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Reading

A Read the article about the Atacama Desert.

Visit the Atacama – the driest desert on earth

If you want to get away from the rain and the cold and see things you never knew existed, go to the Atacama Desert in the north of Chile. People usually stay in the town of San Pedro de Atacama, where you can find luxury hotels, youth hostels and campsites. It won't rain while you are in San Pedro as it usually only rains for about ten minutes a year! The weather is mostly good all year round. In winter, it will be around 22°C during the day, and about 4°C at night. In summer, it's hotter, but not as hot as you might think. It doesn't usually go above 30°C, but at night it's quite cool, so you need to take warm clothes with you. There is a lot to see in the Atacama region. Here are some of the places you shouldn't miss:



San Pedro de Atacama

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If you are staying in San Pedro, you should visit the 18th century church and the museum, where you can learn about the history of the region and its indigenous people. There are also lots of good restaurants, and shops where you can buy souvenirs.

Valley of the Moon

About 15 minutes drive from San Pedro, this strange valley looks more like the surface of the moon than part of the

earth. There hasn't been a drop of rain here for hundreds of years. The best time to visit is just before sunset. You can climb to the top of a sand dune and watch the sun go down. The moon-like landscape will change from gold to pink to purple. It is a sight you will never forget.



Valley of the Moon

Atacama Salt Flat

This is the biggest salt flat in Chile. Only half an hour away from San Pedro, the land is white with a thick layer of salt, surrounded by mountains and volcanoes. Nearby you can also visit Cejas lagoon and float in its salty water.

Tara Salt Flat

Two-and-a-half hours' drive away is the amazing Tara Salt Flat, more than 4,500 metres above sea level. Here you will see pink flamingoes wandering around and feeding in the lagoon. There are many other species of birds feeding here and if you are lucky, you might see a Darwin's rhea, a large bird that can't fly and which is in danger of becoming extinct. Finally, when you get back to San Pedro, don't forget to look at the night sky. It is one of the clearest night skies in the world. The moon and stars shine more brightly here than anywhere else on the earth.

B Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Read the article about the Atacama desert again. Are sentences 1–8 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C).

- 1 There is a variety of accommodation available for tourists in San Pedro.
- 2 Winters are freezing and summers are boiling in San Pedro.
- 3 There weren't any people in the Atacama region before the Spanish came.
- 4 The Valley of the Moon is most impressive when the sun is going down.
- 5 If you go to Tara Salt Flat, you can swim in the lagoon.
- 6 The Atacama Salt Flat is further away from San Pedro than the Tara Salt Flat.
- 7 The Andean flamingo is in danger of becoming extinct.
- 8 There is very little air or light pollution in the sky in the Atacama.

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Vocabulary and Use your English

A Circle the correct words.

- 1 Instead of sitting around doing nothing, you **could / need** do something creative like cooking, painting or even gardening.
- 2 You'll need a bigger tent if your friends **come / came** too.
- 3 If you spend all your money on camping equipment, you **won't / can't** have any left to pay for the train ticket.
- 4 Look at those clouds. I don't think we **should / may** go hiking. I'm sure it's going to rain.
- 5 Cycling can be dangerous on the road. You **must / can't** go cycling if you haven't got a helmet.
- 6 If the referee continues to be unfair, we **will / won't** probably lose.
- 7 You'd better not **go / going** out in the sun without suncream.
- 8 That's the guide **who / which** took us hiking yesterday. He was very nice.

(___ / 8 marks)

B Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Read the sentences about holidays. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each answer.

- 1 Lots of people go to Alaska. It isn't an _____ choice for a holiday.
A amazing B unusual C average
- 2 When a volcano _____ it can be very dangerous for people living nearby.
A erupts B erupting C will erupt
- 3 The villa _____ we rented in Cyprus was very comfortable.
A what B (no word) C who
- 4 Our holiday was _____ by my grandparents.
A organised B organising C organisation
- 5 Our cruises _____ from ports all over the world.
A departs B departing C depart
- 6 Instead of flying, we decided to _____ the ferry.
A go B take C travel
- 7 We couldn't get home because the airport was closed due _____ fog.
A to B for C with
- 8 It was such an _____ holiday, we didn't want to go home.
A enjoyed B enjoying C enjoyable

(___ / 8 marks)

C Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

For questions 1–8 read the email from Valerie to her grandparents, and choose the best words (A, B or C) for each space.

