GE7 FCE LISTENING PRACTICE 3

1. **Listen to the recording TWICE and write the correct words in the blanks:**

Speaker one

I had an OK time at the hotel, though I'm ..... that I'd book it again. I think I'd ..... go for something a little nearer the centre. I got the impression that maybe it was under new management. Someone told me that it'd been run by the same family for years, but now a new team had taken over. Anyway, some of the people they had working there seemed a bit out of their depth to be honest. It should all be part of the ....., like, they .....the answers to questions, even quite .....about the facilities, ... times and so on.

Speaker two

It seemed quite ..... for what it was. We ..... in the restaurant, for example, because although it was ....., the menu was quite ordinary. The website talked about the amazing gardens, but they .....anything special, just somewhere for the kids to play football. It was handy to be ..... the centre, it's true, ... to catch a bus or taxi, but just wander down. On the other hand, we were on the fourth floor and I do think you could reasonably expect there to be a ..... – such a basic facility. Still, the staff were ..... enough, and did their best to make us feel at home.

Speaker three

We were recommended the hotel by some friends who'd once stayed there. They weren't to know that the place was being completely rebuilt this year. The .....was dreadful during the day, so lunch in the restaurant was out of the question. That was ..... really, but some other things were ..... all week, like the gym and the swimming pool, which we might've used. Anyway, the kids were happy enough being so ..... the beach, I don't think they even noticed the building work and the ..... did what they could for us. I think it'll be a ..... place once it's all finished.

Speaker four

It was very smart, really well run and everything was just ....., as far as I was concerned. I had a .... room with a balcony overlooking the gardens. The atmosphere was very ..... and restful, just what I wanted. I was certainly ..... that there ..... seem to be any couples with young kids there. I don't think that's who it's designed for actually. The staff were ..... and friendly, and I quite liked the food in the restaurant, although it ..... particularly adventurous. I took a taxi into the city one evening to try one of the restaurants there, and that was pretty good.

Speaker five

I spend so much time staying in hotels around the world on business that I hesitate to use them for my own holidays. I find it hard to relax properly in a place that reminds me of my job! But this place was so ..... the typical city-centre hotel that it was ..... We spent hours wandering around in the gardens, which were so ..... and shady. We ..... the restaurant, which looked very formal, but had the staff bring us meals in our room. There were several families with kids staying there too, and I think they made ..... of the pool and play area – though we ..... those facilities ourselves.

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2. **Use a dictionary and match the word/ idiom in the box with the corresponding definition:**

atmosphere	**wander**	**basic**	**out of the question**
ordinary	**handy**	**out of one's depth**	**facility**
pricey	**dreadful**	**shady**	**hesitate**

very bad or unpleasant: _____

normal, having no interesting features: _____

very expensive: _____

a place or building that is used for a special purpose (like a swimming pool): _____

the feeling or mood that you have in a particular place: _____

useful/ located near somebody or something: _____

not possible at all: _____

to be slow to speak or act because you're not sure that it's right or appropriate: _____

simple but necessary and important: _____

protected from the direct light from the sun by trees, buildings, etc.: _____

walk around slowly without a clear plan: _____

not having the knowledge, experience, or skills to deal with a particular subject or situation: _____

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