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SENIOR SIX EXAM

Paper 1

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

You are going to read an article about dream holidays. For questions 1-10, choose from the list (A – D). The places may be chosen more than once.

Which place / travel experience ... ?

- has encouraged the rebirth of a tradition
- has to deal with a lot of letters
- lets us witness an annual migration
- is home to a world-famous dance
- offers you a bird's - eye view of the events below
- brings a children's dream to life
- offers valuable prizes
- is linked with a famous rescue mission
- allows you to watch amateur performers
- has a place where you can buy presents
- has a connection with a famous dog

0. _____ A
1. _____
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7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Dream Holidays

A. The Iditarod: Anchorage, Alaska

For the ultimate experience of the Last Frontier, show up for the Iditarod, an exhausting sled-dog race across the Alaskan wilderness, from Anchorage all the way to Nome on the coast of the Bering Sea. Dog sledding had almost disappeared until 1973 when the first Iditarod was organised to revive the tradition and commemorate historical dog-sledding events. One such historical event had taken place during the 1925 diphtheria epidemic in Nome when twenty riders (called *mushers*) and a sled team led by a legendary dog called Balto crossed the frozen landscape to fetch essential medicine for the town.

Today an average of 65 mushers and their teams come from as far away as Japan and Russia to compete for a share of the \$600,000 prize money, traversing 1,149 miles – a journey which usually takes between eight and fifteen days. The Iditarod has become the largest spectator event in Alaska.

B. Las Tanguerias de Buenos Aires

Tango is Argentina's celebration of machismo, domination and tormented love, and it is in the very air the 'porteños' breathe. This intricate and exquisite dance is the most authentic of Argentine creations. The tango's popularity has declined and grown several times since the 1920s when the darkly-handsome singer, Carlos Gardel, drove the country wild before dying tragically in a 1935 plane crash.

A recent revival of tangomania confirms that this popular music has survived the era of rock and roll, and some of the large dance halls, such as 'El Viejo Almacen' and 'Casa Blanca', still put on an emotion-packed nightly show with the country's finest tango dancers, singers and musicians. To see tango in its natural habitat, the casual 'Bar Sur' is the place to go. On Sundays at the weekly flea market at the 'Plaza Dorrego', a number of amateur 'tanguistas' perform spontaneous shows on street corners – with less polish, but from the soul.

C. Safari: The Masai Mara, Kenya

The Masai Mara is nature's stage for what must be the most spectacular wildlife shows on earth. Each year, when the rainy season ends in May, hundreds of thousands of wild beasts mass together. They are moving from the Serengeti in Tanzania north to the wide open grasslands of Kenya's Masai Mara. Along with migrating herds of zebras, antelopes and gazelles, there are sometimes more than a million animals on the move at one time.

Riding through the unspoiled Loita Hills and the great rolling plains of the Mara, you'll pass through the 'manyattas' (villages) of the nomadic Masai people who protect the animals they believe to be 'God's cattle'. Some ascents will reach 2,500 metres, providing spectacular views and open vistas.

You can also view the endless expanse of the Masai Mara from a hot air balloon safari. At dawn, you ascend into a sky all shades of rose and orange. The awesome magical stillness embraces you.

D. Santa's Village: Rovaniemi, Lapland, Finland

Rovaniemi, in Finland's Arctic Circle, is considered the gateway to Lapland. It is known for its formerly nomadic, Sami people (once commonly known as 'Lapp'). Santa's village is how every child always imagines it to be – a snowy winter wonderland with a jovial Santa in attendance every day!

His busy workshops show how he keeps up with his toy-making, and the post office displays some of the 600,000 letters received every year from all over the world. About a third of these letters get answered. An irresistible gift shop provides a myriad of Christmas presents that can be shipped back home with a Santa's village postmark, or, for a nominal fee, you can add your child's name to a list to receive a postcard from Santa. A nearby reindeer farm provides the chance for a Magic Sleigh Ride (though it's a ride that never leaves the ground!).

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SECTION B: USE OF ENGLISH

I. Choose the correct alternative to complete these sentences.

II. Fill in the gaps in this text with a suitable option.

Get away from it all!

