

READING (practice from an old exam)

Top websites for travel trips

More and more people are booking their holidays on the internet, so we've looked some useful websites to help you.

1. If you can't decide where to go on holiday, look at www.worldreviewer.com for some ideas. First you can look at the interactive weather map, which tells you when different parts of the world are hot and sunny. Then there is lots of information about different places to visit with photos and travellers' reviews. Here you can read about what other travelers *really* think about the place you are going to.
2. You can find great advice on which hotel to choose on www.tripadvisor.com . It has reviews and information on over 400,000 locations. You can also compare prices of different holidays to make sure you don't pay too much. And finally, there are photos of places to visit and fun travel stories, too.
3. If you want more than just a holiday , try www.thepodsite.co.uk . Here you can find out about holidays where you can work or volunteer, spend some time learning new skills and meeting new people. You can travel anywhere in the world to do all kinds of different jobs, from building in Tanzania to looking after elephants in Thailand. Just think what you could do.
4. Have you ever wanted to edit your own travel guide? Go to www.ivebeenthere.co.uk and you will be able to do just that. Using this site, you can create your own guides, choosing from the hundreds of different tips. Then just print it out and take it with you when you go. Make a guide for hostels in Southeast Asia, cafes in Italy, or family fun in New York. When you find another interesting tip, just add it to the list. Happy travelling.

Read the article and match the topics from A to E with paragraph 1 to 4 (5 MARKS)

- a) Making your own travel guides _____
- b) Reading about what happened to people on their holiday _____
- c) Holidays where you can work or volunteer _____
- d) Information about the weather in different countries _____

- e) How to check the cost of your holiday _____

Find words or phrases in the article to match definitions from 1 to 6 (5 MARKS)

1. Something that involves communication with a computer, television, etc (introduction) : **internet**
2. Someone's opinion in writing (paragraph 1) : a _____
3. Places (paragraph 2) : _____
4. Abilities / things you can do (paragraph 3) : _____
5. Make changes to improve a piece of writing (paragraph 4) : _____
6. Places where you can eat and sleep cheaply for a short time (paragraph 4): _____

Which websites do you think these people should look at? Write 1, 2, 3 or 4 (5 marks)

1. Tom and Amanda want to travel around the world but they would like to do something useful. They both love working with animals. _____
2. Michael doesn't buy travel guides because they contain information which he doesn't need or which is out-of-date. _____
3. Felipe wants to hear about places from people who have actually been there. _____
4. Kamil doesn't mind where he goes to but he doesn't want to go anywhere which is too hot. _____
5. Eva wants to hear stories about what has happened to other travelers. _____