eliminating answers you know are wrong. Then read the text again.

Exam practice: Reading Part 4

7 **Read the text and questions below. For each question, circle the correct letter A, B, C or D.**

Travelling abroad

by Josh Simms

Why do tourists think that the first thing they should do when they visit a new place is go and see cathedrals, museums and monuments? There are many things I like about travelling, but queuing up to buy museum tickets then having your visit ruined by noisy tour groups is not one of them. The things that make places special are all around the famous buildings, not inside them.

My recent trip to India is a good example of this. By far the most interesting part of it was getting to know people – bicycle-taxi drivers, policemen riding elephants and children trying to earn some money by cleaning shoes. It was all so amazing that I didn't need to do any 'proper' sightseeing.

I also have fantastic memories of Florence. It was a boiling hot day and the queue to the art gallery was at least a kilometre long. Instead of joining it I sat in a shady square, ate a delicious pizza and listened to a man singing opera songs to only a few listeners. If I had stuck to my original plan I would have missed this experience.

One of the best things about travelling is creating memories to bring back. When I got back home from a holiday in Malaysia, I made some of the dishes I'd tasted in the food market. Maybe my results weren't as good as the real thing, but they reminded me of the places and the people I'd met – far better than anything from a souvenir shop.

1 What is Josh trying to do in this article?
- A explain what he likes to do on holiday
- B recommend places for tourists to visit
- C complain about the way tourists behave
- D describe his favourite holiday destination

2 In India, Josh enjoyed
- A going round famous buildings.
- B riding on an elephant.
- C talking to different people.
- D playing with children.

3 On his trip to Florence, Josh
- A got away from the crowds.
- B went to the opera.
- C visited the art gallery.
- D walked around in the sunshine.

4 The Malaysian food that Josh made at home
- A was difficult to prepare.
- B was better than the market food.
- C didn't taste very good.
- D brought back happy memories.

5 Which postcard would Josh write to his friend?

A *I went round this museum of local history with a group and the guide gave us lots of interesting information.*

B *I haven't visited any of the important sights but I've learnt a lot about this interesting country.*

C I've done the cathedral, the castle and the art gallery and I'm looking forward to the museum.

D This is a fantastic place – lots of souvenir shops with very reasonable prices.

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