

PART 6 ICFES EXAM GRADE EIGHTH

New Zealand is located in southwest Pacific Ocean comprising the North and the South Islands and numerous other **smaller** islands. New Zealand is also known as the land of the **white** cloud. It is geographically **isolated**. It's **closest** neighbors are New Caledonia, Fiji and Tonga. The Maoris were the **first** inhabitants of the islands. They came from Polynesia over a thousand years ago. Today New Zealand has a population of over 4.4 million inhabitants, mostly of European descent. New Zealand originated with **Dutch** cartographers who called the island Nova Zeelandia. In 1642 many of the **first Dutch** settlers were killed by the Maoris. Today New Zealand is a **constitutional** monarchy with **parliamentary** democracy. Queen of New Zealand. The **prime** minister is called John Key. Mount Cook is located in New Zealand and it is the **highest** altitude 3,754 meters. The **largest** land mass is located in the South Island. The capital city is Wellington, well known for its **beautiful** beaches. Lately, movies like The Lord of the Rings trilogy and the **last** Samurai have been filmed there.

31. What can the reader find out about the present inhabitants?

- A: that the majority are European descent
- B: that Maoris are still violent
- C: that monarch inhabits the island
- D: the majority live in Wellington

32. What has made the islands popular in recent years?

- A: the Lord of the Rings lives there
- B: Hollywood appreciates the New Zealand landscape
- C: there are still samurais in the island
- D: the majority of new actors are from New Zealand

33. What is the writer trying to do in this text?

- A: explain why the Maoris killed the Dutch
- B: advise people to visit Wellington
- C: explain why New Zealand is a popular place

34. What do you think the writer would say to his friends?

- A: those Hollywood directors are really smart. They choose the perfect setting for their movies.
- B: this place is in the middle of nowhere. You must be dumb to choose this place
- C: I wonder which island is the most popular amongst the natives
- D: is it a good idea to come this far for a movie?

35. What kind of government do they have?

- A: one ruled by a prime minister
- B: a female government
- C: a socialist government
- D: A true monarchy