LISTENING

PART 1 *Questions 1–10*

Complete the notes below.

*Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.*

Holiday rental

Owners' names: Jack Fitzgerald and Shirley Fitzgerald

Granary Cottage

- available for week beginning **1** ..... May
- cost for the week: **2** £ .....

3 ..... **Cottage**

- cost for the week: £480
- building was originally a **4** .....
- walk through doors from living room into a **5** .....
- several **6** ..... spaces at the front
- bathroom has a shower
- central heating and stove that burns **7** .....
- views of old **8** ..... from living room
- view of hilltop **9** ..... from the bedroom

Payment

- deposit: £144
- deadline for final payment: end of **10** .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Passage 1: The happiest country in the world

Children growing up in Costa Rica are surrounded by some of the most beautiful and diverse landscapes in the world. Preserving tropical rainforests isn't Costa Rica's only success, because the government also makes sure everyone has access to health-care and education. So when the New Economics Foundation released its second Happy Planet Index, Costa Rica came out number one. The index is a ranking of countries based on their impact on the environment and the health and happiness of their citizens.

Created in 2008, the Happy Planet Index examines happiness on a national level and ranks 143 countries according to three measurements: their citizens' happiness, how long they live (which reflects their health), and how much of the planet's resources each country consumes. According to researcher Saamah Abdallah, the Index also measures the outcomes that are most important, and those are happy, healthy lives for everyone.

Questions 1-6

*Choose **ONE WORD OR ONE NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.*

The Happy Planet Index

Year started: **1** _____ .

Number of countries it lists: **2** _____ .

Measures each country's happiness according to:

■ its effect on the **3** _____ (i.e. the quantity of the Earth's **4** _____ that it uses);

■ the **5** _____ of the population (i.e. how long people live);

■ how happy its **6** _____ are.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Passage 2: The hottest month

According to the Met Office, the UK had its warmest July day ever on July 1, when temperatures hit 36.7 C near London. There were record heat waves in many countries including Spain, while the African continent had the second-warmest July on record.

While the impact of increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is a key driver of rising temperatures, another important factor is El Nino. This natural phenomenon, which appears as a large swathe of warm water in the Pacific every few years, is known to push up global temperatures.

In recent days there have been reports that this year's El Nino will be particularly intense. As a result, many experts believe that 2015 will be the warmest year on record by some margin.

The seas have also been soaking up a large amount of heat, the NOAA said, with record warming in large expanses of the Pacific and Indian Oceans

Peter Stott, head of climate monitoring and attribution at the UK Met Office, said: "A strong El Nino is underway in the tropical Pacific and this, combined with the long-term global warming trend, means there is the potential to see some very warm months throughout this year - as the new figures for July appear to show".

Questions 1-5

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the Reading Passage?

Write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Africa had the warmest July day ever on July 1.

2. The temperature is rising due to the increased level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

3. 2015 might be the hottest year in the history.

4. Record warming was recorded in various seas, such as Black and Azov Sea.

5. The year 2015 might very well consist of a number of very warm months.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LIVEWORKSHEETS