

Exercise 1:

Tourism will always have an **impact on** the places visited. Sometimes the impact is good, but often it is **negative**. For example, if lots of people visit one place, then this can **damage** the **environment**. The question is - how can we **minimise** the problems without **preventing** people from travelling and visiting places? The **main aim** of ecotourism is to reduce the negative impact that tourism has on the environment and **local people**. The idea is to **encourage** tourists to think about what **they** do when they visit a place. It's great to talk about **protecting** the environment, but how do you **actually** do this? There are a number of **key points**. Tourists shouldn't **drop litter**, they should stay on the **paths**, they shouldn't **interfere** with wildlife and they should **respect local customs** and **traditions**.

Some people see **ecotourism** as a **contradiction**. They say that any tourism needs **infrastructure** - roads, airports and hotels. The more tourists that visit a place, the more of these are needed and, by building more of these, you can't **avoid** damaging the environment.

Question 1. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Some Dos for ecotourists
- B. Benefits and **drawbacks** of ecotourism
- C. A brief introduction about ecotourism
- D. Some Don'ts for ecotourists

Answer 1: _____

Question 2. The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. people
- B. problems
- C. tourists
- D. places

Answer 2: _____

Question 3. The word "**minimise**" in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. **reduce**
- B. **improve**
- C. **decrease**
- D. **increase**

Answer 3: _____

Question 4. According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as an activity to protect the environment?

- A. Respecting local customs and traditions.
- B. Not interfering with wildlife.
- C. Hunting wildlife.
- D. Not littering.

Answer 4: _____

Question 5. The word “avoid” in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

- A. present
- B. prevent
- C. protest
- D. pretend

Answer 5: _____

Question 36. According to the passage, ecotourism aims at _____.

- A. preventing tourists from travelling
- B. reducing the tourism problems
- C. finding a new form of tourism
- D. stopping ecotourism altogether

Answer 6: _____

Exercise 2

FAMILY LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

Family life in the United States is changing. Fifty or sixty years ago, the wife was called a “housewife”. She cleaned, cooked, and cared for the children. The husband earned the money for the family. He was usually out working all day. He came home tired in the evening, so he did not do much housework. And he did not see the children very much, except on weekends.

These days, however, more and more women work outside the home. They cannot stay with the children all day. They, too, come home tired in the evening. They do not want to spend the evening cooking dinner and cleaning up. They do not have time to clean the house and do the laundry. So who is going to do the housework now? Who is going to take care of the children?

Many families solve the problem of housework by sharing it. In these families, the husband and wife agree to do different jobs around the house, or they take turns doing each job. For example, the husband always cooks dinner and the wife always does the laundry. Or the wife cooks dinner on some nights and the husband cooks dinner on other nights.

Then there is the question of the children. In the past, many families got help with child care from grandparents. Now families usually do not live near their relatives. The grandparents are often

too far away to help in a regular way. More often, parents have to pay for child care help. The help may be a babysitter or a day-care center. The problem with this kind of help is the high cost. It is possible only for couples with jobs that pay well.

Parents may get another kind of help from the companies they work for. Many companies now let people with children work part-time. That way, parents can spend more time with their children. Some husbands may even stop working for a while to stay with the children. For these men there is a new word. **they** are called “househusbands”. In the USA more and more men are becoming **househusbands** every year.

These changes in the home mean changes in the family. Fathers can learn to understand their children better, and the children can get to know their fathers better. Husbands and wives may also find changes in their **marriage**. They, too, may have a better understanding of each other.

Question 1: Sixty years ago, most women _____

- A. went out to work B. had no children C. did not do much housework D. were housewives

Answer 1: _____

Question 2: Nowadays, there are _____.

- A. more women going out to work than before
B. more and more women staying with the children all day
C. more work outside the home than before
D. more housewives than before

Answer 2: _____

Question 3: The word “**laundry**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____

- A. tidying up B. cooking and washing up C. washing and ironing D. Shopping

Answer 3: _____

Question 4: It can be **inferred** from paragraph 4 that _____.

- A. couples with low-paid jobs can't **afford** the cost of a babysitter or a day-care center
B. grandparents can help care the children in a regular way
C. all couples with jobs can pay for help from a babysitter or a day-care center
D. in the past, grandparents did not help the couples with child care

Answer 4: _____

Question 5: The word “**they**” in paragraph 5 refers to _____

- A. husbands who stop working to stay with the children
- B. fathers who spend more time with their children
- C. parents who work part-time
- D. children who spend more time with fathers than

Answer 5: _____

Question 6: The changes in the American home mentioned in this passage may _____

- A. help families
- B. not happen
- C. cause problems for a marriage
- D. not change the children at all

Answer 6: _____

Question 7: This article is about _____

- A. American men as househusbands
- B. housewives in America
- C. how more American women are working
- D. how family life in America is changing

Answer 7: _____

Question 8: What does the companies in USA do to help parents?

- A. Pay them more.
- B. pay for hiring babysitter.
- C. allow parents to work less than the usual.
- D. help them to bring up their children.

Answer 8: _____