The coconut tree is thought to be one of the most valuable trees in the world. It is mostly found by the sea where there is a hot and wet (1) _____. The coconuts often fall into the se3a and float on the water until they (2) _____ another beach, where more trees then begin to grow.

Holiday makers often see the coconut tree as no more than an attractive sun umbrella that provides (3) _____. However, this amazing tree has hundreds of (4) _____ and more are still being discovered.

People have made houses, botas and baskets from the coconut tree's wood and leaves for centuries. Even today, if you take a (5) _____ in our cupboards, you will find coconut oil in products as (6) _____ as medicine and desserts.



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Read the article and match the title A-G to each paragraph 1-6. There is one extra title.



1. Ireland is located on an island. Winters in Ireland are not cold and rivers do not freeze. The summer months of June, July and August are mild. However, the weather is changeable. If you are going to visit Ireland in summer, do not forget to take an umbrella and warm clothes.

2. Most buses in big cities in Ireland have conductors who collect the money, but in small places passengers pay the driver. The trains in Ireland are not cheap, but they usually leave on time. Taxies are easy to get although they are rather expensive in comparison to other countries.

3. Irish farmhouse cheeses are very popular gift items. Other products to delight tourists are Irish salmon, netted in autumn, oysters and hand-made chocolates.

4. The best place to learn how to get a room in a hotel, change money, and much more is your nearest Tourist office. In Dublin city-centre the Tourist office is situated at 14 Upper O'Connel Street, beside the Savoy cinema.

5. Ireland has two national stations, RTE 1 and Network 2. You can watch different programmes. Most popular are political news, country news, sports and music programmes. People can also enjoy watching drama, films etc.



6. It is impossible to make any statement about the characteristics of the Irish, but they are known for their humour, hospitality, kindness. The Irish know how to have a good time and very often they get enjoyment in the pub to the accompaniment of Irish folk music.

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

John Fisher, a builder, and his wife Elizabeth wanted more living space, so they left their small flat for an old 40-meter-high castle tower. They have spent five years turning it into a beautiful home with six floors, winning three architectural prizes.

"I love the space, and being private," Elizabeth says. "You fell spate from the world. If I'm in the kitchen, which is 25 meters above the ground floor, and the doorbell rings, I don't have to answer it because visitors can't see I'm in!"

"There are 142 steps to the top, so I go up and down five or six times d ay, it's very good exercise! But having to carry heavy things to the top is terrible, so I never buy more than two bags of shopping from the supermarket at a time. Apart from that, It's a brilliant place to live."

"When we first saw the place, I asked my father's advice about buying it, because we couldn't decide. After paying for it, we were a bit worried because it looked awful. But we really love it, and knew how we wanted it to look."

"Living here can be difficult – yesterday I climbed a four-meter ladder to clean the windows. But when you stand on the roof you can see all the way out to sea on a clear day, and that's a wonderful experience. I'm really glad we moved."

1 What is the writer trying to do in the text? a
A describe how to turn an old tower into a house
B recommend a particular builder
C describe what it is like to live in a tower
D explain how to win prizes for building work



2 From this text, a reader can find out
A why visitors are not welcome at John and Elizabeth's house.
B why Elizabeth exercises every day.
C why Elizabeth asked her father to buy the tower.
D why John and Elizabeth left their flat.

