

REX5_Unit 4A: City Under Siege

Choose the best answer for each question.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is the main idea of this article?
- a. Besides flooding, Venice faces several other problems that are even more serious.
 - b. The flooding problem in Venice is caused mainly by rain, not by the *acqua alta*.
 - c. The most difficult problem facing Venice is the large number of tourists who visit there.
 - d. Because tides are rising and foundations are sinking, Venice is disappearing into the sea.

VOCABULARY

2. In which of these sentences is the word *schools* used as it is in paragraph C?
- a. They attended schools in both Australia and the UK.
 - b. The lawyer always schools her clients before they are questioned.
 - c. The people on the whale-watching cruise saw two schools of whales.
 - d. Impressionism and Surrealism were two important schools of painting in the twentieth century.

DETAIL

3. People who have moved from Venice to Mogliano probably did so because _____.
- a. there is no flooding in Mogliano
 - b. housing is much cheaper there
 - c. there are not so many tourists in Mogliano
 - d. it is easy to commute from Mogliano to Venice

PARAPHRASE

4. Which of the following restates the meaning of this sentence?
- Love is an inadequate word to describe how Salvadori feels about Venice.*
- a. Salvadori is not capable of explaining how he really feels about the city.
 - b. Although Salvadori likes the city of Venice, he cannot be said to love it.
 - c. The word *love* is not a strong enough word to describe how Salvadori feels about Venice.
 - d. At one time Salvadori loved Venice, but his feelings towards the city have changed.

PURPOSE

5. Why does the author mention *an eggplant* in paragraphs N and Q?
- a. to indicate that eggplants are a favorite food of residents of Venice
 - b. to show that eating habits in Venice have changed over time
 - c. to demonstrate that prices for food in Venice have climbed in recent years
 - d. to provide an example of an ordinary product that is now hard to find in Venice