

קראו את הקטע שלפניכם, וענו על השאלות 1-7. אראו הקטע הני אמהם, ואביבו ען האטלה 1-7.

Read the text below and then answer questions 1-7.

THE BUSINESS OF LOST LUGGAGE

I Every year, more than a billion passengers fly in and out of American airports. They assume that their luggage will arrive with them at their destination. However, that is not always the case. In the USA, around 2 million suitcases are sent to the wrong place annually! Sadly, around 65 percent of these suitcases never return to their owners.

- 5 **II** What happens to all that lost luggage? Most of it — as well as bags lost on buses, trains, boats, and taxis — ends up in an enormous store in Scottsboro, Alabama. The Unclaimed¹ Baggage Center is the only store in the USA that buys unclaimed suitcases from airlines and other travel companies in order to sell their contents. It sends trucks around the country to collect those suitcases.



- 10 **III** Since trucks are constantly arriving with new shipments of lost luggage, there is always plenty to do at the Unclaimed Baggage Center. First, the workers open up each bag and examine its contents. They must decide what to do with each item: sell it, throw it away, or give it to charity. Then they must assess the value of the items they are selling so they can set prices.
- 15 **IV** Approximately 7,000 new items are added to the store every day. There's a huge variety of clothes, electronic devices, jewelry, and more, usually at a discount of 20 to 80 percent from their normal price. Some lucky shoppers have found even better deals. For example, one customer paid \$60 for a painting and later discovered that it was worth over \$20,000! Finding such a terrific bargain is pretty rare, though, as the store's workers have a
- 20 lot of experience spotting valuables.

- V** So, if you're passing through Scottsboro, don't miss the opportunity to visit and explore the Unclaimed Baggage Center. In addition to providing a unique shopping experience, the store has a fantastic display of some of the strangest things that its staff has found in suitcases. It's no surprise that it's one of Alabama's top tourist attractions, with around one million
- 25 visitors a year.

1. Unclaimed = נדרש לא לזממה/המלוכה לא נדרש

QUESTIONS (70 points)

Answer questions 1–7 in English according to the text. In questions 1 and 7, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. What do we learn in paragraph I?
 - i) How many Americans fly annually.
 - ii) Why suitcases are sent to the wrong airport.
 - iii) How many suitcases get lost in American airports.
 - iv) Which country has the most lost luggage.

(8 points)

2. What do we know about the Unclaimed Baggage Center from paragraph II?
PUT A ✓ BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

- ___ i) What is special about it.
- ___ ii) When it first opened.
- ___ iii) How it gets the products it sells.
- ___ iv) Why it is located in Alabama.
- ___ v) How many suitcases it buys annually.
- ___ vi) Who works there.

(2x7=14 points)

3. What happens when workers at the Unclaimed Baggage Center find an item that they don't want to sell?

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

They _____.

(8 points)

4. "Approximately 7,000 new items are added to the store every day." (line 15)
What do workers at the Unclaimed Baggage Center do before they add those new items?
(paragraph III)
ANSWER: _____

(6 points)

5. Lines 17–19 describe a bargain that one customer at the Unclaimed Baggage Center found. Why is it unusual to find such a terrific deal there?

ANSWER: _____
(8 points)

6. Give TWO reasons why people might choose to visit the Unclaimed Baggage Center. Take one answer from paragraph IV and one answer from paragraph V.

(1) _____
(2) _____

(2x8=16 points)

7. What can we understand from paragraph V?

The writer thinks that (—).

- i) it's worth coming from far to visit the Unclaimed Baggage Center
- ii) the Unclaimed Baggage Center is too crowded
- iii) shoppers can find everything they need at the Unclaimed Baggage Center
- iv) people should go to the Unclaimed Baggage Center if they're in the area

(8 points)

PART II: WRITTEN PRODUCTION (30 points)

الفصل الثاني: مهمة كتابية (30 درجة)

اقرأوا التوجيهات التي أمامكم، واكتبوا وفقا لها رسالة بالإنجليزية. تحتوي على 70-90 كلمة. حاولوا استعمال كلمتين على الأقل من الكلمات البارزة الواردة في القسم E صفحة 20. يمكنكم استعمال عدد من الكلمات البارزة الواردة في القسم A صفحة 18.

פרק שני: מטלת כתיבה (30 נקודות)

קראו את ההנחיות שלפניכם, וכתבו על פיהן מכתב באנגלית ובו 70-90 מילים. נסו להשתמש בלפחות שניים מהמילים המודגשות המופיעות בחלק E בעמוד 20. תוכלו גם להשתמש בכמה מהמילים המודגשות המופיעות בחלק A בעמוד 18.

Write a letter of 70–90 words in English on the following topic. Try to use at least two of the words in bold that appear in Part E on page 20. You may also use some of the words in bold that appear in Part A on page 18.

8. Your American aunt has sent you \$200 for your birthday. Thank your aunt for her gift and tell her what you did with the money.