

Unit 3. Test 1

Read the extracts from guidebooks about other five capitals. Guess the names of the capitals. Exchange your answers with the partner. Discuss differences. Prove your point of view.

It is the second most populated city in the country and has a population of over 16 million people.

[1]_____ is the largest commercial center in the north of the country and its culture has been influenced by its important history. The old city was surrounded by a high stone wall, erected in 1638. It manages to seamlessly blend the traditional and the modern. It is a spacious, open city that houses many government buildings and embassies, apart from places of historical interest.

[2]_____ is one of the most beautiful G8 capitals in the world, a thriving international technology and business centre and world class tourism and convention destination. It is also rich in culture and heritage with its many national institutions, parklands, waterways and historic architecture. The city offers an open and welcoming environment to cultures from around the world, providing service in English, French, and a host of other languages. The city's residents enjoy an enviable quality of life that is recognized around the world. The population is over 1.2 million people.

Located on the Molonglo River, it was chosen in 1909 as the site of the capital. An international competition held in 1911 chose the U.S. architect Walter Burley Griffin to design the city, and the construction began in 1913. The city continues to expand, with residential development taking place in satellite towns. There is light industry and a growing tourist trade, though government functions dominate. Significant areas of natural vegetation have earned [3]_____ the title of the "bush capital".

[4]_____ became the capital in 1865 and holds the distinction of being the world's southernmost capital city. In 2008, it was classified as a Gamma World City, holding the third highest quality of living in the Asia Pacific Region. At the same time, it's one of the cheapest cities. Guidebooks refer to it as the "coolest little capital in the world".

Unlike most other countries around the world, this country has got three capital cities. More precisely, the government branches are divided among three major cities: Pretoria, Cape Town, and Bloemfontein. This concept dates back to the creation of the Union, where conflicting views on which city should hold the capital led to this compromise. Much like the very idea of the balance of powers, leaders of early state decided that having all government centralized in one place could give that place too much power, so it divided the branches among three provinces. [5]_____ is an administrative capital, a seat of government, and most people are employed in the service sector.

A) Pretoria	D) Canberra
B) Delhi	E) Wellington
C) Ottawa	