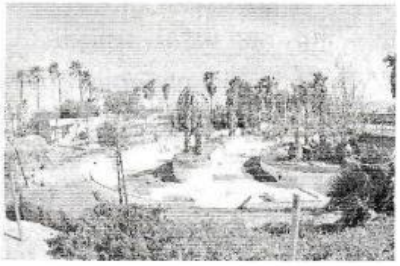
Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (11–16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

World Weird Parks

11 L'Aquatic de Sitges, Catalonia, Spain

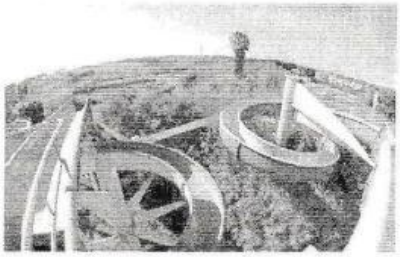
Just half-an-hour's drive from Barcelona is a water park that's probably more famous in its derelict state than it ever was while still in use. Built in the early '90s, the park is said to have lasted only two seasons before it had to close its doors because of a cash crunch – and, urban legend has it, due to a fatal accident. A ccording to one rumor, the wave machine sucked a child under! We shudder to think!

12 Lake Dolores Waterpark, Newberry Springs, CA, USA



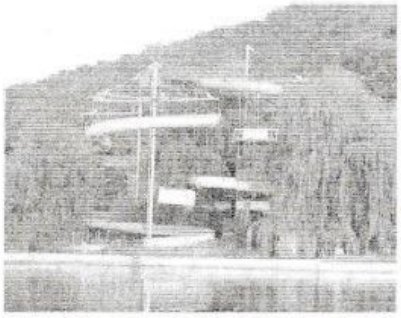
Among America's most famous abandoned water parks is Lake Dolores Waterpark – also known as Rock-A-Hoola or the Discovery Water Park – located in Newberry Springs in the Mojave Desert. A water park in the desert makes for a pretty big attraction, and Lake Dolores pulled in a huge crowd for many seasons between 1962 and 2004 – although it was closed through the late '80s and much of the '90s after a slump in popularity.

13 Bulli & Pupe, Anzio, Italy



This 15,000 meter-square water park in Italy by the name of Bulli & Pupe (meaning Guys & Dolls) used to boast a semi-Olympic-size swimming pool, five smaller pools and various water slides – like this snaking outdoor chute. Sadly, these attractions have now been left to the elements.

14 Orfű, Hungary



Close to the town of Pécs, in southwestern Hungary, lies Orfű, a small resort town situated beside a lake. In its day, vacationing Hungarians would surely have made the place feel very much alive, but now all the log cabins are boarded up, and the old water park has been abandoned too.

Nowadays, the impressive looking slides have almost been overgrown by weeping willows, while the stagnant swimming pool emits a rather foul-smelling stench, according to photographer.

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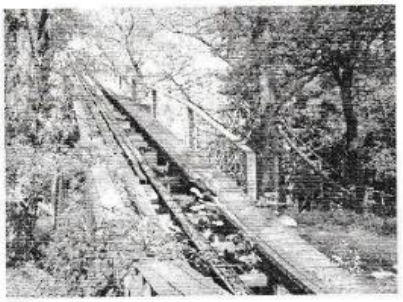
15 Styx River Water World, Loxley, AL, USA

Photographer Dean Jeffrey took this photo in 2002. Even then, not much was left of the once sprawling park. Not much left except for knocked-over fiberglass statues and other evidence of vandalism.

Dean Jeffrey also recalls a return trip to Styx River in 2010, which shows how much can change in so little time: "The ticket booth was still there… which had inexplicably somehow managed to survive, but except for a weedy and overgrown parking lot, any other trace of the water park was gone." Strange to think that such an expensive park simply got taken over by nature.

16 Williams Grove Amusement Park, PA, USA



This water park might well have the farthest-reaching history out of those featured here. The predecessor of Williams Grove Amusement Park was actually little more than a bunch of picnics that the Williams family began hosting outside of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Soon, the picnic grove grew into a park and then a fairground, with the first rides appearing in 1928. Hurricane Agnes almost destroyed Williams Grove Amusement Park after it changed hands in 1972, and although it was rebuilt, it finally closed its doors in 2005, having provided decades of fun. Now, it is being reclaimed by nature, of course, and by the looks of things, the slides of its water park will soon be buried under vegetation.

Which of the park...?

A *is the oldest place among the others*

B *was closed because of the financial problems*

C *was destroyed and now it is a wild place*

D *operated under several different names during its lifetime*

E *is a terrific place now*

F *used to be a beautiful large swimming pool*

G *is a strange and mysterious place*

H *is an ugly stinky place now*

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