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Book: Full Blast. Units : 4 & 5

**Reading**

1.A Sam is reading an article about the impact of tourism in the planet. Read it and choose the best option A,B or C. (1x3=3)

- A. It describes how tourists have been getting involved in conservation activities.
 B. It compares harmful and beneficial effects of tourism.
 C. It looks at the negative impact of tourism.

THE REAL COST OF TRAVEL

Mass tourism is a relatively recent phenomenon. The tourism industry took off in the middle of the last century and it's been growing ever since. In the last ten years especially, more and more people have been traveling to places we had previously only read about or seen on television. But what kind of impact does tourism have on the planet?

A voyage to the end of the earth?

A large cruise ship can carry as many as 6,000 passengers and there are upwards of 50 such ships currently sailing the seas. Cruise ships dump about 90,000 tons of waste into the oceans every year. Any harmful effects of this are made even worse by the fact that cruises tend to visit the same places over and over again, thus concentrating the waste in specific places. In Patagonia, this is now having a visible effect on wildlife. The population of animals such as these Magellanic penguins has been in decline for some years now, and things show little sign of changing.

**Trash on top of the world**

From remote ocean habitats to the world's highest mountain, our trash is everywhere. Despite the fact that far fewer people go climbing or trekking in the Himalayas than on a cruise, their impact is still felt. Tourism is vital to the economy of Nepal, as it is many non-industrial countries. But for decades, climbers have been abandoning their unwanted equipment on Everest. For the last few years, clean-up teams of local and international climbers have been organizing expeditions just to pick up the waste. One group has brought over eight tons of waste down from the mountain! But their actions don't stop there. The Japanese teams, for example, have also been educating other climbers back home in Japan about being more responsible on the mountain.

**When more is not better**

Tourism of a different kind is causing problems in Europe. Construction on the Mediterranean coast has been spiraling out of control for years. Beach resorts form an almost unbroken line from Gibraltar to Greece, and natural habitats have disappeared under miles of concrete. And so we pollute the sea, the land, and the air. Low-cost air travel is booming, in spite of (or perhaps helped by) economic problems. For many Europeans, low-cost flights allow them to take several short vacations a year. Yet curiously, short flights actually have a much bigger effect on climate change than long-haul flights. So, are these less damaging ways of seeing the world? Traveling by train, for example, is a much greener way of getting around. And many places have been experimenting with low-impact tourism such as ecotourism. It's time to ask ourselves some difficult questions. Have we been destroying the very places we're escaping to?



1.B Read the article again and complete the chart (1,5x 6=9)

PLACE	TYPE OF TOURISM/ ACTIVITY	EFFECT
Patagonia	1. _____	waste affects 2. _____
Everest	climbing expeditions	the mountain is covered in 3. _____
the Mediterranean Europe	beach resorts 5. _____	4. _____ is out of control a big impact on 6. _____

1.C Answer the questions with information of the article.(2x4=8)

- a) Why are cruises bad for the environment?
- b) Expeditions normally climb Everest to reach the top. What other expeditions does the article mention?
- c) Why, aside from the cost, are low-cost flights so popular?
- d) Does the article suggest better ways to travel? How?



Listening

Sam is travelling with a group of tourists. Some of them are having some traveling problems. Listen to two conversations and choose the number of the conversation (1-2) next to the problem they talk about. You will only use two options. (3x5=15)

- a. The person has missed his/her flight home.____
- b. The luggage hasn't arrived.____
- c. The flight has been delayed.____
- d. The person has lost his/ her plane tickets.____
- e. Someone is ill. ____



Language in use

2. Sam and his girlfriend Helen experienced an unusual situation in one of their trips.

Drag and drop the words from the boxes to the correct place. (1x12=12)

took off fasten agency check in tickets boarding

Last vacation, they decided to visit some friends in Sydney, Australia by plane. They were looking for _____ online but they couldn't find any good prices. Finally, a friend, who worked in a travel _____ found some inexpensive tickets. They arrived at the airport and they immediately went to _____. After that, they got their _____ passes. When they finally got on the plane, they were told to _____ their seat belts. After a few minutes the plane _____.

tour departure resort landed announcement arrival

After the pilot's _____, they realized that they were actually flying to Sydney, Nova Scotia, in Canada instead of Australia. Sam started laughing nervously but his girlfriend was upset. She couldn't believe that they didn't pay attention to the _____ board at the airport. Fortunately, the crew were helpful and friendly and tried to calm them down. When the plane _____, Sam called his mother after their _____ in Canada to let her know what had happened. They decided to stay there for a few days. They went on a _____ of the city and went to a ski _____. They had a very nice time there. They will never forget this experience.



3. Sam is telling his friends about his first experience traveling abroad. Choose the best option. (1x8=8)

When I was 18 years old, I decided to spend some time in California. But I **didn't tell / hadn't told** anybody until I **saved / had saved** enough money. My mum **was / had been** shocked because I **wasn't / hadn't been** abroad before. I knew that my English **was / had been** very good because I **passed / had passed** ECCE Michigan exam with a high mark. I remember my parents were so proud of me!

It **never came / had never come** to my mind that I could go to the States on my own.

But after I **decided / had decided** to set off I just had to go.



4. Before traveling, Sam talked with friends at home and people at the airport. Report what they said. (1,5 x6= 9)

At home

Sam's mother: Are you ready to go to the airport?

a. She _____

Sam: Yes! I have my passport in my bag! I am ready!

b. Sam _____

Sam's friend, Robert: I am happy to drive you to the airport.

c. Robert _____



At the airport

Airport assistant: "Can you show me your boarding pass and passport, please?"

d. He _____

Security guard: "Do not carry flammable substances in your hand luggage"

e. He _____

Security guard: "Sir, put out your cigarette! It is forbidden to smoke in this room!"

f. He _____



5. Sam and Helen have been together for a few years. Read these sentences and circle the correct option. (1x5=5)

a) Helen was **a pain in the neck / over the moon** when Sam asked her out.

b) In their first date, Sam was so nervous that he fell off his chair in a restaurant.

He just **wanted the ground to open up and swallow him / was on the top of the world**.

c) When Sam kissed her in front of everybody, Helen **went red as a beet / drove him up the wall**.

d) **Her heart was in her mouth / She felt on the top of the world** when she saw him trying skydiving in Canada. It was too dangerous.

e) Looking for a taxi in Canada was **a pain in the neck / over the moon**. They were all taken!



6. Imagine you are in the following situations. What would you do? Complete the following 2nd conditional sentences with your opinions. (2x5=10)

1. If I were stuck in an airport, I _____

2. If I could travel around the world I _____

3. _____, I would buy an expensive car.

4. _____, I would study hard.

5. If I spoke English better, _____



Writing

Choose one topic and write an essay on advantages and disadvantages. Remember to include a title and use linking words. Write 150 words at least. (21)

P1	Introduction
P2	Advantages (at least 3 with clear reasons and examples)
P3	Disadvantages (at least 3 with clear reasons and examples)
P4	Conclusion (give your personal opinion)

Linking words/phrases

Firstly... To begin with... Secondly...Moreover... In addition... Besides...
Finally... From my point of view... The way I see it...
Personally, I believe...

TOPICS

- ✓ Advantages and disadvantages of working in groups and on your own.
- ✓ Advantages and disadvantages of online and in person lessons.
- ✓ Advantages and disadvantages of travelling alone and with friends/family.