TEST UNIT 1

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I.Reading text: A travel guide

Whether you're travelling to the islands or the mountains of Thailand, you're likely to spend at least one night in its capital city on the way. Bangkok might be noisy and polluted but it's also an exciting city with plenty of things to see and do. Why not make it a longer stay?

Where to stay

The Khao San Road was a famous traveller spot even before Leonardo di Caprio's character in the film The Beach stayed there. But it's noisy, not very pretty and not very Thai. For something more authentic, Phra Kanong offers an alternative place to stay, with its fantastic street markets where everyday Bangkok people eat, work and live. It's not as convenient for the main tourist sites, but it has a Skytrain station so you can be at the Grand Palace in 20 minutes.

How to get around

Bangkok's traffic can be a nightmare. Sure, you can easily take a taxi – if you want to spend hours stuck in traffic jams – but there are two much better ways to get around the city. To explore the temples and historical sites, catch an express boat river taxi or a longtail boat along the Chao Phraya river and the canals. For the modern part of the city, the Skytrain is a fast, cheap way to travel from the river to the shopping malls and nightlife of Sukhumvit, and the famous Chatuchak street market.

Where to eat

The simple answer is: everywhere! Thai street food is among the best in the world, and for around $5 you can eat a filling and delicious meal. Some food stands have little plastic seats where you can sit and eat and they cook the same dish over and over, like fried chicken on rice or Pad Thai noodles. Head for Chinatown – Yaowarat Street – and choose whatever looks most interesting from the many excellent Chinese and Thai restaurants and food stands.

What to do

After you've seen the main sites like the Giant Buddha at the temple of Wat Pho and the spectacular Grand Palace, and shopped at Chatuchak market, check out the snake farm and watch the live snake show. You can even touch a snake yourself if you want to!

Task 1 Match the Bangkok landmarks and places with the descriptions

Wat Pho	1. ..... a place that you might see in the film The Beach
Khao San Road	2. ..... a place where local Thai people go
Sukhumvit	3. ..... an alternative route through the city
Yaowarat Street	4. ..... a place to go for shopping and bars
Phra Kanong	5. ..... a place to go for food
Chao Phraya	6. ..... an important sightseeing spot

Task 2 Are the sentences true or false? True / False

1. One night is enough time to see Bangkok.
2. Khao San Road is an authentic Thai area of the city.
3. Phra Kanong is further away from the main tourist sites than Khao San Road is.
4. The river boat taxis often get stuck in traffic too.
5. Taking the Skytrain is a faster way to see the city than going by taxi.
6. You need to choose where to eat carefully, as not everywhere is good.

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II. Choose the right verb forms in the box.

1 Tom got the train three hours ago, and it only takes one hour to get to London. He _____ there by now.

2 This _____ the hotel we're looking for. It looks too big and expensive.
3 The weather tomorrow is going to be really bad so the journey to the airport _____ longer than usual.
4 Margaret _____ in the town centre when she phoned me. I could hear the noise of a busy street.

III. Complete the second sentence so that is has a similar meaning to the first. Include the word given.

1 No, it's not possible that it's a wolf. No, it _____ a wolf. (BE)
2 I'm sure the long journey is exhausting. The long journey _____ exhausting. (BE)
3 It's possible that their bus broke down. Their bus _____ down. (MIGHT)
4 I'm not sure, but it's possible that's a puma over there. That _____ a puma over there. (MIGHT)
5 I'm sure their holiday was amazing! Their holiday _____ amazing! (MUST)

IV. Choose the correct verb forms. Sometimes both verb forms are possible.

1 We ..... at least two guidebooks on holiday, but now I've got all the information on my smartphone.

2 I ..... travelling by train as a child – I was afraid of the noise trains make.

3 Thick forest ..... most of the island until the late Middle Ages.

4 The zoo in our city ..... any zebras when I was a child.

V. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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1 I'm going to the station now to _____ a train to London.
2 We spent two weeks in Paris and then _____ on to Bordeaux.
3 How did you _____ with all those problems when you were away?
4 Flying is the quickest way to _____ the Atlantic Ocean.
5 It was very late when we finally _____ our destination.
6 We spent two days in Rome and _____ all the main sights.

VI Complete the types of trips.

1 I fancy a b _ _ _ h h _ _ _ _ _ y this year, just relaxing in the sun.
2 My uncle works for a large company. He often goes on b _ _ _ n _ _ s t _ _ ps abroad.
3 I hate boats, so I wouldn't enjoy a c _ _ _ _ e.
4 A lot of young people g _ b _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ g with their friends.
5 I'm going on a short c _ _ _ b _ _ _ _ to Barcelona next month.

VII Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 We climbed up a ..... hill.
2 We could see the ..... lights of the city in the distance
3 There was a ..... view from the top of the mountain.
4 There may be dangerous animals in the ..... .

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