

6**Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each question. (1.0 pt)**

In southern Australia, there is a town where chimneys rise from the sand and there are big red signs warning people of “unmarked holes”. This town is Coober Pedy, often known as the “underground” town.



Coober Pedy is a small town over 1,000 miles from Canberra, the country’s capital. Today it has about 1,800 residents. Originally, residents of Coober Pedy were opal miners, and even today it is still a mining town.

The Coober Pedy region is mostly a treeless desert. Very little plant life exists due to the region’s low rainfall and intense heat, so most of the residents live underground to escape the heat. They call their underground homes “dugouts”. These dugouts remain at a constant temperature, while surface buildings need air conditioning. The average maximum temperature is 30–32°C, but it can get quite cool in the winter.



There are a number of underground hotels and tourist shops in the town. The town has become a popular stopover point and tourist destination.

1**What is special about people in Coober Pedy?**

- A. They are coal miners. B. They live underground.
C. They need air conditioning. D. They receive many tourists.

2**People in Coober Pedy live in “dugouts” because _____.**

- A. very little plant life exists B. they can do the mining there
C. it is much cooler there D. there are many hotels there

3**The underlined word “it” in the passage refers to _____.**

- A. Canberra B. capital city C. opal D. Coober Pedy

4**The underlined word “intense” in the passage probably means _____.**

- A. strong B. quiet C. weak D. interesting

5**Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?**

- A. There are big red warning signs in Coober Pedy.
B. Houses underground in Coober Pedy are called “dugouts”.
C. The average temperature in Coober Pedy region is 30–32°C.
D. There are a lot of tourist shops in the town.

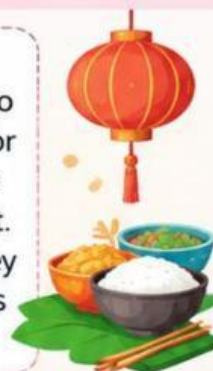
COOBER PEDY



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Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for each blank. (1.0 pt)

Each country has its own special traditions and customs just as individuals have their own (1) _____ and daily routines. Many people find it difficult to get used to the customs of another country (2) _____ they go abroad. For example, in some Asian countries, people do not usually finish everything on their plates, because it is a (3) _____ that they have not had enough to eat. Visitors from the West find it difficult to (4) _____ used to this, because they usually eat everything up to show that they liked it. When an Asian host sees their (5) _____ plates, he usually assumes that they want more.



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| 1. | A. habits | B. fashions | C. styles | D. practices |
| 2. | A. where | B. after | C. when | D. why |
| 3. | A. symbol | B. icon | C. warning | D. sign |
| 4. | A. make | B. get | C. maintain | D. look |
| 5. | A. clear | B. empty | C. vacant | D. blank |

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Choose the correct answer to make a meaningful sentence. (2.0 pts)

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- A. Doctors warn them to adopt a healthier lifestyle because they are overweight.
 B. Doctors warn them adopt a healthier lifestyle because they are overweight.
 C. Doctors adopt a healthier lifestyle because they are overweight.
 D. Doctors to warn them a healthier lifestyle because they are overweight.

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- A. I think there are some similarities between a custom and a tradition.
 B. I think there some similarities a custom and a tradition.
 C. I think there is some similarities between a custom and a tradition.
 D. I think there have some similarities between a custom and a tradition.

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- A. Why do people in the Central Highlands organise the Elephant Racing Festival?
 B. Why people in the Central Highlands organise the Elephant Racing Festival?
 C. Why do people the Central Highlands organise the Elephant Racing Festival?
 D. Why do people in the Central Highlands organises the Elephant Racing Festival?

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- A. Americans decorate their homes to make them look scary at Halloween.
 B. Americans decorate they homes to make look scary at Halloween.
 C. Americans decorates their homes to make them look scary at Halloween.
 D. Americans decorate their homes make them look scary at Halloween.

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- A. My family have a custom to cook sticky rice on the first day of each lunar month.
 B. My family has a custom of cooking sticky rice on the first day of each lunar month.
 C. My family have a custom cooking sticky rice on the first day of each lunar month.
 D. My family has a custom to cook sticky rice in the first day of each lunar month.