

Written Comprehension (Reading) 20 points

1 Read the promotional material and choose the correct answers. (10 points)

WAY OUT TRAVEL

Are you going on a holiday this year? Do you want a different kind of holiday? Why not try one of these unusual holidays?

Sand-skiing Holidays

Do you hate the cold but love skiing? Try a sand-skiing holiday. Instead of skiing on snowy mountains, you will be skiing down hills of sand. There are sand-skiing resorts in many countries, including Qatar, Namibia and Nicaragua. Sand-skiing is a lot of fun and it's also really good exercise. It's usually done in warm and sunny areas, so you'll need the proper equipment - skis, of course and also a hat, sunscreen and a good pair of sunglasses to protect your eyes. You will also need to take light clothes with you so that you can stay comfortable in the heat.

Riding Holidays

Do you enjoy horse riding? Perhaps you will like a castle riding tour in France. Ride across the country from castle to castle like people did in the past. Get fit as you enjoy the beautiful scenery and get to know the countryside. But before you book a riding holiday, don't forget to check the weather forecast. Riding is not much fun if it's raining.

Working with Animals Holidays

On this holiday, volunteers will be working with animals in many countries around the world, such as helping elephants in Thailand or turtles in Costa Rica. Go on this holiday and you will really make a difference!

These are just a few examples of the many exciting holiday ideas there are. So, if you are planning a two-month holiday, or even if you are just going for a long weekend, it's a good idea to look for something a bit different to do. You won't be sorry!

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1. The purpose of this text is to
 - a. tell people about relaxing holidays
 - b. describe a holiday abroad
 - c. give information about extraordinary holidays
2. If you go sand-skiing, you will **not** need
 - a. T-shirts
 - b. a warm jacket
 - c. skis

3. Riding holidays
 - a. are good exercise
 - b. were popular in the past
 - c. are always enjoyable
4. Volunteers on a working with animals holiday will
 - a. make a significant contribution
 - b. earn money
 - c. only work with big animals
5. People choose an unusual holiday because they
 - a. want to make a difference
 - b. have got a lot of time
 - c. want to have a memorable experience

2 Complete the sentences. (10 points)

1. Sand-skiing is different to skiing on snow because

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2. You need sunglasses for sand-skiing because

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3. The writer advises people booking a riding tour to

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4. You can go to Costa Rica or Thailand if you want to

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5. According to the writer, unusual holidays can be long or