

MAN: Good morning, Kenton Festival box office. How can I help you?

WOMAN: Oh, good morning. I'm coming to Kenton for a few days' _____ next month, and a friend told me there's a festival. She gave me this number to find out about it.

MAN: That's right, **the festival begins on the _____ of May (Example)** and goes on till the 19th.

WOMAN: Oh, that's great. I'll be there from the 15th till the _____. So could you tell me the programme, please?

MAN: Well, on the first day, there's the opening ceremony, in the town centre. People start gathering around _____ o'clock, to get a good place to see from, and **the events will start at _____ (Q1)**, and finish about 5.30.

WOMAN: OK, thanks. I'll make sure I get there early to get a good spot.

MAN: The festival will be officially opened by the mayor. He'll just speak for a few _____, welcoming everyone to the festival. All the town councilors will be there, and of course lots of other people.

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: **Then there'll be a _____ by a band (Q2)**. Most years we have a children's choir, but this year the local army cadets offered to perform, and they're very good.

WOMAN: Uhuh.

MAN: **After that, a community _____ from the town will perform a play they've written themselves, just a short one. It's about Helen Tugate (Q3)**. I don't know if you've heard of her?

WOMAN: I certainly have. **She was a _____ years ago. (Q4)**

MAN: That's right. She was born in Kenton exactly _____ years ago, so we're celebrating her centenary.

WOMAN: I'm a _____, so I've always been interested in her, I didn't realise she came from Kenton.

MAN: Yes. Well, all that will take place in the afternoon, and **later, as the _____, there'll be a firework display. You should go to the _____ to watch, as you'll get the best view from there, and the display takes place on the _____ side of the river (Q5)**. It's always one of the most popular events in the festival.

WOMAN: Sounds great.

WOMAN: And what's happening on the other days?

MAN: There are several events that go on the whole time. For example, the students of the art college have produced a number of _____, all connected with relationships between children and their _____. (Q6)

WOMAN: That sounds interesting. It makes a change from children and parents, doesn't it!

MAN: Exactly. Because the art _____ is in use for classes, throughout the festival, the videos are being shown in House. (Q7)

WOMAN: How do you spell the name?

MAN: _____ House. It's close to the Town Hall.

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: Now let me see, what else can I tell you about?

WOMAN: Are there any _____ of ballet dancing? I'm particularly interested in that as I do it as a hobby.

MAN: There isn't any ballet, I'm afraid, but there'll be a _____ of traditional dances from all round the country. (Q8)

WOMAN: Oh, that'd be nice. Where's that being held?

MAN: It's in the market in the town centre – the _____ one, not the covered market (Q9). And it's on at 2 and _____ every afternoon of the festival, apart from the first day.

WOMAN: Lovely. I'm interested in all kinds of _____, so I'm sure I'll enjoy that!

MAN: Mmm. I'm sure you will.

WOMAN: And I'd really like to go to some concerts, if there are any.

MAN: Yes, there are several. Three performed by _____, and one by local children.

WOMAN: And where is it being held?

MAN: It's in the library, which is in Part Street. On the 18th, at _____ in the evening.

WOMAN: I presume I'll need _____ for that.

MAN: Yes, you can book _____, or you can buy them when you arrive in Kenton, either at the festival box office, or from any shops displaying our _____ in the windows. (Q10)

WOMAN: Well, I think that'll keep me busy for the whole of my stay in Kenton. Thank you so much for all your help.

MAN: You're welcome. I hope you enjoy your stay.

WOMAN: Thank you. Goodbye.

Questions 1 – 10

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Events during Kenton Festival

Example

Start date:16th..... May

Opening ceremony (first day)

- In town centre, starting at **1**.....

The mayor will make a speech

A **2**..... will perform

Performance of a **3**..... About Helen Tungate (a **4**.....)

Evening fireworks display situated across the **5**.....

Other events

- Video about relationships that children have with their **6**.....

Venue: **7**..... House

- Performance of **8**..... Dances

Venue: the **9**..... market in the town centre

Time: 2 and 5 pm every day except 1st day of festival

- Several professional concerts and one by children

Venue: library

Time: 6.30 pm on the 18th

Tickets available online from festival box office and from shops which have the festival **10**..... in their windows

Right. I've now almost succeeded in finalising plans for our tour, so I'll bring you up to date with what I know.

