Reading

Read the text. For each question choose the right answer *A, B, C* or *D*.

1 Andalusia is
- A a country near Spain.
- B a city in southern Spain.
- C a large area of Spain.
- D a region in northern Africa.

2 Flamenco's musical style
- A comes from northern Spain.
- B has its roots in north Africa.
- C derives from a variety of cultures.
- D only shows influence from gypsy music.

3 According to the writer, flamenco is special because
- A It doesn't involve many people or instruments.
- B it includes graceful arm movements.
- C the music comes from clapping hands.
- D there is usually only one guitarist.

4 Flamenco singers
- A usually also play the guitar.
- B have soft voices.
- C sing with passion.
- D always dance.

5 You can watch a flamenco performance
- A on the streets of Andalusia.
- B only if you buy a meal.
- C in the company of locals.
- D at outdoor music concerts.

A Special Dance

Andalusia, a region of Spain, is a must-see for anyone planning to visit the country. This part of Spain, which lies in the southern part of the country, includes the cities of Seville, Granada and Malaga. It has a rich cultural heritage with influences from northern Africa. The beautiful architecture and the delicious cuisine are sure to delight you. However, there is one experience that visitors shouldn't miss: watching a flamenco performance.

Flamenco is a musical form that started in Andalusia in the late 1700s. While its exact origins remain unclear, the musical style has a mixture of influences from Moorish, Andalusian and gypsy music. This form of music represents the diversity of cultures that give Andalusia its modern identity.

Perhaps the thing that makes flamenco so enchanting lies in its simplicity. It only takes two or three people to make this beautiful music and there are three main sounds that characterise it: guitar, voice and clapping hands. Flamenco singers are famous for their deep and strong voices that are full of emotion. At times, the singer also dances with graceful arm movements and stomping feet.

Today, there are over twenty different types of flamenco. Some include more than one guitarist and some have many dancers who whirl around onstage in long ruffled dresses and high heels. There is also a great variety of places to take in a performance, from large venues where you can have dinner and a show to tiny neighbourhood hangouts hidden in narrow alleys. Regardless of the type of flamenco you see or where you decide to watch it, you are sure to be charmed by this mysteriously powerful art form.

Write sentences from the text to prove your answers:

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