

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## STAYING IN A HOTEL MADE OF ICE



A draught was finding its way into my sleeping bag. I wriggled down and pulled the neck cord tighter. Inside, I was encased in thermal underwear, a woollen polo neck and winter pyjamas. I needed the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ because it was -5°C in my room, an icy cave in Austria's highest hotel, an igloo at 2,700 m in the Alps.

The Schneedorf ('snow village') is one of a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of igloo hotels built each year in the Alps, along similar (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the well-known Icehotel in Lapland. Last season, a UK tour operator started (4) \_\_\_\_\_ customers a night in the Schneedorf.

We arrived on skis, with a rucksack of extra (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to put on, having completed our last ski run at 3:30 pm. You can take a bus from the village, but (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the Schneedorf's allure is skiing to its door and starting the next day high on the slopes. Inside, it is magical, with candlelight (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on the domed ceiling of the 'lounge' and beautiful sculptures carved on the walls. Furniture is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to stools of upturned tree trunks and ice-benches, both covered with sheepskin, plus an ice-bar and wooden tables. A candlelit corridor (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the bedrooms. Beds are built of packed snow with sheepskin-covered air mattresses, and decoration (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of ice-encased roses.

Our hosts welcomed their guests with warm drinks. They had fired up the sauna and soon we had all piled in. How the mood (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as we warmed up. Supper was meat stew, which (12) \_\_\_\_\_ faster than we could eat it.

- |                  |                |               |              |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. A) all        | B) whole       | C) amount     | D) lot       |
| 2. A) handful    | B) set         | C) pack       | D) band      |
| 3. A) styles     | B) lines       | C) models     | D) ideas     |
| 4. A) providing  | B) advertising | C) suggesting | D) offering  |
| 5. A) covers     | B) layers      | C) levels     | D) wrappings |
| 6. A) half       | B) part        | C) most       | D) much      |
| 7. A) running    | B) splashing   | C) dancing    | D) hopping   |
| 8. A) controlled | B) rationed    | C) restrained | D) limited   |
| 9. A) takes      | B) directs     | C) leads      | D) passes    |
| 10. A) involves  | B) consists    | C) includes   | D) contains  |
| 11. A) lifted    | B) rose        | C) increased  | D) climbed   |
| 12. A) melted    | B) cooled      | C) thawed     | D) chilled   |

Source: Cambridge English Advanced Trainer