Where to study English

Do you want to study English in England but don't know where? Try Hastings!

Hastings is a town in the south east of England. It's a coastal town with a population of over 85,000, but in the summer there are many more people. Why? Because many language students come to study English in its language schools, and they usually come in the summer.

Some local people call Hastings a small town but it looks more like a city when you walk in the town centre. It's always busy, especially on Saturdays, because there are many shops and cafés where people meet for a cup of tea or a snack. When you walk away from the town centre and go straight on to Queens Road, there's a cinema on your right, where you can watch a film with your friends. Opposite the cinema there's a shopping centre. There are lots of shops where you can shop for hours.

If you like history and prefer to visit the traditional part of town, then go to the Old Town. It's got a lot of historic houses, pubs and restaurants. At the end of the High Street you can visit some interesting museums, for example the Sea Life Centre, the Fisherman's Museum and the Lifeboat Museum.

Do you like walking? There is some lovely countryside around Hastings and there are beautiful walks along the coast with views of the sea and the English Channel. If you like city life, it only takes an hour to get to the city of Brighton, and London is only ninety minutes away by train.

There are many traditional Victorian houses in Hastings. Some are small and only have two or three bedrooms, but the larger houses have ve or six bedrooms, three bathrooms, a big living room and a large kitchen.

Read the text. Choose the correct answers (a–c).

1. There are more people in Hastings in the summer because
    a. language students go to the cinema.
    b. language students visit the language schools.
    c. language students visit the museums.

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2. The shopping centre in Hastings is
    a. next to the cinema.
    b. opposite the cinema.
    c. to the right of the cinema.

3. The museums in Hastings are
    a. opposite the shopping centre.
    b. at the end of the High Street.
    c. just outside Hastings.

4. There are beautiful walks
    a. in the city.
    b. in the old town.
    c. along the coast.

5. You can travel from Hastings to London in
    a. ninety minutes.
    b. sixty minutes.
    c. thirty minutes.

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