Unit 6: Exercise 7

Read the information. Then read the extracts. Do the statements below match what the writer says in the extracts? Choose the correct answers.

In the IELTS Reading test, you might be asked to identify a writer's views or claims. It is sometimes possible to decide what the writer thinks about something by paying attention to the words he or she uses. For example, some words have a positive or negative tone.

1. Although people had been participating in travel activities for centuries beforehand, it had been something that only those **fortunate** people who had a lot of money and free time could enjoy.
2. However, most factory workers had no realistic chance of a vacation. Many had to work continuous ten-hour days in **monotonous** jobs.
3. The ruling classes might have noticed that this allowance of free time made their workers more **efficient** during the week.
4. Perhaps the most **influential** development was that of the railways. In particular, train routes were extended to connect large industrial towns with what had previously been tiny settlements on the coast, such as the town of Blackpool in the UK, where people could enjoy the fresh air, beaches and **exciting** new delicacies such as fish and chips.
5. This led to the **spectacular** growth of holiday resorts. By the end of the 1800s, there were over 100 growing towns along the English coastline.

	This statement agrees with the writer.	This statement contradicts the writer.	It is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this.
1 If you were lucky enough to have the right resources many centuries ago, you could travel to different places.	☐	☐	☐
2 Most people had satisfying jobs.	☐	☐	☐
3 It would have been better if employers had given their workers more free time.	☐	☐	☐
4 The railways were very important to the development of enjoyable holidays for	☐	☐	☐

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workers.

5 It is surprising that holiday resorts grew quickly.	☐	☐	☐

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