Part 3

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below and complete the following table with ***no more than three words*** *and/or a number from the text for each answer.*

The Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands are placed at the west of Ecuador, South America in the Pacific Ocean. There are 18 main islands, 3 small islands and 107 rocks. The largest island is Isabela. Its capital city is Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Over 25,000 people live in the small towns scattered on the islands.

The Galapagos became a national park in 1959. It was declared as the UNESCO Heritage Site in 1978. In 1986, the surrounding ocean was declared a biological marine reserve. In 1990, the areas became a whale sanctuary. The islands are home to many species of animals that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Below are some unique animals that live on the islands.

The most well-known animal is the Galapagos tortoise, which is the largest and also one of the longest living vertebrates in the world. They are known to live for about 170 years. There are between 20,000 and 25,000 tortoises alive today. The marine iguanas are also another unique animal. They are probably the only marine lizards on Earth. They eat seaweed and have specialised nasal glands that filter the salt in the seaweed. They get rid of the excess salt through their nostrils.

Another interesting species living on the Galapagos is the flightless cormorants. They are the only cormorant species that have lost their ability to fly. Since they do not fly, they have grown quite big and they are the heaviest cormorant species. Their inability to fly has also resulted in a decrease in their population. They have become prey to some predators in the islands. Today, about 1,600 of them still exist.

Located in	**17** _____
Name of the largest island	**18** _____
Population	**19** _____
Year became a UNESCO Heritage Site	**20** _____
Surrounding ocean area proclaimed as	**21** _____ **22** _____
Most famous animal on the islands	**23** _____
Number of flightless cormorants living	**24** _____

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