

Exam Practice (part 2)

TASKS 1-2-3-4

Read the text

Devon is a large county in the south-west of England. Agriculture and fishing have always been important parts of the local economy, but these days tourism is the main source of income. Nearly five million people visit the area each year, many of them coming to enjoy Devon's beaches and even to surf along its north coast. Apart from the beaches, Devon is also well known for its beautiful countryside and old, traditional cottages.

Many coastal towns in Britain have suffered as more and more people go abroad on holiday. However, on the south Devon coast, resort towns such as Brixham and Torquay are enjoying new life as the English Riviera, offering mild weather and sandy beaches. Another reason for its popularity is that it's possible to get to Devon from London in a short time by car. Two motorways, the M4 and the M5, connect the capital to Devon and in just four or five hours Londoners can be enjoying a cream tea or a relaxing country walk.

You are going Zorbing with your friends. Ask about:



- 1) Weekends availability
- 2) Booking in advance
- 3) Height restrictions
- 4) Price per person
- 5) Centre location

Tell your friend about a photo:



You have to talk continuously (12-15 sentences)

- Where and when the photo was taken
- Who/what is in the photo
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Which holiday would you prefer?

- Give a brief description of the photos (action and location)
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- Say which holiday you would prefer
- Explain why



Read the text.

Buckingham Palace was built for the Duke of Buckingham in 1703 and, as such, was known simply as Buckingham House. Its first royal resident was King George III, who bought it in 1762, but it was not until 1837, when Victoria became queen, that it became the official royal palace of the British monarch.

Approximately 450 people work at Buckingham Palace, and each year more than 50,000 people enjoy some form of entertainment there – the Queen often holds garden parties and receptions for invited guests. In the 1990s, the palace became even more open, with members of the public being allowed to go on a tour of the ‘state rooms’. These are the official reception rooms in the palace, rather than the rooms that the Queen and her husband live in.

In June 2003, a concert of classical music and a pop concert were held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. This was to celebrate Elizabeth’s 50th anniversary as queen.

You want to get a summer job. Ask about:



**SUMMER JOBS
FOR STUDENTS**

**TO FIGHT FAR-RIGHT
EXTREMISM AND ADVANCE
PROGRESSIVE CAUSES**

This summer, work for a cause you believe in

Right now, the Tea Party is rallying support to repeal the healthcare reform bill, severely curtail reproductive rights, and further institutionalize discrimination against immigrants and minorities.

It's up to all of us to make sure that our country moves in the right direction. In order to do that, we are currently partnering with some of the world's leading advocacy and humanitarian organizations. This summer, we will be working with groups like the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and Amnesty International to protect and defend our civil and human rights.

We work at the grassroots level, talking to people one-on-one to make sure that citizens know what's going on and have the opportunity to take action on issues that they care about.

We're hiring students right now to work full-time this summer as Canvassers and Field Managers

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PHOTO: A group of people at a protest holding signs that say "AIDS ARE TO BE NE JUST THE EQUAL Y THEY ARE".

PHOTO: A group of people, some wearing "LET'S GET TO WORK" shirts, standing together.

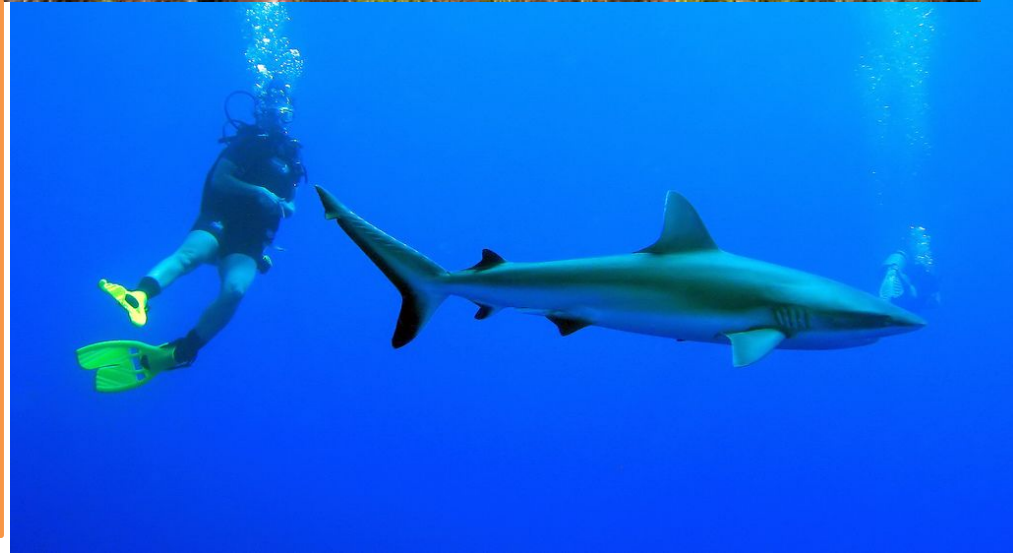
- 1) Jobs variety
- 2) Accommodation facilities
- 3) Salary prospects
- 4) Contact person
- 5) Starting dates

