

MINI TEST – LESSON 3 – ONL-G9-B14

Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each question.

Coober Pedy – The Underground Town

In southern Australia, there is a town where chimneys rise from the sand and there are big red signs warning people of unmarked holes. This town is Coober Pedy, often known as the underground town.

Coober Pedy is a small town over 1,000 miles from Canberra, the country's capital. Today it has about 1,800 residents. Originally, residents of Coober Pedy were opal miners, and even today **it** is still a mining town.

The Coober Pedy region is mostly a treeless desert. Very little plant life exists due to the region's low rainfall and **intense** heat, so most of the residents live underground to escape the heat. They call their underground homes dugouts. These dugouts remain at a constant temperature, while surface buildings need air conditioning. The average maximum temperature is 30–32°C, but it can get quite cool in the winter.

There are a number of underground hotels and tourist shops in the town. The town has become a popular stopover point and tourist destination.

1. **What is special about people in Coober Pedy?**
 - A. They are coal miners.
 - B. They live underground.
 - C. They need air conditioning.
 - D. They receive many tourists.
2. **People in Coober Pedy live in dugouts because _____ .**
 - A. very little plant life exists
 - B. they can do the mining there
 - C. it is much cooler there
 - D. there are many hotels there
3. **The underlined word it in the passage refers to _____ .**
 - A. Canberra
 - B. capital city
 - C. opal
 - D. Coober Pedy
4. **The underlined word intense in the passage probably means _____ .**
 - A. strong
 - B. quiet
 - C. weak
 - D. interesting

5. Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?

- A. There are big red warning signs in Coober Pedy.
- B. Houses underground in Coober Pedy are called dugouts.
- C. The average temperature in Coober Pedy region is 30–32°C.
- D. There are a lot of tourist shops in the town.