

NMT Task 4 practice (4)

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (1-6). There two choices you don't need.

Pushing Boundaries



An article in the *Journal of Travel Medicine* reports on the risk factors in commercial adventure tourism in New Zealand. Client safety is a big issue in this sector. The study was based on a questionnaire completed (1) _____. One hundred and twenty-seven groups responded, with a total of almost one million clients annually, covering twenty-one different adventure activities between them.

For client injury, the risk factors (2) _____ clients not following instructions, an inappropriate level of client skill, ability or fitness, and changeable or unpredictable weather conditions. Of course, there are also organisational factors (3) _____ they may come across, not enough guides, or guides having inadequate experience or qualifications. Failure to check the weather conditions is also an important factor. What is interesting is (4) _____ to get injured than domestic tourists. This suggests that the overseas tourist is not familiar with the place they are visiting; therefore the risk of injury is increased.

The activities which reported the highest numbers of client injury were activities related to ecotourism, horse riding, white-water rafting and snow-related activities. For minor injuries, it was found that there was a serious failure in reporting from the operators of the activities. The most common reasons given for reported injuries (5) _____. There was also a lack of consistency in following safety management measures across the industry. In some cases, this may be due to operators trying to cut costs.

The general conclusion was that the adventure tourism sector had to address the issue of reporting injuries and pay greater attention to safety management procedures. It was also highlighted that the industry needed to consider risk management for more minor incidents, (6) _____. In other words, safety measures for the prevention of both serious and minor injuries in the adventure tourism sector should take the highest priority.

- A. that were at the top of the list included
- B. by trying to reduce the number of accidents
- C. such as falls, and not only major accidents
- D. such as clients not being warned about the dangers
- E. by adventure tourism companies operating in New Zealand
- F. were clients **slipping, tripping or falling**
- G. were enough to ensure the safety of the participants
- H. that visitors from other countries are more likely