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Reading Comprehension

VENICE

Read the passage and answer the questions.



Many people think Venice is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. This unique city is in the north of Italy. It is really a group of 118 small islands. These islands have canals to separate them and 400 bridges to join them. There are no cars in Venice—just boats. Everything must come to the city by boat and then be carried over the bridges to people's homes and shops.

Venice is a city on the water, but it has a problem with high tide. This is not a new problem. For about 60 days a year, parts of the city are covered in water. Residents know this well. As soon as they hear the sound of the emergency alarm, they put on their boots or walk on special platforms.

Venice is beautiful, old, and romantic. But it is changing. Just 30 years ago, 120,000 people lived there. Today, Venice has half that number. The residents are moving out, but more tourists are visiting all the time. Venice has over 20 million tourists every year! That is both good and bad.

Tourists bring money. But they also bring change. The old shops that sold products like fruit and vegetables to the residents are changing to souvenir shops because the rent on the old shops is too high. Old houses in the center of the city are changing to hotels. The residents of Venice are moving out because there are few houses, and they are too expensive. Only rich people, mainly from other countries, or elderly people who own houses passed down from their family can live in Venice.

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A. Vocabulary Matching

Match the words with their meanings.

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| 1. Unique () | a. People who visit a place |
| 2. Residents () | b. Special or different from others |
| 3. Tourists () | c. People who live in a place |
| 4. Souvenir () | d. A gift bought to remember a place |
| 5. Expensive () | e. Costing a lot of money |

B. True or False

Write T for True or F for False.

- _____ Venice is in the south of Italy.
- _____ Venice has 118 small islands.
- _____ There are many cars in Venice.
- _____ Parts of Venice are covered by water during high tide.
- _____ More people are living in Venice today than 30 years ago.
- _____ Venice receives over 20 million tourists every year.

C. Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer.

- How many bridges are there in Venice?
 - 118
 - 400
 - 60
 - 20
- What do residents do when they hear the emergency alarm?
 - Leave the city
 - Stay at home
 - Put on boots or use special platforms
 - Drive their cars
- Why are old shops changing into souvenir shops?
 - Residents do not buy food.
 - Tourists want souvenirs.
 - The rent is too high.
 - Both b and c.
- Who can mostly afford to live in Venice today?
 - Students
 - Rich people and some elderly homeowners
 - Tourists
 - Farmers

D. Short Answer

- Where is Venice located?

- Why are there no cars in Venice?

- What problem does Venice have during high tide?

- How many tourists visit Venice each year?

- Why are residents moving out of Venice?



E. Main Idea and Supporting Details

Paragraph 1

Main Idea: _____

Supporting Details:

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Paragraph 2

Main Idea: _____

Supporting Details:

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Paragraph 3

Main Idea: _____

Supporting Details:

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Paragraph 4

Main Idea: _____

Supporting Details:

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F. Discussion Question

Do you think tourism is more helpful or harmful to Venice? Why?