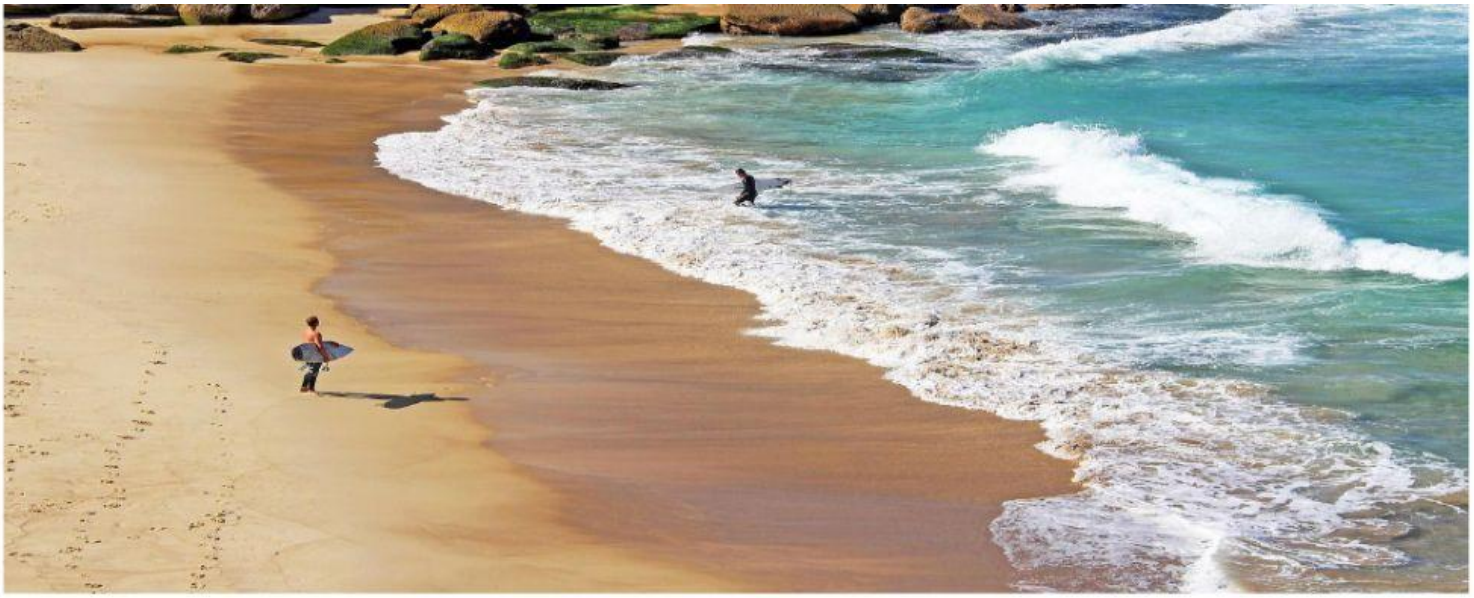
3. Which of the following best describes Elizabeth's feelings about the tower?
A She wanted it as soon as she saw it.
B She likes most things about it.
C She has been worried since they paid for it.
D She finds it unsuitable to live in.

4 What problem does Elizabeth have with living in such a tall building?
A Her visitors find it difficult to see if she is at home.
B She feels separated from other people.
C She cannot bring home lots of shopping at once.
D It is impossible to clean any of the windows.

5 How will John and Elizabeth advertise their tower if they sell it?

FOR SALE **Tall building, formerly a castle. High windows give a good view. Needs some improvement.**	**FOR SALE** **A house with a difference – a castle tower, turned into a lovely home. Wonderful view.**
FOR SALE **Prize-winning home, five years old. Six rooms, all with sea views.**	**FOR SALE** **Castle tower, turned into six small flats, close to supermarket.**

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Read this article about a dream job in Australia.

- In the sentences that follow the text, there are some gaps.
- Your task is to fill each gap with one word so that the sentences correspond to what the text says.
- An example *(0)* has been given for you.

DREAM JOB ON THE BEACH

Queensland's latest tourism campaign is offering job seekers a fantastic opportunity on the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, Australia.

Tourism Queensland is looking for applicants willing to walk white sandy beaches, sit under palm trees and swim with turtles as they soak up the sun. The successful candidate will be asked to keep a blog in exchange for living on Hamilton Island, and a $150,000 monthly paycheck for half a year. According to the job advertisement, applicants must be willing to "swim, make friends with locals and generally enjoy the tropical Queensland climate and lifestyle."

The "island caretaker" position was created as part of a $1.7 million marketing strategy by *Tourism Queensland* to boost tourism on the island. Australian Marketing Institute president Roger James said the campaign was an interesting idea. "The goal is to find someone who is able to write interesting blog entries, post inspiring videos weekly, and show their followers that Queensland is worth visiting."

The winning candidate must be a good swimmer, excellent communicator, be able to speak and write English, have an adventurous attitude and be willing to try new things. The job includes free accommodation in a three-bedroom home on Hamilton Island with an amazing view of the sea.

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0) *Tourism Queensland* is looking for a(n) island caretaker on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

1. The job involves sunbathing and _____ in the sea.
2. The person who gets the job will have to write a(n) _____ about their adventures in Queensland.
3. The duration of the job is six _____ .
4. The island caretaker has to have a level of _____ good enough to communicate with locals.
5. The caretaker will have to share videos once a _____ .
6. The person who gets the job will stay in a house for _____ .

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