

1. Read the text. Match the titles to the paragraphs of the text. One title is extra.

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| 1. Only the rich are invited | 6. Modernized every year |
| 2. Construction of magic | 7. Enjoy a cool night! |
| 3. Have a holiday to your choice! | 8. Ice rooms to any taste and budget |
| 4. An accidental start | 9. Environmentally friendly |
| 5. The first is the best | |

Sweden's ICEHOTEL Opens for the 24th Year

- A.** Sweden's ICEHOTEL is known for many things: its "out of this world" location, great architecture and even freezing comfort, but not for longevity (долговечность)! The hotel is located in the village of Jukkasjarvi. It has to be rebuilt every year because it is carved entirely from ice blocks. They melt when the summer comes along. Each time the building gets increasingly better!
- B.** Over 20 years ago, a local company looking for the ways how to attract tourists to Jukkasjarvi during the freezing winter months, decided to host an art exhibition inside an igloo built on the frozen Torne River. The 5,6 square meters structure was a huge success attracting many day visitors. One day a group of brave people arrived with sleeping bags and announced their intention to spend the night inside the igloo. After that the idea of constructing the ICEHOTEL was born.
- C.** The hotel has come a long way since its beginnings. Constructed from 1,000 tons of ice and 30,000 tons of "snice" (a mixture of ice and snow), it now covers 5,500 square meters. The construction process begins in March and April, when about 5,000 tons of ice is harvested from the river and transferred to a cold storage where it sits till the beginning of winter. Building of the hotel begins in November when about 100 workers, half of them artists, invited to design special sections, come to the region. By December, it is ready and open for business.
- D.** Each version of the hotel is unique, more a work of art than a structure made from frozen water. Its 47 rooms built to accommodate visitors on all kinds of budgets vary from luxurious suites to rooms that are furnished with just an icy bed and a reindeer skin.
- E.** But no matter what room the guests are in, the temperature is -5°C! Guests are advised to use thermal sleeping bags and keep their gloves and winter hats on all night. No wonder that most end up spending just one night in this freezing environment before moving to more conventional warmer cabins nearby. But the guests all agree that it is an experience like none other.
- F.** Like at any hotel, guests can choose to walk around all day or pick from a number of activities like dog sledding, snowmobile safaris and overnight wilderness camping. Though dining choices are pretty much limited to the restaurants in the hotel, guests have very little to complain about.
- G.** The best part about this semi-permanent structure is that ecologically it is the ultimate green building. It houses and entertains guests all winter and then as summer approaches and the temperatures rise, simply melts into one giant puddle, leaving behind no trace of its existence.
- H.** Over the years, many other ice hotels have emerged and similar destinations can now also be found in Canada, Norway, Finland and Romania. However, the original one remains the biggest and the grandest of all.

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2. Read the text again and mark the statements

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

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| 1. | The ICEHOTEL is situated in the world famous place. |
| 2. | The idea of the ICEHOTEL belonged to the local architect. |
| 3. | You can book a room with the temperature up to your choice. |
| 4. | Special warm clothes for the night are offered by the hotel. |
| 5. | Most guests prefer to stay at the hotel just for a night. |
| 6. | The range of winter activities is great. |
| 7. | The ICEHOTEL was awarded a special prize by the Green Peace authorities. |
| 8. | Today ICEHOTEL is an internationally popular project. |