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READING COMPREHENSION /USE OF ENGLISH



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Read the text.

Destination: Education!
Peter Cox tells us about his holiday experience.



A few months ago I talked to my parents about the idea of studying **abroad** during my Christmas break. I was **excited** when they said yes, but I had no idea where I wanted to go!

I had surfed the Internet **by myself** for a few weeks before I got a very helpful email from a friend. It was all about a company called *Education First*. It gives students the **chance** to study abroad for some weeks, months or even a year. The website looked amazing. How about learning French in Paris? Or Japanese in Tokyo? There were so many options!

After days of thinking, I took a decision. I was going to New York for two weeks to learn English. When I got there, I was amazed. The city was loud and exciting; everything I had hoped for. On top of this, the school was great. The teachers were friendly and helpful and the other students were very fun. In the evenings, we went out for dinner or to the cinema to practise our English skills. It was a fantastic way to make learning fun.

By the end of the second week, I was sad to leave. I had learned so much and had made some really good friends. But the best thing about my *Education First* experience was that it gave me my first experience of travelling and adventure. Now I'm planning to spend a week in Dublin this summer to improve my English even more. So, if you've always wanted to travel and you love to learn, why not try it for yourself?"

A. What is Peter doing in the text? Tick (✓) the correct option 1 or 2.

1x2=2 marks

1. Describing an incredible language learning experience. ____
2. Telling a story about his last family summer holidays. ____

B. Are the statements Right (TRUE) or Wrong (FALSE) according to the text?

4x3=12 marks

1. At first Peter didn't know where he wanted to travel to. ____
2. He heard about Education First from one of his teachers. ____
3. He was very impressed by New York City. ____
4. He is planning to learn French next summer. ____

C. What do the following underlined words and expressions in the text mean? 4x2,5=10 marks

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|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. "abroad": | a) in a foreign country | b) alone | c) in a different city |
| 2. "excited": | a) sad | b) terrified | c) very happy |
| 3. "by myself": | a) with help | b) alone | c) online |
| 4. "chance": | a) found a way | b) realised | c) opportunity |

D. Choose the best option to answer the questions about the text.

3x8=24 marks

- What language did Peter learn in New York?
a) French ☐ b) Japanese ☐ c) English ☐
- Peter was sad to live because:
(Choose the 3 correct reasons)
a) He hadn't learned anything ☐ b) He had learned a lot. ☐
c) He had made new friends. ☐ d) He had made no friends. ☐
e) It was his first travelling experience. ☐ f) It was a present. ☐
- Is he going to repeat this experience?
a) Yes, he is. ☐ b) No, he isn't. ☐

E. Label the pictures below. Use the words in the box

6x2=12 marks

hiking

canoeing

sightseeing

camping

travelling

playing beach volley



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



e) _____



f) _____



g) _____

F. Choose the correct verb tense: Present Simple or Present Continuous.

5x2=10 marks

- 1) A: Jenny **always** fishing in the summer.
a. goes ☐ b. is going ☐
- 2) A: How often abroad? B: They never travel abroad.
a. are you travelling ☐ b. do they travel ☐
- 3) on the beach **right now**. The sun is so warm!
a. I sunbathe ☐ b. I'm sunbathing ☐
- 4) He..... **every day**. He goes surfing only when it's windy.
a. doesn't surf ☐ b. isn't surfing ☐
- 5) Paul his bag to go camping **now**. He really loves putting up a tent.
a. is packing ☐ b. packing ☐

F. Choose the correct verb tense: Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. My brother couldn't watch the football match because he _____ his homework.
a. was doing ☐ b. were doing ☐
2. Katie and Emma _____ loudly when the teacher _____ the class.
a. was talked / enter ☐ b. were talking / entered ☐
3. The children _____ table tennis while their parents _____ dinner.
a. were playing / were preparing ☐ b. was playing / prepare ☐
4. When my father _____, my mother _____ on the computer.
a. was phoning / worked ☐ b. phoned / was working ☐

G. Choose the correct verb tense (Past Simple or Past Continuous) to complete the sentences.

10x 2= 20 marks

1. Last year I went / was going (go) to London and I bought / was buying (buy) a lot of souvenirs.
2. Peter didn't visit / wasn't visiting (not visit) his old friends **last year**. He missed them a lot.
3. I watched / was watching (watch) TV **while** my brother cooked / was cooking (cook).
4. Peter's friend took a lot of selfies while they travelled / were travelling (travel) to Italy.
5. Last summer holidays Peter's friend and I swam / was swimming (swim) in the sea and built / was building (build) an incredible sandcastle.

GOOD WORK!