Reading Test

Task 1. Read the text and choose the correct option.

Accommodation

Hi Ellie,

I'm so pleased you can come surfing in August! Paul, Rose and Kevin are coming too, so there will be five of us. We've decided to return to New Sands for a couple of days, because the surf board hire is so cheap there.

I'm starting to think about accommodation. We won't camp again after last year! I hated staying in a tent in all that rain!

Kevin wants to hire a caravan. There are some nice ones with 3 bedrooms, showers and cooking facilities. The problem is, none of the caravan parks take short bookings in the summer. The minimum stay is a week. It's a shame because there are several nice parks near the beach.

There's a hostel for young people in New Sands. It's the cheapest option after camping, and there's a big kitchen and dining room where we can cook. The problem is, accommodation is in dormitories and I don't really want to sleep with strangers.

There are a few guest houses in New Sands. Some have triple rooms, so we only need to book two rooms. We'll have to book soon if we choose that option, because many guest houses are already full. The hotels in New Sands are too expensive, although I'd love to stay at the Sunrise Pavilion with its large pool!

The final option is to rent a cottage. I found one. It has three bedrooms – a double, a single and a twin, so two of us would have to share a bed! There's a big kitchen diner with a microwave, washing machine and dishwasher. The living room has a TV and DVD player. There's just one bathroom, but there's a separate WC. There's a nice garden too. The problem is, it's 5 miles from the beach.

Let me know which option you prefer.

Cheers,

Natalie

1. The friends want to stay in New Sands for ...

a. a week

b. a week and a half

c. less than one week

2. Last year the friends stayed in a ...

a. tent

b. caravan

c. youth hostel

3. Last year the friends had problems with ...

a. the weather

b. the transport

c. their surf boards

4. The problem with the caravan park is that ...

a. all the caravans are fully booked

b. there are not enough beds for everyone

c. caravans are only available for at least one week

5. Natalie doesn't want to stay in the youth hostel because ...

a. it's too expensive

b. she can't cook her own meals

c she doesn't want to share a room with people she doesn't know

Natalie doesn't want to stay in the youth hostel because ...

Task 2. Read the text and mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).

Life on The Wild Side!

Susan Marks has got a very important job. She is a zoo keeper. She works at a zoo in Texas. There are over 3,500 animals to look after so she works as part of a big team! Susan gets up at 6:00 am and starts work an hour later. Her first task in the morning is to check that the animals are happy and healthy. Her next job is to clean where the animals sleep and give them fresh water. After this, she feeds the animals! The rhinos eat lots of carrots and apples and special biscuits that give them the vitamins they need.

Susan's favourite part of the day is when she gets to play with the animals. Right now she is helping to train a female tiger. Spending time with the tiger helps Susan gain her trust. It's hard work but the tiger is making progress.

At 5:00 pm when the zoo closes, Susan finishes work but her walk on the wild side starts all over again the next day!

1 Susan works alone. .....

2 She begins her job at 7:00 am. .....

3 Her first job is to give food to the animals. .....

4 The rhinos only eat fruit. .....

5 The tiger is improving with Susan's help. .....