

## HOMEWORK

**Exercise 1<sup>48</sup>.** Complete the sentences. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER from the passage for each answer.

### Hearst castle

**A** William Randolph Hearst was a successful American newspaper publisher who received over 1,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land when his mother died in 1919. Initially, he had planned to build just a small bungalow, so he hired Julia Morgan, the first female architect in California. Together, however, they designed a magnificent castle which cost 10 million dollars and took 28 years to build. The property, named La Cuesta Encantado (The Enchanted Mountain), has 56 bedrooms, 61 bathrooms, 19 sitting rooms and about 52,000 m<sup>2</sup> of garden.

**B** Hearst loved travelling to Europe when he was a child and we can see this in the overall design of the house. He even included cathedral ceilings and Roman columns in his home. Hearst was also a keen art collector and, during his lifetime, spent \$3.5 million on his collection, which is displayed in the rooms at Hearst Castle. Today, his collection is worth much more, with one piece alone valued at \$10 million.

**C** One of the highlights of the estate is the Neptune Pool. It took 15 years to build and includes the front of an ancient Roman temple. It is on top of a hill and has wonderful views of the mountains, ocean and main house. The pool was rebuilt three times until he was satisfied.

**D** Although the inside of the house is very European, the outside is very Californian, with palm trees and water. Hearst loved trees and 70,000 were planted on the property during his lifetime. The castle was also home to the world's largest private zoo, holding animals from every continent. Although the zoo is now closed, zebras can still be seen on the hillside.

**E** As well as the Casa Grande (the main house), there are also three guest houses on the property: Caso Del Monte, Caso Del Sol and Caso Del Mor. Hearst entertained a great number of Hollywood stars and political leaders at the castle and many used his private airfield. Guests had to attend formal dinners every evening, but were free to do what they

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liked during the day. They were invited to stay as long as they wanted, but the longer they stayed, the further away they sat from Hearst at the dinner table.

F When Hearst died in 1951, his family learnt how expensive maintenance would be, and the mansion was donated to the State of California. Since then, it has been open for public tours and the site attracts millions of tourists every year. However, the Hearst family is still allowed to use it when they wish. The castle was never completed and remains unfinished.

#### Question 1-6

1. As a child, Hearst enjoyed his holidays to .....
2. Hearst inherited the land from his .....
3. Builders spent ..... creating the magnificent Neptune Pool.
4. Hearst took animals from ..... for his private zoo.
5. Although the zoo is now closed, ..... still walk about the hillside.
6. The family donated the property because of .....

**Exercise 2<sup>49</sup>. Complete the following statements using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.**

#### European Settlement of Australia

European settlement of Australia began in 1788 when a British penal colony was established on the east coast. From this starting point Australia grew rapidly and continually, expanding across the entire continent.

A number of reasons contributed to Britain's decision to colonise Australia. The most important factor was Britain's need to relieve its overcrowded prisons. Several violent incidents at overcrowded prisons convinced the British government of the need to separate unruly elements from the rest of the prison populace.

Additionally, Australia was of strategic importance to Britain, and it provided a base for the Royal Navy in the eastern sea. Also, Australia could be used as an entry point to the economic opportunities of the surrounding region. All these points figured in the decision by Lord Sydney, secretary of state of home affairs, to authorise the colonisation.

To this affect, on May 13, 1787, Captain Arthur Phillip, commanding eleven ships full of convicts, left Britain for Australia. He successfully landed a full fleet at Botany Bay on

<sup>49</sup> Tham khảo <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/ielts-sentence-completion.html>

January 18, 1788. However, they left the bay eight days later because of its openness and poor soil, and settled instead at Port Jackson, a few kilometres north. The ships landed 1,373 people, including 732 convicts, and the settlement became Sydney. Australia Day is now celebrated on 26 January each year, to commemorate this first fleet landing.

### Questions 1-5

1. Australia was originally founded as a .....
2. The major consideration in colonizing Australia was Britain's .....
3. It was thought that ..... could be gained in that part of the world due to the access provided via Australia.
4. Lord Sydney took every factor into account when he gave official permission for the ..... of Australia.
5. Botany Bay was abandoned by the settlers due to the lack of cover and .....

**Exercise 3<sup>50</sup>. Read the passages below and do the following tasks**

### The War on Smoking

Make no mistake, the move to introduce plain packaging is just the latest front in the war against smoking. Over the past decade, there has been a ban on smoking in public places and moves to restrict displays in shops. But one of the issues that has been concerning health experts and ministers is the number of people who continue to take up smoking, particularly young people. More than 200,000 under-16's start in the UK each year — helping ensure a viable market remains for manufacturers once the number of people quitting and dying is taken into account. In countries like the UK where there is a ban on advertising, the pack remains the last major vehicle for promotion. Hence the detail and care taken in the design of the packets with their laminated and special print effects, foil decorations and slide openings and beveled edges. It should come as no surprise therefore to learn that they have become known as the "silent salesman" and "mobile billboard" within the industry. ....

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#### Questions 1-4

Complete the sentences. Choose NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER from the passage for each answer.

- 1..... is the most recent strategy to tackle the problem of smoking.
2. The large number of new smokers, particularly under 16's, makes certain that cigarette companies will always have a .....
3. In some countries, packaging is the only method that cigarette companies have for .....
4. Packets are seen as being the ..... in the cigarette industry.

Exercise 4<sup>51</sup>. Complete the following sentences. Choose NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the passage to fill the gaps.

#### Denman Glacier: Deepest point on land found in Antarctica

The deepest point on continental Earth has been identified in East Antarctica, under Denman Glacier. This ice-filled canyon reaches 3.5km (11,500ft) below sea level. Only in the ocean are the valleys deeper still. The discovery is illustrated in a new map of the White Continent that reveals the shape of the bedrock under the ice sheet in unprecedented detail. Its features will be critical to our understanding of how the polar south might change in the future. For comparison, the lowest exposed land on Earth, at the Dead Sea shore, is just 413m (1,355ft) below sea level.

The new finding shows, for example, previously unrecognized ridges that will impede the retreat of melting glaciers in a warming world; and, alternatively, a number of smooth, sloping terrains that could accelerate withdrawals. "This is undoubtedly the most accurate portrait yet of what lies beneath Antarctica's ice sheet," said Dr Mathieu Morlighem, who's worked on the project for six years.

1. A place in ..... is now said to be the place that extends the furthest down from the Earth's surface.
2. However, ..... located in the sea are said to extend even further.

<sup>51</sup> Tham khảo <https://www.englishvista.com/sentence-completion-task-practice-3/>

3. An ..... map, called the White Continent, shows this new discovery in very close detail.
4. The shore of the Dead Sea is the ..... visible land.
5. ..... located at the deepest point will help to limit the recession of glaciers due to the effects of global warming.