

Speaking (20 pts)

A. Work with a partner. You are going on a survival weekend. Have a conversation and choose six things you want to take. Use the Language for speaking box to help you.

Sample conversation:

A: OK, we can only take six things for the survival weekend. What do you think is the most important?
 B: I think the most important thing is a **first aid kit** because we might get hurt.
 A: Yes, that's true. I'd prefer to take a **map** instead of a GPS. A map doesn't need batteries.
 B: Good idea. A map is a better idea than a GPS in this case. What about food?
 A: We should take some **dried food**. It's easy to carry and lasts longer.
 B: I agree. And I think we should also take a **knife**. It's useful for many things.
 A: Definitely. That's four things. What else?
 B: How about a **flashlight**? It's very useful at night.
 A: Yes, a flashlight is more useful than candles because it's safer. One more thing...
 B: Maybe a **lighter** to make a fire?
 A: Good choice. A lighter is more important than matches because it works even if it's windy.

LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING giving preferences

The most important/useful/best thing(s) is/are ...

X is/are more important/useful than Y ...

I think we should (do) ...

I'd prefer to (do) ...

X is a better idea than Y ...

because ...

Listening (20 pts)

B. ▷ Listen to a conversation between Gina and Mike. For questions 1–5, circle the correct answer a, b or c.

- 1 Gina and Mike are organising a _____.
 a) food festival b) film festival c) music festival
- 2 The festival is going to be in _____.
 a) July b) August c) September
- 3 Mike thinks the festival should be in the _____.
 a) park b) cinema c) museum
- 4 In September there isn't much rain and it's also _____.
 a) wet b) sunny c) hot
- 5 They are going to make _____ to tell people about the festival.
 a) posters b) a radio advertisement c) a website

C. ▷ Listen to the rest of the conversation. Tick (✓) who is going to do what.

- 1 Telephone the park manager.
 Gina Mike Both
- 2 Choose the films.
 Gina Mike Both
- 3 Organize printing the tickets.
 Gina Mike Both
- 4 Make the posters.
 Gina Mike Both
- 5 Sell the tickets.
 Gina Mike Both

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

D. Choose the correct word in *italics*.

1. Yesterday it *snowed* / *snowy* a lot so we went outside and made a snowman.
2. The weather in England is often *rain* / *wet* in the winter.
3. You should drive carefully when the roads are *ice* / *icy*.
4. Today started sunny but then it became *cloudy* / *cloud*.
5. The town where I live has good weather and it's *sun* / *dry* most of the year.
6. Last night, there was a storm with lots of *wind* / *windy*.
7. We're having a picnic by the river tomorrow, so I hope it doesn't *rainy* / *rain*.
8. It was very *windy* / *wind* this morning and my umbrella broke on my way to work.
9. The ship couldn't leave because it was so *fog* / *foggy*.
10. The temperature was very low last night and it was *freezing* / *freeze* this morning.

E. Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

1. Ramala scored 90% in the English test but Sareena scored *less* / *the same*.
2. Juan plays football and tennis well but he plays tennis *better* / *the same*.
3. The food in India and France is very *similar* / *different*.
4. Where I live during the winter, December is cold and January is *different* / *the same*.
5. We took some water on our picnic but it was hot so we needed to buy some *more* / *less*.

F. Complete the texts with the words in the boxes.

Boris

desert mountains north rainforest waterfall

I went to Peru for my holiday and visited some amazing places. I travelled from one end of the country to the other. I started in the ¹ _____ of the country. It is very dry there and I visited a large ² _____. I like trekking so we went on a four-day walk in the ³ _____. The views were wonderful. Then, we went to the ⁴ _____ where the weather is very wet and tropical. We walked to see a beautiful ⁵ _____ and we went for a swim in the pool at the bottom.

Annabel

beaches coast islands lake west

I had a great holiday last year. I decided to go to the ⁶ _____ side of Scotland. It's famous for lots of reasons. There are lots of long, golden, sandy ⁷ _____, although the sea was quite cold so I didn't have a swim! And there are lots of small ⁸ _____ out in the sea. You can take a boat from the ⁹ _____ to visit some of them. I wanted to go on a boat trip, but not on the sea. So I decided to go to the middle of Scotland and visited a ¹⁰ _____ by a castle. The boat trip was much more relaxing than going on the sea!

G. Complete the sentences. Make adjective and noun collocations with the words in the boxes.

Adjectives

close deep high low strong

Nouns

friend salary score sleeper winds

1. I really hope I get a _____ in my English test.
2. Natasha is a _____ of Juliet at work. Juliet talks to her when she has problems with her boss.
3. This weekend, there will be _____ in the north of the country.
4. I find it hard to pay all my bills because I have a _____.
5. I'm a really _____. I have three alarm clocks to wake me up!

H. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the word in (brackets).

