

Read the following text about identity fraud, and answer the 15 questions.

IS THIS THE CAREER CHANGE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR?

Paragraph 1

From November to February, there is no real darkness here, just twilight. At 9:30 pm, the sun still shines brightly in the sky. Welcome to the Austral summer in the largest desert in the world. And no, I'm not talking about the Sahara here. It's a little colder in these parts. "Here" is Antarctica, where the average temperature in summer by the coast is a boiling zero degrees. Interested? Well, the good news is that the UKAHT (United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust) has a position open for a postman or woman.

Paragraph 2

Not just anyone can apply for this role. You have to have the right skillset. Your duties will involve more than just delivering the 70,000-odd items of mail; you'll also have to run the shop, perform maintenance and curate the museum. The preferred candidate will have good physical and mental fitness, be able to use spreadsheets and work with computer formulae and be capable of carrying heavy loads. You also need to be very self-motivated and enjoy working alone. You see, you'll be one of a staff of just three people, so opportunities to interact with work colleagues will be limited.

Paragraph 3

While there are a few other employees around, on the other hand, there are plenty of Gentoo penguins to keep you company – about two thousand in fact. And you'll really come to appreciate them because, unlike dogs, they don't chase after and bite you when you're trying to deliver the post. Although they do smell a bit! Other occasional visitors may include leopard seals (oh, and they do bite!), fur seals, elephant seals – in fact, lots of different types of seals – and you may be lucky enough to see an orca or minke whale swimming off the coast, too. And what about those pesky polar bears? Don't worry! That's the Arctic you're thinking of! You won't find any of them here.

Paragraph 4

And, actually, if you do get lonely, for some more human company, you may find the thousands of cruise ship passengers who visit Antarctica each year a welcome distraction. However, they might not be quite so happy to see you. There's no mains power, heat or water, so bring a strong perfume or you might end up smelling like your birdy neighbours! Also, don't expect to be able to watch the latest series of Sherlock. There's no TV either, I'm afraid, and your only source of communication with the rest of the world is a VHF radio.

Paragraph 5

The job of postmaster for the summer season on the tiny Antarctic island of Goudier at the Port Lockroy base is currently vacant. UKAHT promises to pay for all your travel expenses in getting there. You'll fly to South America and then travel by ship to the island port. Food and accommodation will also be provided free of charge. In addition to this, you'll receive a salary of £1,100 per month. And, actually, this position is likely to look very good on your CV. The job is offered for a fixed contract five-month period only.

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Questions 1-5

The text has five paragraphs (1-5). Choose the best title for each paragraph from A-F below and write the letter (A-F) on the lines below. There is one title that you don't need.

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| 1. Paragraph 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | A | Qualities looked for in persons applying for the role |
| 2. Paragraph 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | B | Facilities available at the UKAHT island base |
| 3. Paragraph 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | C | Information on the land animals of Antarctica |
| 4. Paragraph 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | D | The wildlife of Antarctica |
| 5. Paragraph 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | E | The geography and weather of coastal Antarctica |
| | | F | Details on pay and term of employment |

Questions 6-10

Choose the five statements from A-H below that are TRUE according to the information given in the text. Write the letters of the TRUE statements on the squares below (in alphabetical order).

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| 6. | <input type="checkbox"/> | A | The postmaster job is a permanent position at the Antarctic base. |
| 7. | <input type="checkbox"/> | B | The writer suggests the Sahara and the Antarctic deserts are very similar. |
| 8. | <input type="checkbox"/> | C | The new postmaster must be familiar with certain types of technology. |
| 9. | <input type="checkbox"/> | D | The postmaster is unlikely to be able to interact with anyone except for the other two staff at the base. |
| 10. | <input type="checkbox"/> | E | While the base may get visits from seals, it won't be visited by any polar bears. |
| | | F | While on the island, the number of ways of contacting people elsewhere is very limited. |
| | | G | In the month of January, it is unlikely to be dark at the base for very long. |
| | | H | As part of the employment contract, the new postmaster will not have to pay for their journey to Goudier. |

Questions 11-15

Complete sentences 11-15 with a word, phrase or number from the text (maximum three words). Write the word, phrase or number in the space provided.

11. During the _____ from November to January, daytime is very long in Antarctica.
12. Candidates for the role must be able to lift _____.
13. Approximately 2,000 _____ live on Goudier island.
14. A great many visitors travel to the island by _____ each year.
15. The postmaster will not be expected to pay for their _____ while living on the island.