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Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto trzy zdania.

Wpisz w luki 1–3 litery, którymi oznaczono brakujące zdania (A–E), tak aby otrzymać logiczny i spójny tekst.

Uwaga: dwa zdania zostały podane dodatkowo i nie pasują do żadnej luki.

Gretna Green

There's a really famous place for getting married in the UK. In fact, it's not only famous in the UK – people all over the world know about it. (1) ____ Every year more than 10,000 people travel long distances to get married here.

So, why is Gretna Green such a popular place to get married? It's quite simply because of its geography. If you travel from England to Scotland, it's the first village you come to after crossing the border. A long time ago in England, young adults under 21 weren't allowed to get married if their parents didn't agree. (2) ____ The result was that many young people in their late teens ran away to Scotland to get married. The first place they came to was Gretna Green. People say that Gretna first became popular in the 1770s when a new road made it easier for English people to travel there. (3) ____ The ceremony took place in the blacksmith's house and the blacksmith performed the service.

Today the legal age for getting married in the two countries is still different. In England, if you are aged between 16 and 18, you need your parents' permission. In Scotland, however, you don't! The idea of running away to get married is very romantic and there are lots of stories about Gretna weddings in books and films.

- A Therefore, a lot of people these days are choosing to get married.
- B In spite of this, the law on marriage was very strict.
- C In Gretna at that time, couples didn't get married in a church with a priest.
- D However, in Scotland the law was different and teenagers could get married without their parents' permission.
- E The place in question is a little village in Scotland called Gretna Green.

Przeczytaj trzy teksty (A–C) oraz pytania ich dotyczące (1–4). Do każdego pytania dopasuj właściwy tekst. Wpisz rozwiązania w odpowiednie kratki. Uwaga: jeden tekst pasuje do dwóch pytań.

In which post does the writer

- 1 suggest that the event was slightly disorganised? ☐
- 2 comment on a change of mind regarding the venue? ☐
- 3 mention that the costs for the author were covered? ☐
- 4 talk about the wedding being accessible to many non-family members? ☐



Pam
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A

By far the most exciting wedding I have attended (locationwise that is) was my best mate's last October in Hawaii. I imagine it must have cost her and her fiancé an absolute fortune because the arrangements they had made for the ten of us who went to the ceremony were very generous indeed. However, I think it was worth it. I would spend a lot too to get married in the earthly equivalent of Paradise, though I think I'd like more people to be able to come to my wedding. But they had their minds set on Hawaii and no one could persuade them otherwise!



Chris
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B

My sister had always insisted that she would not have an ostentatious wedding. She wanted to settle for something quiet, intimate and inexpensive, with just close friends and family. However, when it actually came down to it, she went for something grander than even I could have imagined. Last weekend she got married in an ancient (but modernised) Scottish castle on the edge of a lake, and fifty guests, including me, paid for transport there and a two-night stay. I didn't mind paying – it was my sister after all. However, the day definitely didn't go as smoothly as it could have done. The photographer was late and they ran out of champagne during the reception. But, of course, the backdrop was magnificent.



Jake
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C

A wedding in the family is always a special occasion and people had been looking forward to my cousin's recent marriage for a long time. He'd been with his partner for fifteen years before they decided to tie the knot. They didn't want a lot of fuss and they opted to get married in the small church in their village. I think that was a good decision because it meant that local people who had known them for years could come along without spending a fortune. They also spent well under the average £12,000 that couples are reported to be spending on their weddings these days. Also, everything went according to plan – apart from the weather!