

## 2. Choose the correct alternative

Avatar, the Oscar-nominated film that took movie technology to the next level, is now coming to the Science Centre's IMAX Theatre in 3D. The movie (**by / from / to**) Canadian Director James Cameron will be screened at the Science Centre until (**last / early / since**) January. Sandra Baumgartner from the Science Centre says there was (**few / many / a lot of**) debate about having Avatar (**come / coming/ comes**) to the IMAX. "When we were looking at film selections and talking to our (**listeners / viewers/ crew**), they all agreed that technology (**rather/ further / bother**) than the movie was what all people really wanted to see," Baumgartner said.

## 3. Supply the correct tense or form

I have just arrived back from Hotel Lilia. This hotel is (**absolute**) \_\_\_\_\_ terrible. The rooms are small, dirty and (**smell**) \_\_\_\_\_. The bathroom is extremely disgusting! The decor is very unattractive! The towels and bed sheets have bad smell. The pool water (**never/ clean**) \_\_\_\_\_ which resulted in green substance! One man did get in and couldn't stand up. He was then sick for two days. Breakfast is served on a pool table - with flies (**circle**) \_\_\_\_\_ the table and landing on the food. I was also told that a girl was kidnapped in the hotel while her father (**be**) \_\_\_\_\_ at the bar. This place is the (**bad**) \_\_\_\_\_ place I've ever seen and it needs to be closed.

## 4. Fill in the blanks

where / how / breathtaking / few / history / awful / stood / wealth

Tower Bridge London is one of the most impressive structures and sites in the capital. It has \_\_\_\_\_ over the River Thames since 1894 and is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. Sightseers may learn about the history of the Bridge and \_\_\_\_\_ it was built. Interactive displays and videos provide an entertaining and informative guide to Tower Bridge in London and its place in \_\_\_\_\_. At the top of Tower Bridge, they can enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ views from the high-level walkways. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of museums and historic buildings close to the Tower Bridge. Tower Bridge is also very close to one of London's most unusual restaurants, like St Katherine's Dock \_\_\_\_\_ you can enjoy a five-star dinner and a show of joyful spectacle.

## 5. Fill in the blanks

whatever - variety - offers - accommodation - less - most - actually - booked

The Edinburgh Festival is hugely popular with tourists. It is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella term for a group of independently organised festivals, which together bring you a spectacular variety of events to choose from. The Edinburgh International Book Festival (2) \_\_\_\_\_ talks, readings as well as discussions, musical events and numerous children's activities. Tickets need to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ well in advance as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ isn't easy to find in Edinburgh during the festival. Edinburgh is a compact city with good public transport, so you can still stay a few miles out and make the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Festival, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ time of day or night you choose to experience it.

## 6. Supply the correct tense or form

Experts say space tourism may increase employment rates. In most countries, most of the population do not have economically (**consider**) \_\_\_\_\_ incomes, and so employment is the economic basis of social life, (**provide**) \_\_\_\_\_ income and enabling people to have stable family lives. The high level of (**employ**) \_\_\_\_\_ in most countries today is therefore not only wasteful, it also causes widespread (**poor**) \_\_\_\_\_ and unhappiness, and is socially damaging, creating further problems for the future. One reason for investing in the (**develop**) \_\_\_\_\_ of passenger space travel, therefore, is that it could (**definite**) \_\_\_\_\_ create major new fields of employment, capable of growing as far into the future as we can see.

## 7. Fill in the blanks

with / luscious / than / back / cultural / then / them / luxury / on

The island of Antigua is said to have 365 beaches, one for every day of the year. We haven't counted \_\_\_\_\_ but you'll certainly be spoilt for choice with the endless deserted stretches. There is a lot more to Antigua \_\_\_\_\_ just the beach however. A rich maritime heritage dating \_\_\_\_\_ to middle centuries still influences some of the best sailing in the Caribbean; the historic capital of St Johns \_\_\_\_\_ its majestic cathedral and several museums provides some unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ highlights. Whatever you choose to do \_\_\_\_\_ the isle, it is sure to be the perfect choice for your \_\_\_\_\_ holiday.

## 8. Fill in the blanks

paint / huge / on / segment/ give / internationally / hundreds / at

Dubai Shopping Festival 2013 will mark its 18th year with the upcoming edition. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ acclaimed festival and one of the best shopping experiences in the world. Between January 3 and February 3, the 32-day show will \_\_\_\_\_ the city with a festive mood through its unique blend of shopping, winning and entertainment. Building on the \_\_\_\_\_ success of its last year marketing campaign, DSF 2013 will again project "Dubai \_\_\_\_\_ its Best", offering unparalleled experiences to visitors and residents alike. In addition to the shopping and prizes, \_\_\_\_\_ of events and activities await residents and visitors. From international concerts, musicals and shows, to sports, outdoor, and fashion events, Dubai Shopping Festival caters to every age \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Choose the correct alternative

The British Bookings have increased to Bangkok, New York, and Sofia during the third trimester to take advantage of special deals for the Christmas holidays. Though British travellers are becoming increasingly accustomed to **(plan)** \_\_\_\_\_ their holidays at the last minute, when it comes to Christmas holidays the majority book in advance to take advantage of pre-**(sell)** \_\_\_\_\_ deals. According to eDreams, one of Europe’s leading online travel agencies, you can save up to 50% by booking in advance. Because of this, many Brits **(already/ book)** \_\_\_\_\_ their holidays in cities like Bangkok, New York, and Sofia; popular **(destination)** \_\_\_\_\_ for flights out of the United Kingdom during the upcoming Christmas season. The demand for these cities is **(remark)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the recent ranking carried out by eDreams, as all 10 of the top cities are temperate destinations during December. They are **(slight)** \_\_\_\_\_ more popular than Johannesburg, or Dubai.