From: Valerie

To: Granny and Grandpa

Hi Granny and Grandpa,

Thank you so much for organising a (1) _____ weekend for us. It was great to (2) _____ time with you. Of all the fun things we did, I enjoyed going on the excursion to London most of all. It was much (3) _____ than I imagined it was going to be. Before going, I thought museums were full of (4) _____ objects nobody really wants to look at. I was so wrong! I loved the Natural History Museum. It's (5) _____ museum I've ever been to! Looking at all the mammals was really fun, especially the (6) _____ whale, but learning about precious stones in the *Earth's Treasury* was more exciting than anything else I've done this holiday. Now I know what I want to do when I grow up. I want to design jewellery (7) _____ made from gold and silver and precious stones like these. Do you think we could go to the Victoria and Albert Museum and see their (8) _____ collection of jewellery?

Love, Valerie

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| 1 A long fantastic | B fantastic long | C interested long |
| 2 A stay | B do | C spend |
| 3 A interested | B interesting | C more interesting |
| 4 A boring old | B bored old | C old boring |
| 5 A more fascinating | B the most fascinating | C the most fascinated |
| 6 A blue huge | B huge blue | C hugest blue |
| 7 A who's | B whose | C that's |
| 8 A amazing | B excited | C tiring |

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Listening

A You will hear six people talking about sports and hobbies. Match the person (1–6) to the sport or hobby they do now (A–H). There are two extra letters which you do not need to use. You will hear each person twice.

- 1 Timothy
- 2 Alicia
- 3 Sarah
- 4 Arturo
- 5 Sergio
- 6 Tere

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- A skateboarding
- B stamp collecting
- C playing the guitar
- D gardening
- E cooking
- F playing in a band
- G gaming
- H doing gymnastics

(___ / 6 marks)

B Listen and complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

You will hear a tour guide talking about a walking tour of Oxford. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the presentation twice.

Christ Church College

Scenes from (1) _____ films

Ashmolean Museum

Tickets between (2) £ _____ and £ _____

(3) _____ public museum in the world

Trinity College

Tickets (4) _____

Tickets for adults (5) £ _____

Students and children go in free

Botanic Gardens

Adult tickets (6) £ _____

Children under 16 go in free

(___ / 6 marks)

C Listen and complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

You will hear six short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For each conversation, choose the right answer (A, B or C).

1 What platform does the man's train go from?

A Platform 5

B Platform 6

C Platform 9

2 Which boat tour does the woman go on?

A Compact Tour: 45 minutes

B Complete Tour: 2 1/2 hours

C Company Tour: 3 1/2 hours

3 Where are Marcy and Anna staying?

A Sandy Campsite

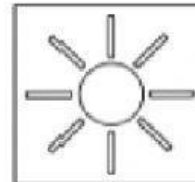
B Town Youth Hostel

C Young's Hotel

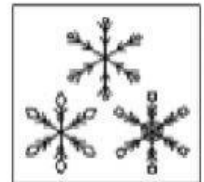
4 What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?



A



B



C

5 What was the temperature yesterday?

A 28°C

B 30°C

C 38°C

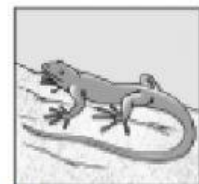
6 What animal are they talking about?



A



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C

(___ / 6 marks)

Writing

Complete the Writing Task.

Exam Task

Imagine you're spending a long weekend away from home with a good friend or a cousin, and his/her family.
Write an email to your parents and describe:

- the journey getting there
- where you're staying (house, flat, hostel, hotel, campsite, etc.)
- what the weather has been like
- the things you've done and what you've enjoyed

Write 50–70 words.

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