Caribbean islands offer 'digital nomad' work visa

Before listening

luxury *- something expensive that you don't need but buy for pleasure or enjoyment*
nomad *- someone who doesn't have a permanent home but moves from one place to another*
eligible *- able or allowed to do something, for example because they are the right age*
sun-drenched *- where the sun shines most of the time*
remote *- very far away, isolated*
to boast *- to talk proudly about your abilities, achievements or possessions*

1. We stayed in a five-star _____ hotel.
2. The _____ were called Raika and Rabari and they herded camels and sometimes sheep.
3. The _____ tropical islands are a paradise for tourists.
4. If you are 65, you are _____ for a discount.
5. They moved to a _____farm house in the North Wales.
6. A friend of mine always _____ that her son is a genius.

Match the synonyms

1. **famous**	a. providing
2. **hoping**	b. start
3. **offering**	c. distant
4. **paradise**	d. anticipating
5. **income**	e. landscapes
6. **remote**	f. earnings
7. **set up**	g. well known
8. **boasted**	h. lodging
9. **accommodation**	i. heaven
10. **scenery**	j. possessed

Match halves of the phrases

1. famous for luxury	a. work visa
2. Its government is offering a two-year	b. system
3. work anywhere in the world via	c. family members
4. sun-drenched	d. workers the chance
5. show they can look after any	e. sites
6. offering remote	f. their laptop computer
7. his country boasted many	g. beaches
8. a world-class telecommunications	h. diving
9. historic	i. attractions
10. deep sea	j. holidays

Listen to the news again and choose the correct answer to the questions below

1) What are Caribbean islands famous for?
a) adventure holidays
b) luxury holidays
c) backpacking holidays
d) sightseeing holidays

2) How long is the new visa?
a) five years
b) 18 months
c) a year
d) two years

3) Who did the government say the visa is for?
a) anyone
b) Americans
c) digital nomads
d) people with computers

4) What salary must people earn to get the visa?
a) at least $50,000
b) around $50,000
c) no more than $50,000
d) exactly $50,000

5) Who must people on the visa be able to look after?
a) each other
b) family members
c) the nation's leaders
d) the nation's people

6) What kind of life did the article say remote workers could experience?
a) a different way of life
b) a quiet life
c) an action-packed life
d) a normal life

7) What kind of Internet did the Prime Minister mention?
a) a safe Internet
b) a secure Internet
c) high-speed Internet
d) a normal Internet

8) What kind of accommodation does Antigua and Barbuda have?
a) quality accommodation
b) backpacker accommodation
c) 5-star accommodation
d) dormitory accommodation

9) How many beaches are there in Antigua and Barbuda?
a) 356
b) 635
c) 563
d) 365

10) What kind of diving did the article say people could do in Antigua?
a) pearl diving
b) reef diving
c) deep sea diving
d) offshore diving

Listen to the news again and complete the gaps

Islands in the Caribbean Sea are famous for _____ (1) holidays, not for being places of work. However, the two-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda is hoping people will come and live and work there for two years. Its government is offering a two-year work visa for "_____" (2). These are people who can work anywhere in the world _____ (3) their laptop computer. The nation's new "Nomad Digital Residence Programme" is now _____ (4) for anyone who wants to work in paradise. To be _____ (5) for the visa (and the _____ (6) beaches), workers must have an income of at least $50 000 per year. They must also show they can _____ (7) any family members on the programme for two years.

Antigua and Barbuda joins a list of other nations offering _____ (8) workers the chance to experience a different way of life. Countries like Georgia, Barbados, Estonia and Bermuda have all _____ (9) similar programmes in the past year. Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister said his country _____ (10) many attractions for workers. He said it has high-speed Internet and a world-class telecommunications system. He said: "This means that you can work in any part of the world from Antigua as if you were in your office or home". He also said his country has quality _____ (11), fantastic restaurants, 365 beaches, historic sites, beautiful _____ (12), gyms, water sports, fishing and deep sea diving.