B2 Reading: Cities and Online creators

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Task 1. Read the four reviews of weekend destinations. For questions 1–10, choose from the reviews (A–D). Reviews may be chosen more than once.

A. Lisbon	*B. Reykjavik*
Lisbon is a vibrant city full of narrow streets, colourful tiles, and viewpoints overlooking the Tagus river. Cafés and restaurants offer delicious local dishes, including *bacalhau* and pastries. The public transport system is extensive and cheap, so exploring distant districts is straightforward. Yet, it can feel very crowded, especially near popular attractions or during peak tourist seasons. Despite this, the energetic atmosphere and cultural highlights make Lisbon an appealing choice for those seeking a lively city experience.	Although Reykjavik is a small city, it serves as an excellent starting point for exploring Iceland's dramatic natural landscapes. Visitors can easily reach geysers, waterfalls, and glaciers within a few hours. The city has a modest number of restaurants and shops, giving it a cosy feel. However, prices for accommodation, food, and activities are high, which can deter budget travellers. For anyone interested in combining urban comfort with unforgettable nature trips, Reykjavik offers a unique experience.
C. Prague	*D. Amsterdam*
Prague's historic centre boasts beautiful architecture, museums, and charming cobbled streets. Entry fees and restaurant prices are generally moderate, making it popular with tourists who want culture without overspending. However, some areas can feel overcrowded, particularly in summer, which may affect the experience. Travellers willing to explore beyond the main tourist zones can discover quieter, scenic streets and local cafés that show the city's authentic character.	Amsterdam is famous for its canals, cycling culture, and relaxed atmosphere. The city provides many cultural attractions, from museums to markets. While transport is efficient, many visitors prefer renting bikes to experience the city fully. Accommodation in central areas can be difficult to find during busy periods. Still, Amsterdam's balance of leisure, culture, and accessible nature spots makes it an appealing destination for most tourists.

Which place…

1. **is a convenient base for visiting natural attractions nearby?**
2. **can feel overcrowded even outside the main tourist areas?**
3. **offers affordable way to travel around the city?**
4. **is generally expensive for most visitors?**
5. **provides numerous opportunities to learn about history and culture?**
6. **draws visitors because of nearby attractions?**
7. **presents challenges finding accommodation in popular districts?**
8. **maintains a calm and friendly atmosphere despite being a city?**
9. **offers a combination of sightseeing opportunities and reasonable costs?**
10. **has streets and viewpoints that are visually striking?**

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Task 2. Read the text carefully.
If a gap has a verb in brackets, write the correct form of the verb.
For all other gaps, write ONE OR TWO words that best complete the sentence (preposition, linker, collocation, phrasal verb or set phrase).

The Rise of Online Content Creators

In recent years, creating online content **1.** _____ (***become***) a popular way for young people to express **2.** _____ and connect with global audiences. Platforms **3.** _____ _____ TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram allow anyone **4.** _____ (***share***) videos, blogs, or other types of posts, often **5.** _____ (***reach***) thousands of viewers in a short time.

Content creators usually start as amateurs, experimenting with different formats and topics. **6.** _____ time, they learn how to improve the quality of their work by analysing trends, engaging with their followers, and practising regularly. Creativity, consistency, and originality are essential, because audiences quickly **7.** _____ interest if content becomes repetitive or low-quality.

Being a content creator can be very rewarding, but it also comes with challenges. Some people feel pressure to post frequently, **8.** _____ can lead to stress or burnout. Negative comments or criticism may affect confidence, especially for younger creators. Balancing online activity with school, work, or personal life is another common difficulty.

Monetisation adds an extra layer of complexity. Popular creators may earn money **9.** _____ sponsorships, advertisements, or merchandise, but achieving this requires persistence and careful planning. Algorithms and trends change rapidly, **10.** _____ adaptability is crucial for success.

On the whole, online content creation provides exciting opportunities for creativity, skill development, and global interaction. **11.** _____ it can be demanding at times, many creators find the experience highly rewarding, and it is highly **12.** _____ that this trend **13.** _____ (***continue***) to grow in the near future.

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