Show one photo to your friend:



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Which place would you rather live in?

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- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say which place you would rather live in
- Explain why



Read the text

In 122 AD, the Roman Empire stretched across Europe, the Middle East and north Africa. In Britain, it reached to the far north of England. However, many Scottish tribes resisted the Romans. So, in that year, Emperor Hadrian decided to build a huge wall across the island to keep them out.

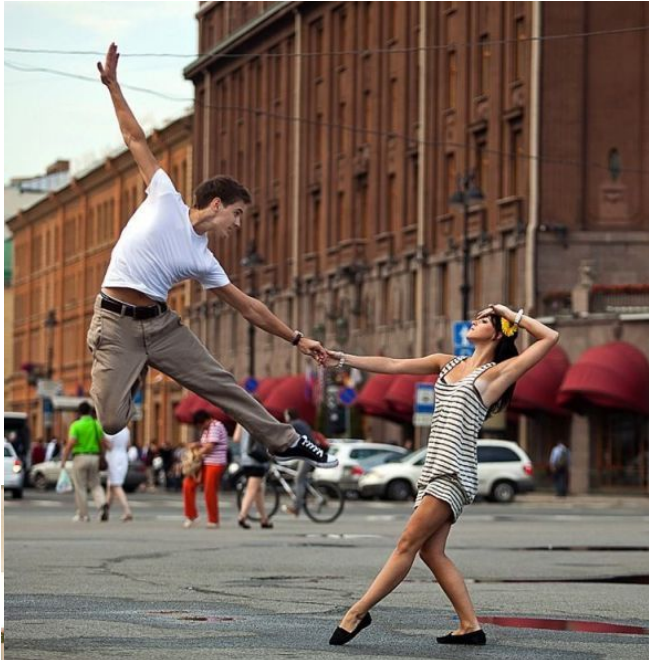
The wall ran all the way across England, from what is now Carlisle in the west to Newcastle in the east – 73 miles in total. It was built by Roman soldiers, and was a useful way of keeping them busy. Remember that in those days they were living on the edge of the civilised world. To stop them missing home too much, it was important to give them something to do, and building a ten-foot-thick wall certainly did that. Local people also benefited, since the soldiers and craftsmen working on the wall needed to buy supplies wherever they were. It took six years to build and was a very clear symbol of the strength of the Romans.

You want to visit Guggenheim Museum in NY. Ask about:



- 1) Opening hours
- 2) Variety of expositions
- 3) Guided tour
- 4) Entrance fee
- 5) Group discounts

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Which type of reading do you prefer?



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- Say what type of reading you prefer
- Explain why



Read the text:

The two-player game chess is one of the most popular board games in the world. It is also one of the oldest, although there is uncertainty regarding where and when chess originated. Several countries claim to have invented the game.

One possibility is that chess was invented in India about 1,500 years ago. Another theory, however, says that the Chinese were playing a form of chess over 800 years before that. We shall probably never know for sure, but we do know where the word 'chess' comes from. It comes from the Persian word *shāh*, which means 'king'.

The rules for chess have changed several times during the centuries. Many of the modern rules were introduced in the 15th century, and minor changes to the game were also made in the 19th century. An international organisation called FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) is now responsible for making any further changes to the rules.

