Questions 6–10

The people below all want to hire somewhere for a party or event.
On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight places to hire.
Decide which place would be the most suitable for the following people.
For questions **6–10**, mark the correct letter (**A–H**) on your answer sheet.

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Jessica is arranging her boss's retirement party. She is looking for somewhere in the town centre that can provide a traditional evening meal for around 100 guests.

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Amelia is organising her 18th birthday party for 80 friends. She loves to dance and sing along to her favourite tunes. She wants to offer drinks and snacks rather than a sit-down meal.

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James and Amanda need somewhere to hold their wedding party. They want to be able to take photos outdoors. Most of their 100 guests are coming by car and some will need overnight accommodation.

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Jens wants to thank his staff of six by taking them out for a day in the countryside. He wants somewhere where they can do lots of fun activities and have a meal.

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Sophie is organising her company's annual two-day conference. Several meeting rooms are required, one of which must be able to hold 200 people. They will all need to stay one night.

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Places to Hire

A Rumbola
Rumbola is available for private bookings of up to 100 people. Hire one of our DJs, who will keep you and your guests moving to the music all night. If you know the words, he'll encourage you to join in! We have no restaurant, but light refreshments are available.

B The Darlington Centre
This modern building, situated in the countryside, is perfect for all business events. We have rooms of varying sizes – the Haversham is the largest with space for 300 people. Included in the price are meals, overnight accommodation and tea/coffee.

C Amazon Café
Situated in the town centre, this restaurant is an exciting place to celebrate a birthday or other special event. The restaurant is decorated to look and sound like a rainforest. Busy and fun, it is popular with young people who like Brazilian food and listening to loud music.

D Sunbury Park
This country house has space for 200 people at events such as weddings and formal dinners. In our beautiful park, we offer a variety of exciting sports and team-building games. As overnight accommodation is not provided, your event will be free from the interruptions often found in a hotel. We have a large car park.

E Narborough Manor
In the historic town centre, this beautiful hotel is the perfect setting for a wedding or birthday party. We can organise entertainment such as magic shows or live music. Lovely paintings and fireplaces make the perfect background for photos. Our dining room seats up to 80.

F Hudsons
This beautiful building dates from 1750 and is the last of its kind in this central location – all around it are shops and businesses. During the day it serves light lunches but in the evening it turns into an old-fashioned, formal restaurant, which can be hired for parties of up to 200 people.

G Hillcourt House
This family-run hotel is famous for its beautiful gardens. It can host private or small business events. The dining room holds 150 and meeting rooms hold 10–20. The hotel is in the countryside but close to two motorways and has plenty of parking spaces.

H Tiger Tom
At weekends, this stylish town-centre restaurant is full of famous faces, but on certain weekdays it can be hired for birthday parties or business events. The menus are modern and it is possible to play your own choice of music while you have your meal.

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Part 3

Questions 11–20

Look at the sentences below about a hot-air balloon festival.
Read the text on the opposite page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.
If it is correct, mark **A** on your answer sheet.
If it is not correct, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

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11 The Albuquerque Balloon Festival lasts over a week.

12 The first festival took place at the opening of the local radio station.

13 The pilots use hand signals to communicate with each other.

14 The 'balloon glow' happens before sunrise and after sunset.

15 Members of the public are forbidden to enter the balloon take-off area.

16 Some advertising balloons join in the festival.

17 You can take a balloon ride to the top of the nearby mountains.

18 You can watch a firework show every evening of the festival.

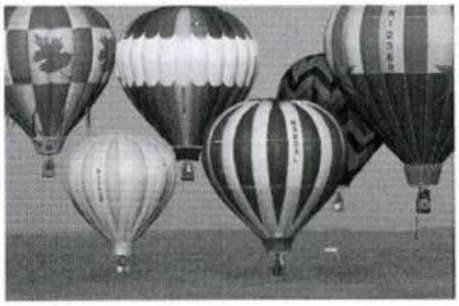
19 The geography of the area around Albuquerque makes it particularly suitable for ballooning.

20 Visitors should be prepared for a range of temperatures.

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The Albuquerque Balloon Festival

Every autumn, the sky above the desert city of Albuquerque in the south-western United States turns into a mass of bright colours. This is the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, an annual nine-day event.



The first festival was held in 1972 to celebrate the 50th birthday of the local radio station. There were about a dozen hot-air balloons and they took off from the car park in the middle of Albuquerque. From these small beginnings, the festival has grown steadily. This year at least a thousand balloons from over one third of the countries of the world are expected at its current out-of-town site.

What to see

The pilots are in radio contact with each other and all light up the burners of their balloons at the same time. These are known as 'balloon glows' and are an opportunity to take fantastic photographs. However, you must arrive just after night has fallen or before 5.30 am to see these 'glows' as the balloons rise into the dark sky.

During the day, you can walk around among the balloons and chat to the pilots as they prepare for take-off. The balloons come in all sizes and colours, some in the shapes of animals or cartoon characters – and, of course, well-known products such as varieties of soft drinks and fast food. Kids will love it.

In the afternoon, why not take to the sky yourself by arranging a balloon flight over the desert with one of the many companies offering balloon rides? Another possibility is to take the cable car from the desert floor to the top of the nearby mountains, the longest such ride anywhere, and enjoy a bird's-eye view of the festival. There are plenty of other attractions for visitors of all ages, including balloon races and firework displays on the opening evening and the last three evenings of the festival.

The Albuquerque Box

This is a local wind pattern that creates perfect conditions for balloonists. The Sandia Mountains protect the balloons from strong winds, and at the same time create gentler currents of wind at different heights. This means that by rising or descending, skilful pilots can control the direction of their balloons.

Practical advice

Buy your tickets in advance (they are available online) and save yourself a long wait to get into the festival site. Wear several layers of thin clothing. At night and in the early morning it can be quite cool, but during the day sunglasses and suncream are essential. Bring a flashlight for night-time events and, of course, bring your camera. If you're not a digital photographer, you'll need high-speed film for evening and night-time pictures.

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WRITING

PART 1

Questions 1–5

Here are some sentences about a well-known painting, *La Gioconda* (or *Mona Lisa*).
For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.
Use no more than three words.
Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.
You may use this page for any rough work.

Example:

0 It was 1503 when Leonardo da Vinci started to paint *La Gioconda*.

Leonardo da Vinci started to paint *La Gioconda* ..... **1503.**

Answer:

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1 Probably, no other painting is as famous as *La Gioconda*.

***La Gioconda* is probably** ..... **painting in the world.**

2 Nobody is sure of the identity of the woman in the painting.

Nobody is sure ..... **the woman in the painting is.**

3 People find the smile of the woman in the painting interesting.

People are ..... **in the smile of the woman in the painting.**

4 It took Leonardo a long time to paint this picture.

Leonardo spent a long time ..... **this picture.**

5 Does anyone know what this picture is worth today?

Does anyone know how ..... **this picture is worth today?**

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