

Skills test 3

READING

European destinations

A Healed by the water: Budapest, Hungary

Budapest has got more than 100 thermal springs and some 50 swimming pools and medicinal spas, and the city boasts a tradition of bathing which began before Roman times. Just relax and spend your days soaking in thermal pools, sharing a steam bath with locals playing chess, or get health treatments, including massages from trained professionals. Budapest is guaranteed to make you feel healthy again!

B Nights out on the party island: Ibiza, Spain

Thousands of young people make the annual pilgrimage to the island in search of nights on its dancefloors and days on its splendid beaches. The 24-hour party lifestyle is still the main attraction, but there are some historic towns, rugged landscapes and sandy beaches to explore as well.

C Camping in the New Forest: Holmsley, England

The perfect campsite for a family holiday, with lots of space for children to play. Easily accessible by car. Well-equipped facilities make your camping holiday relaxing. Peace and quiet and a safe environment for children. And the seaside and other places of interest are only a short drive away.

D Just you and the stars to guide you: Soria, Spain

If you like the idea of a cycling holiday exploring the beautiful, unspoilt Spanish region of Soria, but you enjoy being independent, there are holiday plans which allow you to set your own pace. Your cycle rides can be as challenging or as laid-back as you want them to be. Cycle on your own or with friends. Carry your own rucksack, or arrange luggage transfers with local tour companies for your nightly stop-overs.

E A traditional village life: Cyprus

Immerse your family in the traditional way of life in Cyprus: morning coffee in a local taverna, gardens with olive trees, and no tourists around. Live like the locals in a rented cottage, take walks in the countryside, even do a bit of gardening if that's what you like – and relax. An unforgettable holiday experience for all members of the family. Airport transfers arranged on request.

F Seven days, seven wonders: Italy

Explore the rich cultural heritage of Italy with a seven-day, seven-city package tour – with knowledgeable English-speaking guides telling you all you need to know about these centres of European civilization. Venice, Milan, Bologna, Florence, Verona, Rome, and Naples. Italy in a nutshell.

G Speeding down the river: Slovenia

Do you enjoy an active holiday? Are you brave enough? Try white-water rafting on the fast-running mountain rivers of Slovenia. The perfect setting to test how fit you are. Full training and assistance is provided to allow you to enjoy an unforgettable adventure.

1 Read about eight different holidays and decide which one (A–G) would be most suitable for each person.

- 1 **Stephanie** likes art and history. She can't speak a foreign language. She would like to see more of the world. _____
- 2 **Nick** likes to be active. He is quite fit. The only sport he is not good at is swimming. _____
- 3 **Angela and Jim** are looking for a relaxing holiday with their children. They can't drive. _____
- 4 **Lisa** and a group of friends want to do something fun abroad. She'd prefer to do something sporty. _____
- 5 **Mark** has a stressful job. He would like a relaxing holiday abroad that is very different from his everyday life. _____

2 points for each correct answer 10

2 Reas the text again. Write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 In Roman times, bathing was popular in Budapest. T
- 2 Young people mainly go to Ibiza to explore historic towns and rugged landscapes. _____
- 3 The Holmsley campsite is not far by car from the sea. _____
- 4 The Soria region of Spain has been spoilt by tourism. _____
- 5 You can pay a company in Soria to transport luggage to your hotel. _____
- 6 On the Cyprus holiday, visitors stay at the taverna. _____
- 7 In Cyprus, you can work in the garden if you want. _____
- 8 There are guides provided on the Italy tour. _____
- 9 The Italy tour includes trips to the countryside. _____
- 10 The mountain rivers in Slovenia are quite fast. _____
- 11 You need to be experienced to do white-water rafting. _____

1 point for each correct answer 10

3 Match five of the underlined words to the definitions.

- 1 has something it can be proud of boasts
- 2 a long journey to visit an important place _____
- 3 with a lot of rocks and not many plants _____
- 4 beautiful; has not been changed or built on _____
- 5 to involve yourself completely in something _____
- 6 traditions, qualities, and culture of a country _____

1 point for each correct answer 5

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WRITING**1 You are on holiday. Write a postcard to your English friend. You should:**

- include a suitable greeting.
- describe where you are staying.
- say why you decided to go there.
- tell your friend about what you have been doing.
- find a suitable closing phrase.

Write your postcard in 80–100 words.

shorter Writing task 10**2 Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must have the following title.**

‘The most exciting day of my life’

Write your story in 140–180 words.

longer Writing task 15

Writing total

 25

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LISTENING**1 Listen to two people talking about films. Write true (T) or false (F).**

- 1 Andy has just seen *The Incredible Hulk*. T
- 2 Andy thought *The Incredible Hulk* was amazing. —
- 3 He can't hear very well because he's been to a rock concert. —
- 4 At first, Sophie thinks Andy is talking about an older film. —
- 5 Andy's favourite film is *Brokeback Mountain*. —
- 6 Sophie asks Andy to recommend a film to her. —
- 7 Andy thinks Sophie should watch *The Incredible Hulk*. —
- 8 Andy says *Kung Fu Panda* is a brand new film. —
- 9 Sophie has got two sons. —
- 10 Andy suggests they all go to see the film. —
- 11 They agree to go to the cinema on Sunday. —

2 points for each correct answer

2 Listen again. Circle the correct letter.

- 1 What Andy didn't like about *The Incredible Hulk* was
 - a the fact the film was too loud.
 - b the acting because it was silly.
- 2 The new version of *The Incredible Hulk*
 - a was directed by Ang Lee.
 - b wasn't directed by Ang Lee.
- 3 Sophie says she has seen
 - a *The Incredible Hulk*.
 - b *Brokeback Mountain*.
- 4 Sophie's idea of a 'fun' film
 - a is entertaining; an animation or a comedy.
 - b has loud music; a lot of fast-moving action.
- 5 *Kung Fu Panda* is being shown
 - a every day.
 - b at the weekend.
- 6 Andy suggests that after watching the film with their children
 - a they should meet up with Sophie's husband.
 - b they should take them out for a meal.

1 point for each correct answer

Listening total

SPEAKING**1 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.**

- 1 How do you help to protect the environment? How do people in your town help?
- 2 What is your favourite sport to watch? Why?
- 3 What sports do you enjoy/hate doing? Why?
- 4 Do you think fashion is important? Why? / Why not?
- 5 What things are you afraid of?

max. 1 point for each topic

2 Look at the photos. Discuss how the weather is changing, and the impact this has on people's lives.

max. 10 points

3 Discuss the statements. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1 'The Olympic Games inspire everyday people to do more sports.'
- 2 'People should get to know their own country better before they visit foreign countries.'

max. 5 points for each topic

Speaking total

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