PASSAGE 67

The Olympics are a major international sports event. It happens every two years in the summer and then in the winter.

Many countries want to host the Olympics, but it is a very difficult event to organise. **[I]** Countries have to construct new buildings and make old buildings more modern. **[II]** However, it can give an old city a new life and improve the city. **[III]** Atlanta, Georgia, in the USA, made $300 million from the 2004 Olympics. **[IV]**

The Spanish city of Barcelona is more than 2000 years old. It has many fantastic old buildings and is famous for the architect, Gaudi. His **unusual** stone and brick buildings are all across the city. Since the 1992 Olympics, you can also see many modem buildings in the city.

The Olympic port was an ugly, old area of Barcelona. There wasn't a nice beach in the city, but now there is a wonderful man-made beach. Before the Olympics, there were many huge, ugly concrete and glass hotels. Construction workers made the old hotels more modem. Today Barcelona is the twelfth most visited city in the world!

Question 1: What is the best title for the passage?

A. The History of the Olympics in Barcelona

B. How to Organize a Major Event

C. Olympics: Transforming Barcelona

D. The Most Visited Cities in the World

Question 2: Where in the second paragraph does this sentence best fit?

It can also make a lot of money.

A. I B. II C. III D. IV

Question 3: What is one challenge that countries face when hosting the Olympics?

A. They need to build new sports equipment.

B. They need to construct new buildings.

C. They must select the best athletes.

D. They have to hire volunteers.

Question 4: What is a famous feature of Barcelona mentioned in the passage?

A. Its tall mountains B. Its modem skyscrapers

C. Gaudi's buidings D. Its famous beaches

Question 5: The word **"unusual"** is closest in meaning to _____:

A. common B. ordinary C. boring D. abnormal

Question 6: What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Hosting the Olympics has no effect on a city's economy.

B. Modern buildings in Barcelona were built before the 1992 Olympics.

C. The transformation of the Olympic port helped improve tourism in Barcelona.

D. All cities that host the Olympics experience negative changes.

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