

Midterm exam 2024 - Reading comprehension - 4th Adolescents



The Isle of Wight

The Isle of Wight, on the south coast of England, is a popular tourist destination, which the public has voted one of the world's 'Top 10' cycling destinations. (1) _____ The most interesting of these is a natural rock feature which crosses the island. The rock, which is made of chalk, goes across the middle of the island from Culver Cliff to The Needles. The Needles form a line of white chalk rocks and are one of the world's most photographed rock formations.

The island is also great for those on foot as there is a 107-km path around the whole island. Every year there is a walking festival, and many walkers visit to see the wildlife and appreciate the natural environment. (2) _____ Recently the island has also started to attract visitors from abroad.

The Isle of Wight Festival takes place in summer at the beginning of June. (3) _____ Today it is one of the largest music festivals in Europe. There is a dedicated kids' zone with live music, comedy and theatre and also workshops where they can learn circus skills. Students have a reduced entry price and children under 12 go free. (4) _____ But for something more comfortable, you can stay in a yurt – a traditional tent from Mongolia – or a Podpad, where you can charge your mobile phone!

Finally, the island is one of the best places to find dinosaur bones and footprints. There is an excellent museum which has over 1,000 objects on display. (5) _____ So, do you want to relax on the beaches, dance to a famous DJ or discover an area of natural beauty? Then the Isle of Wight has something for you! You might even stand in the footprint of a dinosaur!

- 1. Read the sentences before and after gaps 1 and 2 in the text. Decide which sentences (A-D) could fill the gaps. Think about the tense and the information**

before and after the gap. There are three correct sentences for gap 1 and two correct sentences for gap 2. If the sentence is correct, write YES in the line. If it is not correct, write NO. (10 points)

gap 1

- A The final list will be announced over the coming weeks. ____
- B And that's hardly surprising, given the island's varied features. ____
- C This must be because of the range of landscapes visitors are able to enjoy. ____
- D Everyone who visits will be delighted by the island's amazing natural features. ____

gap 2

- A The recent increase in the number of tourists isn't expected to continue. ____
- B It was once also a popular destination for walkers and hikers. ____
- C People with a variety of interests are attracted to it. ____
- D The island's mild climate is also an attraction. ____

2. Read the text. Five sentences have been removed from the text. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use. (10 points)

- 1 ____
- 2 ____
- 3 ____
- 4 ____
- 5 ____

- A Local cyclists and walkers have enjoyed the island for many years.
- B There is a large campsite where you can stay in tents of all sizes and colours!
- C Many of these visitors come back year after year.
- D That may be because the varied landscapes are perfect for the sport.
- E This is the first time it's received one of these awards.
- F It also has reconstructions of life-sized dinosaurs, which are pretty impressive!
- G It was first held in 1968, with some famous groups playing there.
- H So it's a good idea to plan your visit carefully.