You are going to the film festival. Ask about:



- 1) Films included
- 2) Latest show
- 3) Price range
- 4) Payment options
- 5) Autographs availability

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Which style do you prefer?

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- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say which style you prefer
- Explain why



Read the text:

Belgium has a wide range of hotels from 5-star luxury to small family pensions and inns. In some regions of the country, farm holidays are available. There visitors can (for a small cost) participate in the daily work of the farm. There are plenty of opportunities to rent furnished villas, flats, rooms, or bungalows for a holiday period. These holiday houses and flats are comfortable and well-equipped.

The Belgian style of cooking is similar to French, based on meat and seafood. Each region in Belgium has its own special dish. Butter, cream, beer and wine are generously used in cooking. The Belgians are keen on their food, and the country is very well supplied with excellent restaurants to suit all budgets. The perfect evening out here involves a delicious meal, and the restaurants and cafés are busy at all times of the week.

You've decided to take up karate

- 1) price for 3 months
- 2) Physical check
- 3) Age limit
- 4) Clothes
- 5) Trainers





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Which one would you prefer to watch?

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- Say which one you would prefer to watch
- Explain why



Read the text:

Sweden's scenery has a gentler charm than that of neighbouring Norway's rocky coast. Much of Sweden is forested, and there are thousands lakes, notably large pools near the capital, Stockholm. The lakeside resort in the centre of Sweden is popular with Scandinavians, but most visitors prefer first the Baltic islands. The largest island, Gotland, with its ruined medieval churches, is a particular attraction.

Sweden boasts a good range of hotels, covering the full spectrum of prices and standards. Many of them offer discounts in summer and at weekends during the winter. In addition, working farms throughout Sweden offer accommodation, either in the main farmhouse or in a cottage nearby. Forest cabins and chalets are also available throughout the country, generally set in beautiful surroundings, near lakes, in quiet forest glades or on an island in some remote place.

You'd like to book a bus city tour for your foreign friends

- 1) Type of bus
- 2) Tour length
- 3) Change in route
- 4) Price per person
- 5) language





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How do you prefer to write letters



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- Say how you prefer to write letters
- Explain why

Read the text:

Living in a tent or caravan with your family or friends at weekends and on holiday is extremely popular in Sweden and there is a fantastic variety of special places. Most are located on a lakeside or by the sea with free bathing facilities close at hand. There are over 600 campsites in the country. It is often possible to rent boats or bicycles, play mini-golf or tennis, ride a horse or relax in a sauna. It is also possible to camp in areas away from other houses. Swedes like plain meals, simply prepared from the freshest ingredients. As a country with a sea coast and many freshwater lakes, fish dishes are found on all hotel or restaurant menus. Top-class restaurants in Sweden are usually fairly expensive, but even the smallest towns have reasonably priced self-service restaurants and grill bars. Many restaurants all over Sweden offer a special dish of the day at a reduced price that includes main course, salad, soft drink and coffee.

You're planning to visit a local swimming-pool

- 1) Doctor's note
- 2) Price per month
- 3) Swimming lessons for children
- 4) Closing hours
- 5) Telephone for reservation



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Which skills are more useful?



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- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say which skills are more useful
- Explain why



Read the text:

Denmark is the smallest Scandinavian country, consisting of the Jutland peninsula, north of Germany, and over 400 islands of various sizes, some inhabited and linked to the mainland by ferry or bridge. Throughout the country, low hills provide a constant change of attractive views; there are also cool and shady forests of beech trees, large areas of open land covered with rough grass, a beautiful lake district, sand dunes and white cliffs on the coast. More than four-fifths of all Danes live in towns. The main cities represent a combination of medieval buildings, such as castles and cathedrals, and modern office buildings and homes. Denmark's high standard of living and wide-ranging social services guarantee that the cities have no poor districts. Most people in the cities live in flats. But in the suburbs many also live in single-family houses.

You'd like to learn how to cook with new cooking classes

- 1) Price per person
- 2) Food provided
- 3) Experience
- 4) Type of cuisine
- 5) class on Friday





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Which type of shopping would be more difficult for you?



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- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what type of shopping would be more difficult for you
- Explain why