

12 Read the text and choose the correct answer, a, b or c.**The Vacation of a Lifetime**

The Trans-Siberian Railway journey is one of the most amazing train journeys in the world. It is not only one of the most famous railways in the world, but it is also the longest. It starts in Moscow and finishes in Vladivostock, on Russia's Pacific Coast, 6,500 miles (10,500 kilometers) away.

You travel from Europe into Asia, go through seven time zones and pass by 87 towns and cities. If you don't stop anywhere on the way, you can get to Vladivostock, on the Pacific Ocean, in six days. But that isn't a good idea. The train stops at thirteen different stations, and there's so much to see.

First of all, you should go to Lake Baikal, the World's largest and oldest fresh water lake. Then there's the city of Novosibirsk, the capital of Siberia, with just over one and a half million people. It's a relaxed and interesting place with unusual museums and a great nightlife. And you really have to visit Yekaterinburg, Russia's fourth largest city, where the last Tsar of Russia and his family died in 1918. It's famous for its theaters and has over thirty museums for you to visit. There are, of course, other things to do along the way, like visit the Kremlin or the Forbidden City. These make the trip more expensive but also make it the journey of a lifetime.

The train is very comfortable. It has two or four-bed compartments, with first-class as an option. Food and drinks are sold both on the train and at each stop. There is also a dining car. For the best trip, try to travel in the spring or autumn because the weather is better then and look out for great offers. The cheapest ticket is around \$400. But at the top end of the scale, if you have more money to spend, you can take a two-week guided tour from London for about \$12,000. However you do it, you'll have a great trip!

1 The Trans-Siberian Railway.

- a)** covers a total distance of 6,500 miles
- b)** leaves from the Pacific Coast
- c)** has the best trains in the world

2 During the journey, the time changes.

- a)** thirteen times
- b)** six times
- c)** seven times

3 Lake Baikal is.

- a)** the second stop after you leave the capital
- b)** the best place to stop on the journey
- c)** the biggest area of freshwater on the planet

4 Novosibirsk has a population of.

- a)** nearly 1.5 million people
- b)** more than 1.5 million people
- c)** exactly 1.5 million people

5 The journey.

- a)** is more amazing if you stay on the train
- b)** costs more if you decide to take stops
- c)** takes you to visit the Tsar of Russia

6 The most expensive travel option is to.

- a)** travel with a guide for two weeks
- b)** travel alone from London
- c)** take a one-week guided tour from London