Sorry, but if you had ever thought a holiday (0) A Peru or Nepal (1) _____ the ideal way to escape the routine of everyday life, you're just not trying (2) _____ hard enough. Today's travelers are turning to more and more adventurous 'adventure' holidays. It's not too hard to find them either. There are now specialist travel agencies that will organize your holiday to the North Pole, fix you up to fly a MiG-25 over Russian airspace or take you swimming with sharks. There are even companies (3) _____ advance bookings for trips into space. However, these new travelers want even more. Once deep in the Amazon jungle or the African forests, they have to do something really exciting as well like steering a small canoe down a very large waterfall. Or putting a parachute on and jumping off a cliff. Travel agents, then, are now expected (4) _____ new adventures for those 'tourists'.

Tornado chasing

David Gold, an American scientist, is offering two weeks of 'tornado-chasing' in the United States. The four fees will cover all ground transport and lodging. Gold and his partner claim to have seen more than 100 tornadoes, but nothing is guaranteed on their holidays. You may see a dozen or you may just spend your time staring into a cold, grey sky.

grey sky.
Space break

Space break
Wild Wings has recently started taking bookings for the ultimate adventure holiday: a trip into space. The travel agent Thomas Cook already has 6,000 names on its Lunar Tours register. Passengers will reach about 62 miles above Earth and enjoy a few minutes of weightlessness. The price? At least £55,000. To prepare amateur astronauts for space, there are companies that offer weightlessness training by, for example, flying at zero gravity in a private jet over America's Mojave desert. If only one (5) rich enough to do it.

0. A	A. in	B. from	C. for
1.	A. would have been	B. has been	C. would be
2.	A. imagining	B. imagine	C. to imagine
3.	A. taking	B. to take	C. take
4.	A. to offering	B. to offer	C. to have offered
5.	A. had been	B. were	C. had

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given

1. 'I'm sorry I crashed your car.' Tom said.

apologised

Tom my car.

2. I think I know how this window got broken. I'm sure someone kicked a ball against it.

must

I think I know how this window got broken, someone a ball against it.

3. In the old days, children played football on the streets all the time, even in big cities, but they don't anymore.

play

In the old days, children on the streets all the time, even in big cities.

4. Manchester United are not the European champions because the goalkeeper made a mistake in the last minute of the match.

be

Manchester United _____ if the goalkeeper hadn't made a mistake in the last minute of the match.

5. Mrs. Allen's neighbour searched his garden shed and found the missing cat inside.

found

If Mrs. Allen's neighbour hadn't searched his garden shed, he _____ the missing cat inside.

6. People think that pirates buried some treasure in the Caribbean islands centuries ago.

have

Pirates are _____ some treasure in the Caribbean islands centuries ago.

7. Susan succeeded in finishing secondary school, although she found it very difficult.

managed

Susan _____ secondary school, although she found it very difficult.

8. It's a shame we missed the beginning of the film.

missed

I wish _____ the beginning of the film.

III. Put the verb in brackets in the correct form. Use modals if necessary.

WEATHER FORECASTS

After the excitement of being a stuntwoman, and a DJ to hundreds of clubbers in Marbella, my latest assignment, _____ (present) the weather on TV, came as a big disappointment. I'd always treated the business of predicting the weather as a bit of a joke, and weather forecasters as figures of fun. Childhood memories include my Dad __ (examine) the wreckage of our garden fence after the worst storm in decades – an event that the country's most prominent weatherman had totally failed _____ (predict). Even as he stood there calling the poor man all the names he could think of, I recall thinking it was rather unfair. After all, even if Dad had known about the coming storm, he _____ (not be able) to do anything about it.

The night before I had _____ (show up) at the weather centre, I thought I'd jot down what I knew about predicting or 'forecasting' the weather. My list was pathetically short. It amounted to a couple of traditional sayings and vague primary school memories. In the end, I gave up, hoping that people wouldn't be too appalled by my lack of knowledge. Francesca Cross, the head of the training centre and our course leader, proved unshockable. She __ (join) the weather centre having studied geography and statistics. At the centre she then learnt the secrets of forecasting. Eventually she moved over to __ (present). There were half a dozen other people from local radio and TV stations. We started with a short quiz that showed just how little everyone knew. Nevertheless, Francesca accepted our ignorance with good humour before demystifying the basics. By the end of the morning, I knew an isobar from an isotherm and could interpret one of those weather maps you find in newspapers.

The trouble with predicting Britain's weather, Francesca told us, is that we are on the edge of the Atlantic with consequently some of the most variable and unpredictable conditions on the planet. This _____ (explain) the obsession the British have with the weather. Over the past few years, the extremes of weather we _____ (witness) have challenged the most experienced meteorologists and their sophisticated computer programmes. Even though forecasters get it right 95 % of the time, it is the other five percent that people _____ (remember).

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