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Section 1

Reading

1 You are going to read an article about a man who had a terrible holiday experience. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

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A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

David Small has travelled all around the world. He tells us about one holiday that he is never likely to forget.

Travel is more than a hobby to me – it’s a passion. By the age of 25, I had visited over ten countries. But most of my trips had been fairly short – a week in Italy; two weeks in Indonesia in China – that kind of thing. I felt I was missing something and I was ready to go on a big journey.

So, I planned a three-month tour of Europe. Of course, I had been to Europe before, but I was really looking forward to spending more time in some of my favourite places. Unfortunately, it turned out to be my worst holiday, even worse than being stuck up a mountain in the Himalayas, lost in the desert, or travelling in a tiny plane during a thunderstorm. **1**___ My worst experience was much closer to home.

And it was not because I was unprepared either. **2**___ I had worked out exactly when I was going to be in each country and how long I was going to stay. I had even booked my train tickets in advance so that everything went smoothly. But, despite all my careful planning, my dream holiday became a nightmare.

Things started to go wrong even before I had left England. I arrived at the airport in plenty of time (I had decided to start my trip in Italy so I was flying to Rome). With my tickets and passport in my hand, I joined the queue. Then, just as I was checking in, there was an announcement saying that all flights to Rome had been cancelled because of bad weather. **3**___

When the plane took off the following day, my late arrival in Rome meant that I only had two hours before I had to catch my first train. **4**___ The rest of my time in Italy was fine, though, and I was beginning to really enjoy myself. Then I went to Greece, which was where I had my accident.

I had hired a motorbike and I was travelling through some mountain villages. I had thought about hiring a car, but a motorbike gives you more freedom and I like the feeling of being in the open air. I have quite a lot of experience riding motorbikes, but nothing could prepare me for what happened next. **5**___ I tried the brakes, but the wheels just spun. I attempted to turn a corner but I was going too fast and, well you can guess what happened next! My own stupid fault! I didn’t break any bones, but I had bad scratches on my arms and legs which needed first aid. This also meant that I couldn’t swim for the rest of the holiday!

On top of that, I lost my wallet so I had very little money left. I spent the next two months staying in the cheapest places, living on bread and cheap tins of fish, and feeling miserable! And because of my injuries, I couldn't even go for a swim or lie on the beach!

- A I had been planning this trip for over a year.
- B Of course, the success of a holiday depends on who you go with.
- C I had to go home and come back the next day!
- D I was riding down a steep hill when the bike started to speed up.
- E No, those adventures were fun!
- F I was very disappointed because that was the first city on my trip and I hardly saw anything.

Section 2

Grammar and Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

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1 I like going on _____ holidays, where everything's organised for you and you don't have to worry about anything.

- A parcel B package C packet D pack

2 The hotel resort has got plenty of activities to _____ you busy.

- A get B keep C make D have

- 3 They walked along a _____ through the middle of a beautiful forest.
A porch **B** trail **C** saddle **D** cabin
- 4 Greg and Marcy had a wonderful holiday in Spain and they were _____ to go back.
A scratching **B** burning **C** rubbing **D** itching
- 5 I think we need to wait in the departure _____ until the plane is ready.
A space **B** room **C** chamber **D** lounge
- 6 Our last school _____ was great! We went to visit a computer factory.
A excursion **B** journey **C** trip **D** voyage
- 7 Mark likes travelling alone for the _____ to go where he wants.
A adventure **B** excitement **C** freedom **D** isolation
- 8 Why don't we take the _____ car to the top of the mountain?
A slope **B** sky **C** cable **D** wire

4 Write one word to complete each sentence.

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- 1 I got a little nervous when I felt the plane start to speed _____.
- 2 Get your passport ready for when we check _____ at the airport.
- 3 Slow _____! You're driving much too fast.
- 4 Would you mind seeing Andy _____ at the station? He's leaving today.
- 5 The helicopter took _____ and circled around the airport.
- 6 I'm going to London for the weekend, but I'll give you a call when I get _____ on Monday.

5 Write the word in brackets in the correct form to complete each sentence.

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- 1 With modern means of transport, I think our ideas of _____ (**DISTANT**) have completely changed.
- 2 A huge crowd of people were waiting at the airport for the pop star's _____ (**ARRIVE**).
- 3 Did you understand what that _____ (**ANNOUNCE**) was all about?
- 4 I know that people from these two countries look quite similar, but they are _____ (**CULTURE**) very different.
- 5 People live on a few of the islands around here, but most of them are _____ (**INHABIT**).

6 For the last twenty years, _____ (TOUR) has been the main source of income in this area.

7 The _____ (GROW) in the number of visitors to the area has certainly helped the local economy.

8 It started to become _____ (COMFORT) hot, so I opened a window to let some fresh air in.

6 Write a word from the box to complete each sentence.

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- 1 I don't think there's much chance _____ it raining today.
- 2 I wonder what it feels like to fall _____ love.
- 3 When do you return _____ your holiday?
- 4 That's the last time I go _____ holiday with you!
- 5 You've been under a lot of stress lately. Why don't you take some time _____ work?
- 6 It's very cold in this room so I'm going to turn _____ the heating.
- 7 This scene is so amazing that I could stare _____ it all day.
- 8 Who was the first person to sail _____ the world?

7 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

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1 I finally managed to contact Edward.

contacting

I finally _____ Edward.

2 It was such a heavy book that I couldn't lift it.

too

The book was _____ lift.

3 All this work won't seem so unusual after you've been working here a few days.

used

After you've been working here a few days, you _____ all this work.

4 It is so far to my school that I can't possibly walk.

such

It is _____ to my school that I can't possibly walk.

5 This screwdriver is too small for what I'm trying to do.

enough

This screwdriver _____ for what I'm trying to do.

6 It's now four years since I started playing hockey.

been

I _____
_____ four years now.

7 My great-grandmother would sing to me every night.

to

My great-grandmother _____
_____ to me every night.

8 I'm sure you will win the competition.

bound

You _____
_____ the competition.

9 The magician moved his hands too quickly for me to see what he was doing.

so

The magician moved his hands _____
_____ not see what he was doing.

10 In addition to speaking French, Lisa speaks German.

well

Lisa speaks German, _____
_____ French.