Keiran Junko, what's the weather like in Japan compared to Ireland?

Junko Well, I think it's ¹ _____ (good) in general because Japan is ² _____ (hot) than Ireland in summer, but it is ³ _____ (bad) in winter because it is ⁴ _____ (cold).

Kieran Does it rain a lot?

Junko Actually, I think that Ireland is ⁵ _____ (wet) than Japan except in the rainy season.

Kieran Really? And do you prefer winter or summer time in Japan?

Junko For me, winter is ⁶ _____ (nice) than summer because it is ⁷ _____ (dry).

Kieran What about spring and autumn?

Junko They are ⁸ _____ (comfortable) because they are ⁹ _____ (cool) than summer, but not too cold. Spring is a ¹⁰ _____ (popular) season than autumn with many people because they like to see the cherry blossom.

Kieran It sounds lovely. I'd love to visit one day.

I. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the word in (brackets).

1. People say the Taj Mahal is _____ (beautiful) building in the world.

2. This hotel is _____ (cheap) in the city.

3. The USA has some of _____ (dangerous) snakes in the world.

4. Stonehenge is one of _____ (old) tourist attractions in England.

5. _____ (near) station is 5 kilometres from here in the next town.

6. Last year, _____ (wet) month was April.

7. There are many ways to travel around Europe, but _____ (easy) way is by train.

8. In my opinion, _____ (interesting) place in the city is the Museum of Science.

9. Tokyo is probably _____ (busy) city in the world.

10. James lives near _____ (big) national park in the country.

J. Write three or four paragraphs about Australia for a tourism website review. Include adjectives in your review. Use the Language for writing to help you.

Australia

North usually very hot

Great Barrier Reef - 2,000 km long

Snow on higher mountains - can ski

Swim and dive on the reef - colourful fish

An island - sixth largest country in world

Uluru (Ayers Rock) 348 m - red - in the middle of the country

Animals you can't see anywhere else - koalas, kangaroos

South can be cool

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING

adjectives, comparatives and superlatives

- Adjectives, comparatives and superlatives make your writing more interesting.

*There are some **beautiful** waterfalls in the north.*

*Temperatures in Zambia are **more comfortable** than in many tropical areas.*

*Tanzania has some of **the best** national parks in the world.*

- Other ways to use superlative phrases include:

the biggest ...

the second/third biggest ...

one of the biggest ...

some of the biggest ...

in the world/in Asia/

in the country, etc.

Reading (20 pts)**K. Read the texts and answer the questions. Circle Yes or No.**

Rebecca likes to go on holiday alone, but her best friend Naomi is different. She likes group holidays.

1. Do Rebecca and Naomi go on holiday alone? Yes / No

Rebecca always goes on holiday for a month, but Naomi always goes for less because of her job.

2. Does Naomi go on holiday for a month? Yes / No

Rebecca prefers adventure holidays but Naomi likes them less.

3. Do Rebecca and Naomi both like adventure holidays? Yes / No

Rebecca and Naomi sometimes like doing the same activities on holiday, like walking and taking photos of animals.

4. Do Rebecca and Naomi like walking on holiday? Yes / No

Rebecca and Naomi sometimes go to the beach but Naomi likes it more.

5. Does Rebecca like the beach a lot? Yes / No

L. Read the text and answer the questions. Use no more than three words from the text for each answer.**The Beauty of Marmore Falls**

Everyone knows that the highest waterfall in the world is Angel Falls in Venezuela. But there's another waterfall that many people don't know. It's called Marmore Falls in Italy and it's the highest manmade* waterfall. Although Angel Falls is more famous, Marmore Falls is very beautiful and has lots of visitors. The Romans made the waterfall, so it is over 2,000 years old. The water in Marmore Falls is used to create electric power. This means the water turns on and off. So before you visit, the most important thing to do is check what time the water turns on.

August is the worst time to visit Marmore Falls because there are too many tourists. August is the hottest month and most people in Italy take their holiday then. It's better to go in July or September. At this time, you can get a better view and you can take nicer photos. There are many restaurants in the area, but the best is in the Hotel Cursula. It serves really good local food. It's more expensive than the others but the pasta is fantastic.

* manmade: people make this thing; it is not from nature

1. Where is the world's highest waterfall? _____
2. What type of waterfall is Marmore Falls? _____
3. Who built Marmore Falls? _____
4. When is the best time to visit Marmore Falls? _____
5. Where can you eat Italian food from the region around Marmore Falls?

M. Read the text again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose 'not given' (NG).

1. Marmore Falls is the most famous waterfall in Italy. _____
2. The waterfall does not work all of the time. _____
3. The views of the waterfall are better in early or late summer. _____
4. Most of the tourists at Marmore Falls are Italian. _____
5. The Hotel Cursula serves the cheapest food in the area. _____