

ADULTS 5 MID-YEAR EXAM 2020 – Units 1 to 3

READING

Activity 1. Read the texts and answer questions 1 - 10.

[10 marks]

Do you want to be a volunteer?

A - Do you enjoy reading? Do you like working with children? Then why not volunteer for our mobile library service in Zambia? We work with disadvantaged children in state primary schools, and it's a lot of fun. We read stories, do art projects, and organize activities to help the children learn English. After breakfast at 7 a.m., we head to our first school in time for the beginning of the school day. Every morning we visit at least four schools and we spend about an hour in each one. We get back to camp at around 2 p.m. for lunch, and after that you have the afternoon free to relax or prepare activities. The project takes place from May to September and it's open to everyone. Volunteers have to pay for their own flight and make a contribution to the project.

B - Are you an animal lover? If you are, then you should come to Kubah National Park in Borneo. We need people to help us look after Our orangutans. You won't be able to touch the animals, as they are being prepared to be released into the wild, but you'll work very near them. You'll spend your time in the Wildlife Centre repairing the shelters where the orangutans live or building new ones. You might have to make a swing or install some ropes where the animals can play. You'll have your own room in a wooden hut which looks out onto the rainforest. The programme lasts for two or four weeks and it costs £280 or £865 respectively, excluding flights.

C - Are you good at making things? If you are, and you'd like to take part in a construction project, how about coming to Peru to lend a hand? You'll be based in Cuzco in south-eastern Peru and you'll be involved in the construction of a small school and a community centre or an orphanage. You may have to paint and do repairs to existing buildings or build new ones in and around the city. You'll live with a Peruvian family and you'll eat all your meals together in their house. All of the houses have electricity and running water but you'll have to go to an internet café in Cuzco if you want to go online. You are expected to work from Monday to Friday and at the weekend you can explore some of the fantastic sights in the region. Please bring your own work clothes.

1. Which is the best heading for paragraph A? _____
 - a. Art projects in Africa
 - b. The Book Bus
 - c. Teaching English

2. Which is the best heading for paragraph B? _____

- Help save the rainforest
- Learn about wildlife in Borneo
- The Great Orangutan Project

3. Which is the best heading for paragraph C? _____

- Build houses in Peru
- Live with a family in Peru
- Construction in Peru

Which organization ...?

- takes people for a fortnight or a month _____
- encourages sightseeing _____
- offers accommodation in tents _____
- says what volunteers should bring _____
- gives volunteers free afternoons _____
- lets volunteers stay with others in a hut _____
- arranges accommodation with local people _____

Activity 2. Read the texts and answer with T (for true) and F (for false)[10 marks]

Unusual ways of getting around

Bamboo trains

This is the best way to see rural Cambodia. A bamboo train, or nori as the locals call it, is a bamboo platform on wheels which travels along tracks. It's powered by an engine, and it can reach a speed of 40 kilometres per hour. Passengers sit on a grass mat on the nori. Noris may not be as comfortable as conventional trains, but they're certainly a lot cheaper. Pick up a nori from Battambang Station, but remember to agree on a price before you get on.

Totora reed boats

These boats have been around for centuries. They are made from the reeds that grow on the banks of Lake Titicaca, one of the largest lakes in

South America. As well as making boats from totora reeds, the local people use them to make their houses, which they build on floating islands. Totora reed boats are still used for hunting and fishing, but today some of the local people transport people across the lake in them. Travelling on a reed boat among the floating islands of the lake is a must for visitors to Peru.

Jeepney

A jeepney is the most common form of public transport in the Philippines. They are made out of the jeeps left on the islands by the American army at the end of the Second World War. The people gave the jeeps a roof, put in more long seats on either side and painted them, turning them into small buses.

Jeepneys have open windows instead of air conditioning. They're often packed with passengers and there are no bus stops. The driver just slows down to let the passengers jump on and off.

Dog sleds

Dog sledding is a unique experience as it's something you can't do in many parts of the world. It was once the only

way to get around in the snow of Alaska, but now its use is limited to winter sports and tourism. The best time to try it is from January to March, in the summer there isn't enough snow so the dogs pull sleds on wheels. The ride can be a bit bumpy as the sled sometimes goes over stones and the dogs bark a lot. All the same, it's an opportunity not to be missed.

1. The oldest form of transport is totora reed boats. _____
2. The form of transport that most people use is Jeepneys. _____
3. Noris are a good way of seeing Cambodian cities. _____
4. The train fare is not always the same. _____
5. People use special plants to make totora reed boats. _____
6. Today the boats are only used to carry tourists. _____
7. People have used jeepneys in the Philippines for about 20 years. _____
8. There are usually a lot of people in the jeepneys. _____
9. Today, fewer people in Alaska use dog sleds than before. _____
10. Dog sleds are a very relaxing way to travel. _____