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VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 When we arrived at the _____ we couldn't put up our tent as it had been raining and the grass was too wet.
- 2 If you are driving on the motorway and you want a cheap place to stay then _____ are a good idea. They are convenient and you don't waste time looking for a hotel in the towns.
- 3 Young people and students often find hotels too expensive to stay in. _____ are a cheap alternative. They are simple, cheap and designed for young travellers.
- 4 We used to have a _____ when I was young. It was great because we could stay in a different place every night and mum could cook us the food we liked!
- 5 It took us ages to put up the _____ because it was so windy. Luckily the instructions were really simple.

Score: /5

2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 My train was *delayed/cancelled* by ten minutes this morning and I missed the start of lessons.
- 2 I'll get a *single/return* ticket because I'm getting a lift back with Julie.
- 3 The air *ticket/fare* to Australia is really expensive.
- 4 I must *catch/miss* the 5.15 pm bus to get to the concert on time.
- 5 The *ferry/yacht* to France was delayed because of bad weather, so we decided to take the train from London to Paris instead.

Score: /5

READING

Across Antarctica

For many people, an 'adventure' is something quite simple, like going to another country for a holiday and experiencing a different culture and unfamiliar scenery and climate. However, for others, 'adventure' has an altogether different meaning. (1) They were competing with a team from Norway to do the journey in the fastest time. However, unlike the Norwegians, who were professional skiers and familiar with the conditions, the British team were amateurs and had never skied in Antarctica before. For them it was a real adventure, and one that they only just survived!

It was not the first crazy journey for Ben Fogle, a TV presenter who loves a challenge, and James Cracknell, an Olympic rowing champion. (2) During that journey, the pair had had to deal with a range of problems. These included heat exhaustion, lack of sleep, hurricane-type weather, and nearly drowning when their boat was turned upside down by huge waves! Amazingly, they decided to get together again for another difficult challenge – the race to the South Pole.

(3) This adventure was even more dangerous because Ben had just recovered from a very serious medical condition he had caught while he was filming for a TV programme in the jungle. In spite of all his problems, Ben recovered in time and, together with the other two, spent months training for the expedition ahead. This journey proved to be even more difficult than the rowing race. (4) They only allowed themselves four hours sleep a night and, before they could rest, they had to spend four hours melting ice to provide enough water for them all to drink. They finished the race completely exhausted, with no food left and with their hands and feet suffering from the icy temperatures. (5) Even worse, they didn't beat the Norwegians!

So, what is the attraction of adventures like these? Is it the fascination of going to places that very few other people have been to? (6) It is certainly very exciting to read about challenges like these and, perhaps be inspired to take part in one yourself. It would certainly be an experience you would never forget!

3 Read the article about adventure. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

- A Every day they had to cover over 25 miles in freezing conditions.
- B A few years before this, they had rowed across the Atlantic in a seven-metre rowing boat in another race.
- C Many teams have tried the same challenge and failed.
- D Is it maybe the desire to push your body to its limits?
- E All three had lost a lot of weight and were in severe pain.
- F This time they were joined by another amateur, Doctor Ed Coats.
- G For three young men in 2009, it meant a journey of 430 miles across some of the most hostile country on our planet, Antarctica, in a race to the South Pole.

Score: / 6

4 Read the article about adventure and choose the best answers, A, B or C.

- 1 According to the text, most people like adventure
 - A if it means they can experience different cultures.
 - B but are satisfied with journeys which are not dangerous.
 - C but are too frightened to go on dangerous journeys.
- 2 Which team was the best prepared?
 - A The British and the Norwegians were equally prepared.
 - B The British were better prepared because this was their second trip and they had trained for it.
 - C The Norwegians because they were professionals.
- 3 According to the text
 - A the British men had different professions, but they shared a passion for adventure.
 - B none of the British men were professional sportsmen.
 - C the three British men had been on many expeditions together.
- 4 What do we learn about the boat race?
 - A It was a difficult race for the three men.
 - B It didn't put them off going on a new adventure.
 - C It was the most difficult race of all.
- 5 During the race to the South Pole they
 - A slept at night and melted ice during the day.
 - B finished the race, but were ill from exhaustion and cold.
 - C had difficulties, but they finished victorious.
- 6 In the author's opinion, most people
 - A would like to have adventures if they had the chance.
 - B don't like adventures or difficult conditions.
 - C find these adventures interesting, but wouldn't like to take part in them.

Score: /6