

## UNIT 2 - READING TEST 5

**A.- Read and choose the correct answer.**

### Favourite places

#### Esteban

The most beautiful place to visit in my city is the Alhambra castle. There has been a castle there since the 9th century, although it's only since the 13th century that kings have lived there. The best time to visit is first thing in the morning or in the late evening, as the castle gets very busy with tour groups during the day. My favourite part of the castle is the gardens, as they have water running through all of them.

#### George

My favourite place in my town is the sports center. I go there every weekend to play tennis with my cousin. He's older than me and a really good player, but sometimes I manage to beat him! The sports centre is really big and it has two swimming pools. In the summer when it's hot I like to use the outdoor pool, but my cousin prefers the indoor pool as it's bigger.

#### Michele

I think that the best place to visit near where I live is the local museum. It has paintings from the 15th century that are very beautiful and sculptures, too. Most tourists want to take photos of the tower because the city is famous for it, and many of them visit the cathedral that is next to it in the square. Not many tourists go to the museum, so it's always peaceful there.

- 1 Whose account tells us about who lived in their favourite place?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 2 Who goes to their favourite place with someone else?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 3 Whose city is well known for one building?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 4 Whose favourite place has a lot of tourists that visit it?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 5 Whose favourite place has a lot of beautiful things to look at inside it?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 6 Who prefers the outdoor facilities at their favourite place?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele
- 7 Whose favourite place is quiet?  
**A** Esteban   **B** George   **C** Michele

**B.- Read the text. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence about the text.**

An ice storm might be one of the most dangerous storms. It happens in the winter, usually during the months of December and January. During an ice storm, ice builds up when very cold rain falls on surfaces like power lines or tree branches that are below the freezing point.

Some experts believe that an ice storm is more dangerous than a snowstorm. For example, just one-quarter inch of ice can add hundreds of pounds of extra weight on a power or telephone line. The extra weight breaks the lines. Some ice storms cause so much damage that people could be without power and telephone service for weeks. For example, in 2008 an ice storm in the northeastern part of the US left 1.25 million people without power and killed 25 people.

Driving and walking could also be extremely dangerous during an ice storm. Ice-covered branches can fall and block roads making travel difficult. Icy roads can also cause drivers to lose control of their cars and have car accidents. Icy sidewalks and stairs are just as dangerous. People walking often fall and injure themselves because of the ice.

1. Ice storms \_\_\_\_.
  - A) only happen in December and January
  - B) usually happen in December and January
  - C) never happen in December and January
2. During an ice storm, ice builds up on surfaces that \_\_\_\_.
  - A) weigh more than 100 pounds
  - B) have branches or wires
  - C) are very cold
3. It is dangerous to \_\_\_\_ during an ice storm.
  - A) use a telephone
  - B) drive or walk
  - C) use electricity

**C.- Read the text again and choose True or False.**

1. Very cold snow falls during ice storms.
  - A) True
  - B) False
2. Twenty-five people were killed during an ice storm in the northeastern part of the US.
  - A) True
  - B) False
3. It's safe to drive or walk during an ice storm.
  - A) True
  - B) False

**D.- Read the text. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence about the text.**

### **What was school like in the 1980s?**

#### **Tom H.:**

I used to hide comic books under my desk and read them in class. I wore a school uniform and ate terrible school food. All my teachers were old ladies who had no sense of humor. They all used to say, "You shouldn't laugh. Happy people don't succeed at anything."

#### **Nick L.:**

I used to go to a private school 20 miles away from home because all the public schools in my town were too crowded. All the students were attractive but had terrible personalities. I only had one friend. His name was Billy. He used to collect old sneakers. He had about 100 pairs. I haven't spoken to him in years. Now, he might have 1,000 pairs.

#### **Cathy C.:**

I went to a music high school in the city. All the teachers were intelligent, and many of my classmates had a lot of musical talent. I had one friend who could play ten instruments and sing! But there were many problems: the school was too expensive, I had to take the subway, which was always too crowded, and I had too much homework. So I never had enough free time. If I have children one day, I'll send them to public school.

1. Tom thought \_\_\_\_ was terrible.  
A) the school food      C) the homework  
B) his comic books      D) the subway
  
2. The students at Nick's school \_\_\_\_.  
A) had no sense of humor      C) had terrible personalities  
B) had too much homework      D) had a lot of musical talent
  
3. Nick's friend collected \_\_\_\_.  
A) comic books      C) sneakers  
B) uniforms      D) instruments
  
4. Cathy \_\_\_\_.  
A) thinks her school was perfect      C) has children  
B) liked her teachers      D) didn't have enough homework

**E.- Read the text again and choose the correct answer.**

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| 1.- Tom H. enjoyed his school uniform and school food.                       | <b>TRUE / FALSE</b> |
| 2.- Nick L. attended a public school in his town.                            | <b>TRUE / FALSE</b> |
| 3.- Billy, Nick L.'s friend, used to collect old sneakers.                   | <b>TRUE / FALSE</b> |
| 4.- Cathy C. went to a music high school in a small town.                    | <b>TRUE / FALSE</b> |
| 5.- Cathy C. plans to send her children to a private school if she has kids. | <b>TRUE / FALSE</b> |