10. Circle the right alternative:

- Travel agent: Good afternoon. How may I help you?
- Margaret: Good afternoon. I was thinking of going away **(during / for / on)** a week to the beach. What holidays do you have on **(menu / schedule / offer)**?
- Travel agent: OK, let me see. Have you **(always / never / ever)** been to the Greek islands?
- Margaret: No. Are they nice?
- Travel agent: Yes, lovely: **(crystal-clear / clear-crystal / crystal-clearly)** water, great nightlife...
- Margaret: Well, actually, I was looking for something a **(bit / few / much)** quieter.
- Travel agent: Corfu is a nice family **(cottage / refuge / destination)**. How about a week there?
- Margaret: OK, that **(sounds / seem / likes)** great.



III. GUIDED WRITING

1. Writing a biography

Use the following notes to write a short biography of William Shakespeare

• Birth: 26 April 1564; Stratford-upon-Avon	• 1582, marriage to Anne Hathaway/ three children: Susanna, and twins Hamnet and Judith.
• Death: 23 April 1616	• 1585 - 1592, a successful career in London as an actor, writer
• An English poet and playwright,	• 1613, back to Stratford
• Works: about 38 plays and several other poems.	

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2. Complete the dialogue by writing the hotel receptionist’s questions

Receptionist: Good evening sir. \_\_\_\_\_?

Mr. Smith: Good evening, my name is Smith. I have a room booked in advance.

Receptionist: Oh right, I’ll just check. \_\_\_\_\_ again?

Mr. Smith: Smith, John Smith

Receptionist: Smith? Well there is no record of a reservation here.

\_\_\_\_\_?

Mr. Smith: No, by fax. I’ve got a copy of your reply here, look.

Receptionist: I see. Well. \_\_\_\_\_?

Mr. Smith: Well. Just three nights.

Receptionist: Ok Sir. I’ll check in.



3. Use the following notes to write a 4-line paragraph (4 marks)

Name of festival	Tulip festival
Theme and purpose	Dedicated to tulip flowers – tribute to the Dutch Queen (escape, World War II)
Place and time	Ottawa, Canada - May 6 to May 23
Duration	18 days
Participants	Tourists / Canadian citizens / artists

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## 4. Use the following notes to write a 4-line paragraph

Name of festival	Hina Matsuri (means 'little doll')
Theme and purpose	Dedicated to dolls / teach traditional values
Place and time	Japan / 3 March each year
Duration	One day
Participants	Little girls and parents



## 5. Use the following notes to write a biography of 'Leonardo Da Vinci' (5)

- **Name:** Leonardo Da Vinci      **Birth:** April 15, 1452 / Vinci, Italy
- **Family:** an illegitimate child – unstable childhood without any formal education
- **Milestones:** became apprentice of an Italian painter in 1467- skills developed/ moved to Milan in 1482 and started a career of an artist
- **Achievements:** hundreds of inventions, bringing to life legendary works of art- the Mona Lisa, in 1503      **Death:** 1519- France

## 6. Add the necessary elements to get four coherent sentences about Hawaii (4)

- August 21, 1959 / Hawaii join / U. S union / the 50<sup>th</sup> state
- lie / heart / Pacific Ocean
- its diverse nature scenery / make / a popular destination / tourists
- Honolulu / beauty capital / locate / the island of Oahu



## IV. FREE WRITING

- You have just come back from a holiday organized by Dream Tours Travel Agency. You are quite happy with the quality of the service and the facilities available. Write a letter to your friend recommending the agency. No more than 12 lines. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE LETTER.**
- You have just come back from a two-week holiday abroad. You were not satisfied with your stay for several reasons. Write a letter of complaint to your travel agency about the conditions of your stay.
- You have been attracted by the following ad.

***Istanbul Package Tour is one's chance life***

- \*A four –day holiday in one of the most luxurious five-star holidays.
- \*Airport and transportation taxes are included.
- \*Helpful staff.
- \*All services are included: delicious food, modern swimming pools, kids clubs, walking tours to ancient historical sights, non-stop fun.

With the company of your family you participated in the holiday. Yet, things turned bad. Back home, you decided to write a letter of complaint to the tour operator showing your disappointment and asking for compensation.

- After spending a wonderful package tour organised by Mr. John Arthur (the operator) in London, you have decided to write him a letter in which you express your thanks and ask him to register your name in next trip.
- After watching a documentary on TV about space tourism as a controversial issue, you – as a columnist in a magazine- decide to write an article in which you try to highlight the positive aspects of space tourism and to draw the readers' attention to its possible benefits for humanity.