

Part 1
Reading

Task 1

The people, described below, all want to find somewhere to stay. On the other page there are descriptions of eight hotels. Decide which hotel would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 1-5, put the correct letter (A-H) on your answer sheet.

- 1 Felipe and Gabriela want to spend the weekend in the city centre near the railway station with their one-year-old son. They want to be able to walk everywhere. They plan to eat in restaurants.

 - 2 Giorgos wants to be able to swim, but is not interested in other sports. He'd like to spend the weekend somewhere quiet in the country. The hotel must have a car park.

 - 3 Monica would like to stay somewhere in the countryside where there are organised activities so that she can meet other people. As she has some work to do, e-mail facilities must be available.

 - 4 Julia and Robert are travelling by car and want to park at the hotel. They don't want to be further than ten kilometers from the city. They want to swim every day and have dinner at the hotel.

 - 5 Adam and Barbara need to stay somewhere in the city which provides lunch and dinner and has a car park. Their three children all enjoy sport.

- A **The Star Hotel** is a five-minute drive from the city centre, and all rooms have their own television and telephone. Guests can eat all their meals here – breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel has its own large car park. There is a gym and two tennis courts. Entertainment is available at weekends.
- B **York House** is between two farms. The hotel arranges dances and other events which you can attend if you wish, or you can walk in the gardens and enjoy the scenery. It is especially popular with people travelling alone and also has a fully equipped business room and internet café. All meals are available on request.
- C **The Grange Hotel** is outside the city, but hotel staff can collect you from the station and arrange trips in the area by coach. It is close to all the main roads and has a large car park. Although only breakfast is served, there are two good restaurants nearby. Fax, e-mail and photocopying are available.

- D **Rosewood Guesthouse** is about one kilometer from the city centre. It is easy to reach the city's shopping and entertainment areas or drive into the surrounding countryside. There is a swimming pool in the next street. Dinner is available if booked in advance, and there is a large car park.
- E **The Blue Lion Hotel** is on the south side of the city and is just a short taxi ride from the railway station and places of interest. Breakfast only is provided. Events such as talks and shows are organized every evening and are popular both with local people as well as the hotel's guests. Free parking is available in nearby streets.
- F Twenty kilometers from the city, in the middle of the hills, **Blantyre Manor** was previously a family home. It is a peaceful place to spend a few days, with very good sports facilities including golf, tennis and a swimming pool. There is a restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, and plenty of car-parking space.
- G **Victoria House** is a family hotel five minutes' walk from the railway and tram station and close to all the city's facilities. It is in the city centre near the shopping mall, where a range of restaurants is available. No car parking or meals except breakfast. Bicycles can be hired from reception.
- H Just five kilometers from the city centre, **The Spring Park Motel** is very near the motorway with plenty of parking space, so it is convenient for drivers, although it is in the countryside. Meals are not available, but only two kilometers along the motorway there is an excellent café where breakfast, lunch and dinner are available.

Task 2

- *There are two mixed texts below.*
 - *Separate the two texts ("On the Train" and "Michael's Travel").*
 - *Arrange each text in the logical order.*
- A. "How did you find your way here being in this town for the first time and not knowing it, and not even using a map?" asked his uncle who was still very surprised at his nephew.
- B. When the ticket inspector came and asked him for his ticket, the old writer began to look for it in his pockets, in his bag and suitcase. He could not find his ticket. He looked in the book he was reading, on the seat he was sitting. But in vain. The ticket was nowhere.
- C. Michael looked around. Then he took a piece of paper out of his pocket and had a brief look at it. The address of his uncle's home was written on it. He looked at it once more, then he crossed the street and stopped in front of the new building. He came in and soon happened to be in his uncle's apartment.
- D. It was an express train from London to Edinburgh. The compartment was spacious, the service was a first-class one, the people were pleasant and did not annoy him with

the silly questions like: "Ah, you must be the person everybody knows, aren't you?" Looking out of the window he could see a picturesque landscape: carefully tended green plains with blue lakes like saucers, and a blue mass of sky above with yellow, warm and kind sun. To cut a long story short he obviously liked the trip.

