Practice 1

You will be reading a text about **Antarctica**.

There are six sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (1-6), choose the correct answer (A-H). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Antarctica is the coldest, emptiest and driest place on Earth. 1) _____. The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius, registered on July 21, 1983, at Antarctica's Vostok station. Antarctica's climate is also very dry and windy. 2) _____. There is an area called Dry Valleys that has not had rain for more than a million years!

The existence of Antarctica was completely unknown until the continent was first discovered in 1820. Antarctica doesn't have a government and belongs to no country. 3) _____. There are 30 various countries that operate 80 research stations located around the continent. In summer, more than 4000 scientists from all over the world work in research stations. Tourists arrive here, too. 4) _____.

Antarctica has no trees or bushes. 5) _____. But there are a lot of penguins. They live close together in large colonies and build their nests on the ice. 6) _____. It's just too cold!.

A More than 56,000 people travelled to Antarctica during the 2018-2019 season.

B Also hiding under the Antarctic ice is an entire lake called Lake Vostok.

C The only plants that can live in a place that cold are algae, moss and fungi.

D Winds in some places of the continent can reach 320 km/h.

E But Antarctica hasn't always been an icy land.

F In the ocean around the continent you can see seals, whales and orcas but there are no big and large native land animals on the continent.

G Ninety-nine percent of Antarctica is covered by ice about 5 metres thick.

H It is the only region in the world which is not ruled by any nation.

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