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In southern Australia, there is a town where chimneys rise from the sand and there are big red signs warning people of "unmarked holes". This town is Coober Pedy, often known as the "underground" town. Coober Pedy is a small town over 1,000 miles from Canberra, the country's capital. Today it has about 1,800 residents. Original residents of Coober Pedy were opal miners, and even today **it** is still a mining town.

The Coober Pedy region is mostly a treeless desert. Very little plant life exists due to the region's low rainfall and **intense** heat, so most of the residents live underground to escape the heat. They call their underground homes "dugout". These dugouts remain at a constant temperature, while surface buildings need air conditioning. The average maximum temperature is 30-32°C, but it can get quite cool in the winter.

There are a number of underground hotels and tourist shops in the town. The town has become a popular stopover point and tourist destination.

Question 1: What is special about people in Coober Pedy?

A. They are coal miners.
B. They live underground.
C. They need air conditioning.
D. They receive many tourists.

Question 2: People in Coober Pedy live in "dugouts" because _____.

A. very little plant life exists
B. they can do the mining there
C. it is much cooler there
D. there are many hotels there

Question 3: The underlined word **"it"** in the passage refers to _____.

A. Canberra
B. capital city
C. opal
D. Coober Pedy

Question 4: The underlined word **"intense"** in the passage probably means

A. strong
B. quiet
C. weak
D. interesting

Question 5: Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?

A. There are big red warning signs in Coober Pedy.
B. Houses underground in Coober Pedy are called "dugouts".
C. The average temperature in Coober Pedy region is 30 - 32°C.
D. There are a lot of tourist shops in the town.

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