As you know, we're flying first to Munich, on Monday the 4th.

The flight is at 11.30, so it's too early to have lunch at the airport. **I suggest we meet there for _____ at 10 (Q11)**, which should give us plenty of time for breakfast before we leave home.

When we arrive in Munich, we'll be met at the airport by Claus Bauer. Claus works for a tour _____ (Q12), and he'll look after us for the time we'll be in Germany. He's already liaised with the managers of the theatres we're going to visit, and he's also arranged for an officer of the National _____ in Munich to show us round the theatre one afternoon during our stay.

Now last time we discussed this trip, I didn't have the precise cost for hotel rooms, but now I have. **The normal rate at the hotel where we're staying is _____ euros a night for a double room. I'd hoped to get that down to _____ euros, but in fact I've been able to negotiate a rate of 110 (Q13)**. That'll be reflected in the final payment which you'll need to make by the end of this week.

On Tuesday, the day after our arrival, I had hoped we could sit in on a rehearsal at one of the theatres, but unfortunately that's proved very difficult to arrange, so instead we'll have a coach trip to one of the amazing _____ in the mountains south of Munich.

On Tuesday evening, we'll all have dinner together in a restaurant near our hotel. From talking to you all about your _____, it was clear that a typical local restaurant would be too meat-oriented for some of you. **Some of you suggested an _____ restaurant, but I must confess that I decided to book a Lebanese one (Q14)**, as we have plenty of opportunities to go to an Italian restaurant at home.

On Wednesday afternoon, the _____ of the play we're going to see that evening will talk to us at the theatre (Q15). She'll describe the whole _____ of producing a play, including how she chose the actors, and, as the play we're going to see is a modern one, how she worked with the playwright.

Right. Now I'd just like to make a few points about the plays we're going to see, partly because it might influence your choice of clothes to take with you!

The play we're seeing on Wednesday evening is a modern one, and we're going to the _____ (Q16), so it'll be quite a dressy occasion, though of course you don't have to dress _____. I gather it's rather a multimedia production, with amazing lighting effects and a soundtrack of electronic music, though unfortunately the _____ is ill and is unlikely to be able to attend.

On Thursday we're seeing a play that was first performed last year, when it was _____ to mark a hundred years since the birth in the town of a well-known scientist (Q17). We're going to see a revival of that _____, which aroused a lot of interest.

Friday's play will really make you think hard about what clothes to _____, as it'll be in the garden of a palace (Q18). It's a beautiful setting, but I'd better warn you, there won't be much _____ from the wind.

On Saturday, we're going by coach to a theatre in another town, not far from Munich. This will be the opening of a _____ festival, and the mayor and all the other dignitaries of the town will be attending (Q19). After the performance, the mayor is hosting a reception for all the audience, and there'll be a band playing traditional music of the _____.

And after having a day off on Sunday, **our final play is on Monday, and it's in the stunning _____ of the old Town Hall, which dates back to the 14th century (Q20).** The performance marks the fifty years that the lead actor has been on stage, and the play is the one where he made his first professional _____, all those years ago.

Questions 11 – 15

Choose the correct letter, **A, B** or **C**.

Theatre trip to Munich

11 When the group meet at the airport they will have

- A** breakfast.
- B** coffee.
- C** lunch.

12 The group will be met at Munich Airport by

- A** an employee at the National Theatre.
- B** a theatre manager.
- C** a tour operator.

13 How much will they pay per night for a double room at the hotel?

- A** 110 euros
- B** 120 euros
- C** 150 euros

14 What type of restaurant will they go to on Tuesday evening?

- A an Italian restaurant
- B a Lebanese restaurant
- C a typical restaurant of the region

15 Who will they meet on Wednesday afternoon?

- A an actor
- B a playwright
- C a theatre director

Questions 16-20

What does the man say about the play on each of the following days?

Choose FIVE answers from the box and write the correct letter, A-G, next to Questions 16-20

Comments

- A The playwright will be present.
- B The play was written to celebrate an anniversary.
- C The play will be performed inside a historic building.
- D The play will be accompanied by live music.
- E The play will be performed outdoors.
- F The play will be performed for the first time.
- G The performance will be attended by officials from the town.

Days

- 16 Wednesday
- 17 Thursday
- 18 Friday
- 19 Saturday
- 20 Monday