a. Although people had been participating in travel activities for centuries beforehand, it had been something that only those fortunate people who had a lot of money and free time could enjoy.

b. However, most factory workers had no realistic chance of a vacation. Many had to work continuous ten-hour days in monotonous jobs.

c. The ruling classes might have noticed that this allowance of free time made their workers more efficient during the week.

d. Perhaps the most influential development was that of the railways. In particular, train routes were extended to connect large industrial towns with what had previously been tiny settlements on the coast, such as the town of Blackpool in the UK, where people could enjoy the fresh air, beaches and exciting new delicacies such as fish and chips.

e. This led to the spectacular growth of holiday resorts. By the end of the 1800s, there were over 100 growing towns along the English coastline.

Exercise 1: ***Which word shows the writer's opinion? There's one word for each section.***

Section a	
Section b	
Section c	
Section d	
Section e	

Exercise 2: ***Do the following statements agree with the writer's views or claims in the reading passage? Write:***

YES ***if the statement agrees with the views or claims of the writer***
NO ***if the statement contradicts the view or claims of the writer***
NOT GIVEN ***if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks***

1. If you were lucky enough to have the right resources many centuries ago, you could travel to different places.
2. Most people had satisfying jobs.
3. It would have been better if employers had given their workers more free time.
4. The railways were very important to the development of enjoyable holidays for workers.
5. It is surprising that holiday resorts grew quickly.

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