Skating to work

Would you like to ice-skate to work in winter? People who live in the city of Edmonton in Canada might soon be able to do just that.

The winters in Edmonton are very cold and long. The average temperature is -12 C. Because winters are difficult, people do nearly everything indoors. They often become lazy and feel depressed during the long winter months. The city is looking for ways to encourage people to go outside and to be active in the winter.

1. PUT A V BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS
   What do we learn about the people in Edmonton?
   … i) They like the average winter temperature.
   ...ii) They like to go outside in the winter
   ...iii) They may be able to skate to work
   ...iv) It's difficult for them to stay indoors
   ...v) They often get depressed in winter

2. Complete the sentence:
   The city is trying to find the way for people to_____
   _____

Matthew Gibbs thought of a way to do that. He wants to create a system of special paths of ice around the city. He calls the system of paths the Freezeway. Matthew was studying the architecture when he thought of the idea. He designed the plans for the Freezeway in a special competition in 2013. Designers from all over the world took part in the competition. They had to create something for the winter weather. Matthew's design was very successful and he won the first place. "I wanted to look at what it would take to make people to fall in love with winter," he said.

3. The Freezeway is:
   i) special competition
   ii) system of ice paths
   iii) city in Canada

4. Complete the sentence:
   We know that Matthew's design was good because he_____
   _____

5. Matthew planned and designed the Freezeway because he wanted to
   i) help people enjoy winter more
   ii) help people to get to work easily
   iii) meet designers from other places

Many people in Edmonton think that the Freezeway is a great idea. Scott McKeen, a city official says the frozen paths will be a "welcome addition to the city". People will have a reason to spend more time outdoors. They will be able to skate to work or to school. The Freezeway will be good for the environment because fewer people will use cars to get to the

city center. It will also be a great tourist attraction. "I only wish there was something like the Freezeway when I was growing up," said Matthew.

6. Scott McKeen
   i) doesn't want to attract more tourists
   ii) likes to spend time outdoors
   iii) thinks the Freezeway is a good idea

7. How will the Freezeway help the environment?
   Answer: _____
   _____

8. Matthew is sorry that
   i) he won't be able to use the Freezeway
   ii) the Freezeway will bring more tourists
   iii) there wasn't the Freezeway when he was a kid