ĐỀ THI

Directions: In this section of the test, you will read FOUR different passages, each followed by 10 questions about it. For questions 1-40, you are to choose the best answer A, B, C or D, to each question. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Answer all questions following a passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in that passage.

You have 60 minutes to answer all the questions, including the time to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

PASSAGE 1

Questions 1-10

15 minutes

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Các câu hỏi dễ hơn cần ưu tiên trả lời đúng

★ Câu hỏi thông tin chi tiết: **2, 3, 3, 4, 8, 9**

★ Câu hỏi tham chiếu: **5**

★ Câu hỏi ý chính: **10**

No one travels alone to the hottest place on Earth. You need, for starters, a driver and a Jeep stocked with water and four days of non-perishable food. There are no places to lodge or dine in this desert, so you'll need space for beds and someone who knows how to cook. And finally, because a journey like this costs many thousands of dollars, you'll need some fellow travelers to split the bill - the sort of people who like to fry themselves on vacation.

My father is the easiest recruit. Dad, who naps best roasting in the afternoon sun, is a lover of extreme heat. He's also an extreme traveler, drawn to the fringes of places, all the countries where no one vacations. From my father, I've inherited both tendencies: I'm known for getting bright pink sunburns, and also for stalking the edges of maps. The Danakil desert lies on the fringes of several countries, which claim a sliver of this sweltering, low-lying desert, named the cruelest place on earth. I don't have to mention this to my father - not the endless salt flats, lakes the bright color of mouthwash, or camels by the thousands. When dad starts calling this desert 'the frying pan', I know he's in.

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We enlist three more people and in Mekele, the starting place for our voyage, we merge with four others. We fill five Jeeps and have nothing in common but a love of travel, and a willingness to sweat for **it**. The Jeeps plunge down mountains for hours. The heat, of course, is brutal. I remind myself this is just a warm-up. The real heat won't strike until we reach the sizzling edge of the frying pan, an uninhabited region, roughly 130 meters below sea level, called Dallol, which holds the record for the highest average annual temperature: 94 degrees.

As we continue, sand gives way to salt, and soon we're in a landscape of white crystals glinting in the fresh morning light. The ground is miraculously flat. Our driver, who has been battling fine sand, cannot resist the urge to go for it. We surge ahead of the other cars in what looks like a Jeep race across some frozen lake. Suddenly, in the pure white expanse, a huge brown mound appears. We're ordered by our guides to find a full liter of bottled water, and to bring it with us up the lumpy brown mountain.

At the summit, I find my travel mates standing in a kind of silent daydream. Astonished, they crouch down beside pale green toadstools - mineral formations whose glossy tabletops are smooth as marble. The hottest place on earth is an assault of color: yellow and deep rust, pea green and purple. Some of the formations look like coral reefs, others like egg shells, air-blown from the hot breath of the earth below. Everyone wanders off alone, crunching over the earth, heads down, staring at the ground and shaking their heads.

I know the ground is hot - you can even hear water boiling underground. Everywhere we step, things break and splinter. Just when I work up the nerve to step with force, the purple ground collapses beneath my foot. The sneaker I pull back out is covered in bright yellow stuff. You start to think: we really shouldn't be here. This desert wasn't built to handle a human intrusion, and the human body certainly wasn't built to handle this desert.

1 What is NOT a thing to prepare for the desert trip?

A. food and water
B. a dining table
C. a place for sleep
D. a Jeep

2 Which of the following does the author agree with?

A. Planning for a trip in the desert is straightforward.
B. High temperatures can cause problems for travellers.
C. Travelling individually in the desert is unwise.
D. The expense of desert travel puts many people off.

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3 What does the writer say about her father?

A. He's passed on his love of travelling in remote places to his daughter.

B. He misses having company when he goes to unusual places.

C. He prefers to research places for himself than listen to others.

D. He likes to plan every detail of a journey by studying maps.

4 How many people were there on the trip?

A. 2 B. 3

C. 4 D. 9

5 The word **'it'** in paragraph 3 refers to

A. heat B. willingness

C. travel D. voyage

6 Why does the author mention 'remind myself this is just a warm-up' in paragraph 3?

A. to say that the writer is still getting to know her fellow travelers.

B. to show that the real challenge of the journey is still ahead of them

C. to say that they have a long way to go before they reach their destination

D. to say that the drivers are still learning how to find their way in the mountains

7 What does the writer compare the landscape to in paragraph 4?

A. a beach B. mud

C. ice D. dust

8 What is mentioned about the fellow travelers in paragraph 5?

A. They find it difficult to look at the brightness of the colours.

B. They are disappointed by some of the things they see.

C. Their surroundings are impossible to make sense of.

D. They are unable to take their eyes off the scene in front of them.

9 How does the writer feel as she is walking around on her own?

A. shocked by the fact that the ground is so soft

B. afraid that she might never find her way out of the place

C. worried that she is going to hurt herself

D. uncertain about whether she is doing the right thing

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10 What is the purpose of the passage?

A. to describe difficulties people might have on a desert trip

B. to report a journey to the hottest place on earth

C. to give advantages of travelling with others to a desert

D. to describe beautiful desert landscapes

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PASSAGE 2

Questions 11-20

15 minutes

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★ Câu hỏi thông tin chi tiết: **14, 16, 17**

★ Câu hỏi từ vựng: **15, 18**

★ Câu hỏi ý chính: **11**

Volcanoes are both creators and destroyers. They can shape lands and cultures, but can also cause great destruction and loss of life. Two of the best-known examples are found at opposite ends of the world, separated by the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Japan's Sacred Summit

Located in the center of Japan, Mount Fuji is a sacred site. Japan's native religion, Shintoism, considers Fuji a holy place. Other people believe the mountain and its waters have the power to make a sick person well. For many, climbing Fuji is also a rite of passage. Some do it as part of a religious journey; for others, it is a test of strength. Whatever their reason, reaching the top in order to stand on Fuji's summit at sunrise is a

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