

## **PRACTICE** 5

*Read the article and answer questions that follow.*

*Choose no more than five words and/or a number from the text for each answer.*

### **Petra the Rose City**

Petra, the ancient stone city, is located in the southern of Jordan. This city is well known for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system. The historical city is also known as the Rose City due to the colour of the stone out of which it was carved.

There are currently about 800 stone structures and the most famous is the Pharaoh's Treasure, which is a mausoleum. Intricate tombs that were cut out of the mountain sides are also visible until today. The city also had temples, a theater, a colonnaded street and churches.

Petra is thought to have been founded as early as 312 BC by the Arab Nabataens. The Nabataens established Petra into a successful trade hub dealing in frankincense, myrrh and spices. They were also famous for their amazing ability in building efficient water collecting methods in the dry deserts. It would not have been possible for Petra to be a place of settlement without the water conduit system. There was enough water to support the 30,000 population at that time and even thick lush greenery flourishing. The annexation to the Roman Empire didn't stop Petra from prospering.

Unfortunately, this prosperous city was hit by a massive earthquake in 362 AD which destroyed much of the city and damaged the water conduit system. Then, with the changes of the trading routes, Petra gradually came to its downfall. Eventually this once bustling ancient city was abandoned and what remained were the stone structures. Only the local Bedouins continued to roam the area.

Lost for centuries to the world, Petra was 'rediscovered' in 1812 by a Swiss explorer, Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. It was said that he dressed up as an Arab and had to convince his Bedouin guide to take him to the lost city. Today it is Jordan's most valuable treasure and greatest tourist attraction. In 1985 on December 6, it was designated as World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Petra was also named amongst the New 7 Wonders of the World in 2007.

1. Petra, the \_\_\_\_\_ is located in southern of Jordan.
2. Petra is also known as \_\_\_\_\_ because of the colour of the stone from which it was carved.
3. Among the \_\_\_\_\_ in Petra, the Pharaoh's Treasure is the famous structure.
4. This lost city was founded by the \_\_\_\_\_ in 321 BC.
5. Petra's main trade was trading in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In 362 AD a massive earthquake hit the ancient city causing much \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ had caused the gradual downfall of this Rose City.
8. Petra which is now a UNESCO \_\_\_\_\_ continues to attract tourists to Jordan.

### Questions 9 and 10

Complete the table below with **a word** from the text.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Meaning	Word
9. rich and successful	
10. when many people move to a place to live there	

[10 marks]