

20% English _V_ Reading Task

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Purpose: Identify specific information in different texts related to vacation time.

Text 1: Read Esteban's plans for his next trip to Dominican Republic.

Dear mom and Dad,

I am texting you because I want to tell you about my next destination when I finish classes this year. I am going to Dominican Republic. I decided to go to this country because I have seen many pictures of it in a flyer and all of them are beautiful. I also want to go because this place offers excellent accommodations (comfortable rooms, bathrooms, big restaurants, waiters at any time and some other positive things). Being honest, I am very excited and happy.

I am going to stay at *Bavaro Grand Hotel*. I have different activities I want to do there. I am going to swim at the beach. I am going to sunbathe. I am going to take the buggies trip. I am going to make sandcastles, and I am going to buy a souvenir for you.

As I am going to stay only for 4 days, I am not going to have time for visiting Saona Island and going to a big party at Coco Bongo Disco.

Love you, Esteban.

A. Answer the questions below based on the previous reading. You must mark (x) a, b, or c. (16 points – Each item value is 0,32)

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| 1. Where is Esteban going? | 4. What is Esteban going to do in the trip? |
| a. To Mexico | a. Swimming and a buggies trip |
| b. To Dominican Republic | b. Make sandcastles and ride on horse |
| c. To Australia | c. Buy a souvenir and drink beer |
| 2. Where did he see pictures of the place? | 5. What is Esteban NOT going to do? |
| a. Tv program | a. Swim and make sandcastles |
| b. Instagram | b. Sunbathe and buy a souvenir |
| c. Flyer | c. Visit Saona Island and go to the disco |
| 3. How does Esteban feel about the trip? | |
| a. Excited and happy | |
| b. Sick and mad | |
| c. Worried and confused | |

Text 2: read this Friends' opinion about their last vacation time and then answer the questions by writing on the lines. (16 points – Each Item value is 0,32)

A great summer vacation

I just returned from the greatest summer vacation! It was so fantastic, I never wanted it to end. I spent eight days in Paris, France. My best friends, Henry and Steve, went with me. We had a beautiful hotel room in the Latin Quarter, and it wasn't even expensive. We had a balcony with a wonderful view.

We visited many famous tourist places. My favorite was the Louvre, a well-known museum. I was always interested in art, so that was a special treat for me. The museum is so huge, you could spend weeks there. Henry got tired walking around the museum and said "Enough! I need to take a break and rest."

We took lots of breaks and sat in cafes along the river Seine. The French food we ate was delicious. The wines were tasty, too. Steve's favorite part of the vacation was the hotel breakfast. He said he would be happy if he could eat croissants like those forever. We had so much fun that we're already talking about our next vacation!

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| 1. How many days did the trip last?
_____ | 4. What was delicious?
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| 2. What was the man's favorite place?
_____ | 5. Who was happy with the hotel's breakfast?
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| 3. Who got tired at the museum?
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Text 3: Read Fabio's experience at a hotel and then look at the questions and decide whether the information is true or false. (18 points – Each Item value is 0,36)

Fabio's experience at a hotel

Last year my wife and I decided to go on vacation to Girardot. One of our friends recommended a hotel she found on the internet. The advertisement said: "we have the lowest prices, amazing service, and the most comfortable rooms for the most relaxing vacation ever". We made our reservation and were convinced we would have a great time in the warm weather of Girardot. Wrong! It was completely disappointing! The most boring vacation of our lives!

The hotel was located in one of the most polluted areas in town. The smell was terrible. We slept on the most uncomfortable beds in the world. The service was terrible. No TV, no air conditioning, no swimming pool! We decided to check out and go back home to Bogota. I was shocked at how much we had to pay; they charged in dollars not pesos. We didn't have any money left to do anything. We were so frustrated! The worst vacation ever!

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| 1. Fabio found the hotel on the internet. | True ____ False ____ |
| 2. The advertisement offers comfortable rooms. | True ____ False ____ |
| 3. Fabio and his wife had the best vacation of their lives. | True ____ False ____ |
| 4. The hotel did not have air conditioning. | True ____ False ____ |
| 5. In Bogotá, they paid in Colombian pesos. | True ____ False ____ |

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