

SECOND TERM PRE-INTERMEDIATE TEST

LISTENING SECTION

A  Listen to the people talk about their vacations. What things are they describing? Match the adjectives to the things they describe. Write the letters. There is one letter you do not need to use for each conversation.

Conversation 1

1. the most interesting _____	a. mountains
2. the most beautiful _____	b. food
3. the most relaxing _____	c. vacation
4. the most surprising _____	d. ship
	e. scenery

Conversation 2

5. the most difficult _____	a. problem
6. the worst _____	b. dance club
7. the busiest _____	c. trip
8. the most popular _____	d. street
	e. hotel

USE OF LANGUAGE SECTION

A Complete the conversation with the present perfect or the simple past. Use contractions where possible.

A _____ you ever _____ (be) to Istanbul?

B No, I _____. How about you?

A Actually, yes, I _____ (be) there a couple of years ago. It's a really interesting place.

B Yeah? So, what _____ you _____ (do) there?

A Oh, we _____ (see) the sights and _____ (go) shopping for rugs and things.

B Sounds great. I _____ always _____ (want) to go to Turkey, but I _____ never _____ (have) the chance.

B Choose the correct answer to complete the conversation.

A- How long **have you been / were** you married, Glenn?

B- Twenty-two years! Maxine and I **had / have had** our wedding anniversary 3 weeks ago.

A- Where **have you met / did you meet**? At university?

B- No, it **was / has been** long before that. Actually, we **went / have gone** to the same school.

We **have known / knew** each other for a long time. What about you?

A- I'm divorced. I **got / have got** divorced a year ago.

B- How long **were you / have you been** married?

A- Just a couple of years.

B- So, you're on your own now?

A- Yes, but I **have just met / just met** someone new and I really like her.

C Read the facts about different countries. Complete the sentences with the superlative or comparative form of the adjectives or the superlative with nouns.

1. Russia is _____ (large) country in the world. It covers over 17,000,000 square kilometers.
2. According to a survey, Denmark is _____ (expensive) to live in than France.
3. One source reports that Norway has _____ (good) quality of life.
4. China has _____ (people). It has a population of more than one billion.
5. South Sudan is one of _____ (new) countries. It became independent on July 8, 2011.
6. Indonesia is the country with _____ (islands). There are over 17,500 of them in this archipelago.
7. Tokyo is _____ (crowded) than New York.
8. The Giza pyramids are _____ (old) than the Eiffel Tower.

D Look at the name of the place in each question. Circle the logical answer. Then complete the question with *How + adjective*.

1. _____ the Volga River?
a. It's 3,692 kilometers long. b. It's 3,692 kilometers high.
2. _____ Mount Kilimanjaro?
a. It goes up to 5,895 degrees. b. It's 5,895 meters high.
3. _____ the Atlantic Ocean?
a. It's an average of 3,339 meters long. b. It's an average of 3,339 meters deep.
4. _____ the Empire State Building?
a. It's 381 meters tall. b. It's 381 meters long.
5. _____ Canada?
a. It covers 9,330,970 square kilometers. b. It's 9,330,970 kilometers high.

E Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word only once. There is one extra word.

beach	continent	glacier	rain forest	volcano
cliff	desert	island	river	

1. There are a lot of trees in a _____.
2. A _____ is a very dry place. It can be hot or cold.
3. An active _____ can erupt every day.
4. A _____ is water that runs into a lake or an ocean.
5. A _____ is a high and steep part of a mountain or coast.
6. Greenland is a large _____ in the North Atlantic.
7. A _____ is a sandy place by an ocean or lake.
8. Africa is a _____, but Brazil isn't.

READING SECTION

F Read the article about Death Valley. Then choose TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

Death Valley



Death Valley, east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California, is a land of extremes. It is the hottest place in North America. In the summer, temperatures often go over 49 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit) during the day and sometimes don't drop below 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) at night.

Death Valley is also the driest place in North America. Average yearly rainfall is less than 51 millimeters (2 inches). There are rivers in Death Valley, but they only flow briefly during the winter – and only in very wet years.

So why is Death Valley so hot and dry? The reason is its geography. Parts of Death Valley are very low. The lowest place in the Western Hemisphere is on the valley floor (86 meters – 282 feet – below sea level). On all sides are high mountains. These mountains keep cool winds and rain out of the valley.

Death Valley is a great distance from California's largest cities, but it is one of the most interesting places in the state to visit. The best time to go to this desert is during the coolest months – from November through March.

a. Death Valley is in Nevada	TRUE	FALSE	f. The lowest place in Death Valley is below sea level.	TRUE	FALSE
b. It sometimes gets hotter than 49 degrees Celsius in Death Valley in the summer	TRUE	FALSE	g. Death Valley isn't close to any big cities.	TRUE	FALSE
c. In the summer, it can stay very hot at night.	TRUE	FALSE	h. Tourists shouldn't visit Death Valley in the winter.	TRUE	FALSE
d. There are only a few places drier than Death Valley in North America.	TRUE	FALSE	i. Death Valley is a desert.	TRUE	FALSE
e. There is water in the rivers in Death Valley every winter.	TRUE	FALSE	j. The best time to visit Death Valley is during the coolest months	TRUE	FALSE