

Test 2

The Travel Bug

Have you ever had the desire to wander the world and see what was out there? While some people prefer to stay in the comfort of their own home, others have been bitten by the travel bug and can't wait to explore the world. Exotic places call to them. "Come visit me and I will show you my mysteries," they say.

Every year millions of people pack their suitcases or put on backpacks and flock to visit the seven continents of the world. They wander through the castles and museums of Europe, and the cities and natural wonders of North and South America. Some visit the vast exotic cultures of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The great outback of Australia is a wonderland for those who go there. And a few lucky people even make to the most mysterious continent on the earth-Antarctica.

Why do people want to explore the world? It gives them a better perspective about the earth and the people living on it. It opens their minds, it gives them a feeling of accomplishment, and it makes them feel alive. So save some money, get your passport ready, and see the world. It will change your life forever.

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I- COMPREHENSION

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (2 pts)

1. « to be bitten by the travel bug » means you like to stay at home.

2. Travelling enriches people's knowledge about the world.

B. COMPLETE THE TABLE ACCORDING TO THE TEXT. (5 pts)

Continent	Reasons to visit them
Europe	
North and South America	
Africa, Asia and the Middle East	
Australia	
Antarctica	

C. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER. (3 pts)

- The purpose of the writer is:
 - to talk about places which attract tourists.
 - to talk about the benefits of travelling.
 - to talk about the most beautiful continents in the world.
- « to wander » means :
 - to move from one place to another in groups
 - to move from one place to another without any definite plan
 - to go from one place to another with a definite plan.
- « exotic » means :
 - strange and exciting
 - touristic
 - well-known

D. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS REFER TO? (2 pts)

- them (paragraph 1) :
- they (paragraph 1) :
- It (paragraph 3) :

II- LANGUAGE

A. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE. (4 pts)

- They (invite) ----- us to their house several times.
- Listen to this cat! It (mew) ----- all night!
- Lend me your calculator, will you? I (lose) ----- mine a few days ago.
- Carol is very tired. She (interview) ----- candidates all day long.

B. REPLACE THE UNDERLINED EXPRESSIONS USING THE SUITABLE MODAL VERB. MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES. (3 pts)

- It's impossible they're at home now. It's only three o'clock!

→ They

2. Surely, she is very rich. Look at her Rolls Royce!

→ She -----

3. It's not necessary to get up early tomorrow. It's a holiday!

→ We

C. Choose an adjective from the box to complete the sentences. (3pts)

amused/amusing	disappointed/disappointing	surprised/surprising
confused/confusing	interested/interesting	embarrassed/embarrassing
annoyed/ annoying	irritated/irritating	

1. The film was not funny, so I was not

2. We werewith the exam results. They were terrible.

3. Are youin football?

4. I was verywhen I saw my friend yesterday because she completely changed her look.

5. The teacher wasbecause some students didn't do their homework.

6. It's sometimeswhen you feel obliged to ask people for money.

D. PROVIDE THE CORRECT WORDS OR PHRASES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES. (4 pts)

1. This skiing resort ----- to be brilliant. A friend of mine told me about it. He was there last weekend and he loved it.

2. He ----- for being lazy and incompetent at work.

3. A: Do you -----going for a walk this evening?

B: Yes, I'd love to. That sounds like a great idea!

4. I don't like package holidays; sometimes the food is terrible. I'd rather go on a ----- one so that I can prepare my food myself.

5. I'm really exhausted. I've been -----all day.

6. A: Would you like to join us tonight? We're celebrating Tom's birthday.

B: Sorry, but I can't -----, I'm not really in the mood and I'm too tired to go out.

7. The Simpsons-----from their flat because they didn't pay the rent.

8. When you lie under the sun, make sure you use a sun tan lotion to protect your skin: or else you'll get -----

E. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATION? WRITE A SHORT DIALOGUE USING APPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS. (4 pts)

« Celebrating Christmas in Muslim countries »

You: (asking about opinion) -----

Your friend: (expressing opinion)-----

You: (agreeing or disagreeing giving argument) -----

III- WRITING (10 pts)

« Travel broadens the mind. »

Write a short article to your school magazine about the benefits of travelling.

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