- E. It was the first time when Michael, a fifteen-year-old boy, went to see his uncle who had moved to a new town after he had married. It was 278 miles away and the boy decided to hitchhike to see the neighbouring countryside, to develop his communicational skills talking with drivers and, which had a great importance for him, to save an amount of money he had earned delivering newspapers every morning during the school year.
- F. The ticket inspector stared at writer straight, the other passengers started the throw suspicious looks at him, and the writer himself was in despair. "Anyway I must find my ticket," said he. "I do want to know where I'm going."
- G. "Please, do me a favour, don't worry," said the ticket inspector. "You might have forgotten where you have put it. Take it easy. I can wait. I'll ask for it at the next station." But at the next station it was all the same.
- H. He made that distance in quite a short period of time. The last vehicle was a truck, which let him off at the main street of the town. The boy thanked the truck driver and wished him a good luck. The town was modern and not large like many all round the country.
- I. "No wonder," was the answer. "We live in a wonderful country which is very vast, with very friendly people always ready to help you. Just ask the people and they'll explain you how to get to a place."
- J. Once upon a time an old writer who was extremely popular in England was travelling by train

Part 2 Use of English

Task 3

In the text below 10 words have been removed and listed at random. Restore the 10 words correctly into the text.

Just as the hapless (1) ___ was half-way through asking his most (2) ___ and difficult (3) ___, the (4) ___ thing that could have happened did, and all hell was let loose as Ben (5) ___ a cat through the dining room (6) ___. Apart from almost barking the house down and (7) ___ drowning out the second half of the question, Ben (8) ___ across the dining room in a brown blur before throwing (9) ___ against the (10) ___ door with a sickening crash.

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| (1) window | (4) interviewer | (7) crash | (10) saw |
| (2) involved | (5) question | (8) totally | (11) kitchen |
| (3) shot | (6) worst | (9) himself | |

Task 4

For questions 1-15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there.

If a line is correct put a tick (✓) by the number. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word next to the number. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

STUDYING ABROAD

There are two reasons why I had wanted to study in Paris. I wanted 0 _V_
to be in a place which it was at the centre of Europe, close to it 00 it
other countries such as England and Germany. The other reason 1 ___
was that I had been found it very difficult to find a place to 2 ___
study of medicine in my own country, where there were only 3 ___
three medical schools. I had spent my last two school years at a 4 ___
boarding school, where I was made a lot of friends and learned 5 ___
to look after myself. I was nineteen when I left and I had knew 6 ___
that I could to deal with student life. First of all, I had 7 ___
to learn the language of the country I would be living in there for quite 8 ___
a while. I learnt with the language quickly because I stayed 9 ___
with a family, which was a most great help. I was expected to 10 ___
speak only their language and not mine. After that, I looked around 11 ___
for an apartment to rent. I found one very close to the university 12 ___
so I went on foot every day. I was being able to exercise a lot and 13 ___
therefore be fit all year round. My studies went very much well 14 ___
and I graduated at the top of the class with full honours. 15 ___

Task 5 Select the word closest in meaning to the one underlined

- Everyone was astonished to hear of the latest news.
A) surprised B) unhappy C) worried
- The committee failed to make any headway.
A) profit B) progress C) agreement
- The chairman reported a slight increase in the production.
A) great B) disappointed C) small
- Our position was undermined by the opposite party.
B) conspired B) splintered C) weakened
- She utterly misrepresented their position.
B) completely B) purposely C) surprisingly
- He doesn't perceive all the consequences of his actions.
A) accept B) understand C) admit
- There has been a protracted discussion over the issue.
A) explosive B) heated C) lengthy
- She paid the delivery man grudgingly.

- A) generously B) unwillingly C) quickly
9. One thing was sure; the future looked bleak.
A) discouraging B) spoiled C) promising
10. The plans for reorganization were acclaimed by the employees.
A) criticized B) praised C) accepted

Task 6 *Select the word which best completes each sentence*

1. I was so busy that I had the time to ... the report.
A) read B) skim C) study
2. As we were losing, we could only ... to their plans.
C) yield B) urge C) help
3. He asked that they ... from smoking in the room.
A) refrain B) stop C) refuse
4. It is ... that you return the book on time.
A) beautiful B) imperative C) strangely
5. The ... is of population growth has slowed down.
A) rate B) degree C) extent
6. The ... is to be repaid over the next five years.
A) capital B) loan C) interest
7. The poor harvest was ... to bad weather.
A) explained B) reflected C) attributed
8. The ... members of the staff are difficult to replace.
A) key B) fundamental C) different
9. A ... clock was taken during the robbery.
A) precious B) wealthy C) rich
10. They consulted the student and the professor, the ... being more useful.
A) last B) latest C) latter