

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

STAYING IN A HOTEL MADE OF ICE



A draught was finding its way into my sleeping bag. I wriggled down and pulled the neck cord tighter. Inside, I was encased in thermal underwear, a woollen polo neck and winter pyjamas. I needed the (1) _____ because it was -5°C in my room, an icy cave in Austria's highest hotel, an igloo at 2,700 m in the Alps.

The Schneedorf ('snow village') is one of a (2) _____ of igloo hotels built each year in the Alps, along similar (3) _____ to the well-known Icehotel in Lapland. Last season, a UK tour operator started (4) _____ customers a night in the Schneedorf.

We arrived on skis, with a rucksack of extra (5) _____ to put on, having completed our last ski run at 3:30 pm. You can take a bus from the village, but (6) _____ the Schneedorf's allure is skiing to its door and starting the next day high on the slopes. Inside, it is magical, with candlelight (7) _____ on the domed ceiling of the 'lounge' and beautiful sculptures carved on the walls. Furniture is (8) _____ to stools of upturned tree trunks and ice-benches, both covered with sheepskin, plus an ice-bar and wooden tables. A candlelit corridor (9) _____ to the bedrooms. Beds are built of packed snow with sheepskin-covered air mattresses, and decoration (10) _____ of ice-encased roses.

Our hosts welcomed their guests with warm drinks. They had fired up the sauna and soon we had all piled in. How the mood (11) _____ as we warmed up. Supper was meat stew, which (12) _____ faster than we could eat it.

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| 1. A) all | B) whole | C) amount | D) lot |
| 2. A) handful | B) set | C) pack | D) band |
| 3. A) styles | B) lines | C) models | D) ideas |
| 4. A) providing | B) advertising | C) suggesting | D) offering |
| 5. A) covers | B) layers | C) levels | D) wrappings |
| 6. A) half | B) part | C) most | D) much |
| 7. A) running | B) splashing | C) dancing | D) hopping |
| 8. A) controlled | B) rationed | C) restrained | D) limited |
| 9. A) takes | B) directs | C) leads | D) passes |
| 10. A) involves | B) consists | C) includes | D) contains |
| 11. A) lifted | B) rose | C) increased | D) climbed |
| 12. A) melted | B) cooled | C) thawed | D) chilled |

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