.

8. Which of the following would be the best title for this text?
 - A. Not every travel agency can be trusted.
 - B. Not every hotel can be trusted.
 - C. Money is not important.
 - D. The Smiths' best holiday.

Task 5

- **Read the text and fill the gaps with the words given below. Use each word only once. Two words are extra.**
- **Mark the corresponding letter (A-N) on the answer sheet. Do not copy the words from the text on the answer sheet.**

accurately	(A)	imaginative	(F)	sings	(K)
buy	(B)	less	(G)	stimulated	(L)
colours	(C)	metal	(H)	thought	(M)
create	(D)	photos	(I)	view	(N)
daily	(E)	remained	(J)		

Photography

We can now hardly imagine newspapers, magazines and books without photographs. Scientists, journalists, doctors and many other people use photography in their (1) work. Yet, photography is (2) than two hundred years old. The first photograph was taken in 1826 by a Frenchman, Joseph Niepce. It was a (3) from his window. The photo was on a (4) plate, and the exposure took eight hours. For the next forty years, although there were many developments in photography, cameras (5) heavy and expensive. Then, in 1888 an American named George Eastman manufactured a small hand-held box camera. Nowadays nearly everyone can (6) at least a simple camera and they can take..... (7) of their friends and family members. At first many painters (8) that the birth of photography meant the death of painting. In fact, photography has (9) the growth of painting. Photography is very good at recording people and places..... (10). Unlike photographers, artists describe the reality in a more (11) way. They use a large variety of paints and (12), getting their ideas from the nature surrounding them.

Task 6

- **Read the text and fill the gaps with one of the following words: article, preposition, conjunction or relative pronoun. Note that in each space you should insert only ONE word.**
- **Write the answers on the answer sheet. Do not copy the words from the text on the answer sheet.**

What is the United Kingdom?

Four countries make up the United Kingdom, or the UK. They are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The UK consists (1) a group of islands - two large ones (2) several hundred smaller ones. Great Britain occupies the largest island and is divided into three countries: England, Wales (3) Scotland. This island is about 1100 kilometers long and 500 kilometers at its widest point. At its nearest point, only thirty seven kilometers of the English Channel separate it (4) the coast of France. England's capital London is also (5) capital city of the UK. Most of England consists of lowland with some mountainous parts. Wales, with its capital Cardiff, lies to the west and has (6) coastline on (7) Irish Sea. Wales is more mountainous than England, particularly in North and Mid Wales. To the North is Scotland (8) consists of two regions known (9) the Highlands and the Lowlands. The Highlands region is much more mountainous than its Lowlands sister. The Lowlands region is home to most..... (10) Scotland's population. It's here where Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, (11) another big city, Glasgow, can be found. Crossing the Irish Sea takes us (12) Ireland, the north eastern corner of which, known as Northern Ireland, is part of the UK.

Task 7

- **Read the texts and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.**
- **Write your answers on the answer sheet. Do not copy the words from the text on the answer sheet.**

A.

Hello Mari,

Thank you for the email you sent me. I (1) (just /return) to Tbilisi after a few weeks in London. There I (2) (stay) with a friend I told you about – Mark. Do you remember the English boy I told you I met last summer? He (3) (have) a nice small flat in London. Mark borrowed his friend's car and he (4) (drive) me around, showing me the places, like the Tower and the National Gallery. I (5) (impress) by what I saw there. Meeting Mark's friends and not being able to talk to them easily, made me keen to learn English better. Hopefully, I (6) (be able) to afford a private English teacher in September, when the first semester starts. I've invited Mark and some of his friends to Tbilisi for a holiday whenever they (7) (have) time. You really have to meet them. Please reply when you (8) (get) this email. Or we could talk on Skype and I'll show you my London photos.

All the best
George

B.

Michael is a close friend of mine. He is a very talented person. He studies and also works to earn some money for his studies. He (9) (study) interior design at a university in London for three years and he (10) (get) his diploma next week. While studying at the university Michael also manages to work for one of the interior design companies. He (11) (work) for the same company for over two years now and the interiors of two business centres (12) (design) by him already. But now he feels that he (13) (need) a change and has to do something else. So he (14) (plan) to start his own business in the near future. He is looking for an office space, and hopes he (15) (find) something in a good location and at a reasonable price. His tutors at the university tell him that he (16) (make) a success of the business.

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Task 1: 1.H 2.B 3.F 4.A 5.G 6.C 7.D 8.E 9.H 10.B 11.D 12.A

Task 2: 1.F 2.T 3.T 4.F 5.T 6.T 7.T 8.F 9.T 10.F 11.F 12.T

Task 3: 1.D 2.H 3.B 4.E 5.G 6.A

Task 4: 1.D 2.B 3.D 4.B 5.A 6.C 7.B 8.A

Task 5: 1.E/daily 2.G/less 3.N/view 4.H/metal 5.J/remained 6.B/buy
7.I/photos 8.M/thought 9.L/stimulated 10.A/accurately 11.F/imaginative
12.C/colours

Task 6: 1.of 2.and 3.and 4.from 5.the 6.a/the 7.the 8.which/that 9.as 10.of
11.and 12.to/into

Task 7: 1.have (just) returned 2.was staying/stayed 3.has 4.drove/was driving
5.was impressed 6.will be able 7.have 8.get 9.has been studying 10.is
getting/will get 11.has been working/has worked 12.have been designed/are designed
13.needs 14.plans/is planning 15.will find 16.will make