

REX5_Unit 4A: City Under Siege

Choose the best answer for each question.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is the main idea of this article?
 - a. Besides flooding, Venice faces several other problems that are even more serious. b. The flooding problem in Venice is caused mainly by rain, not by the *acqua alta*. c. The most difficult problem facing Venice is the large number of tourists who visit there. d. Because tides are rising and foundations are sinking, Venice is disappearing into the sea.

VOCABULARY

2. In which of these sentences is the word *schools* used as it is in paragraph C?
 - a. They attended schools in both Australia and the UK.
 - b. The lawyer always schools her clients before they are questioned.
 - c. The people on the whale-watching cruise saw two schools of whales. d. Impressionism and Surrealism were two important schools of painting in the twentieth century.

DETAIL

3. People who have moved from Venice to Mogliano probably did so because _____.
 - a. there is no flooding in Mogliano
 - b. housing is much cheaper there
 - c. there are not so many tourists in Mogliano
 - d. it is easy to commute from Mogliano to Venice

PARAPHRASE

4. Which of the following restates the meaning of this sentence?

Love is an inadequate word to describe how Salvadori feels about Venice.

- a. Salvadori is not capable of explaining how he really feels about the city. b. Although Salvadori likes the city of Venice, he cannot be said to love it. c. The word *love* is not a strong enough word to describe how Salvadori feels about Venice. d. At one time Salvadori loved Venice, but his feelings towards the city have changed.

PURPOSE

5. Why does the author mention *an eggplant* in paragraphs N and Q? a.
to indicate that eggplants are a favorite food of residents of Venice
b. to show that eating habits in Venice have changed over time
c. to demonstrate that prices for food in Venice have climbed in recent years d. to provide an example of an ordinary product that is now hard to find in Venice