

Reading 8

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Task 1. _____ **(6 points)**

Read two adverts for corporate venues. Are the sentences 1-6 true or false?

The International Centre

Whether you are looking for a conference venue or a place to have your meetings and your training days, the International Centre is the perfect modern space for your event. Offering free Wi-Fi, secure parking and all-day refreshments, the International Centre has 120 meeting rooms and a theatre for up to 1,000 people. Conveniently located in the city centre, the International Centre is close to the shops and only a ten-minute walk to the train station.

The Grand West

The Grand West is a country house surrounded by rolling hills and beautiful scenery, only a 30-minute drive from the airport. With 76 hotel rooms, 12 meeting rooms and a conference room that takes up to 200 people, the Grand West offers free Wi-Fi and a whiteboard in every room. You can also make use of the gardens of the Grand West for team-building events and outdoor activities. Our indoor swimming pool, gym and 18-hole golf course will ensure that your event is relaxing and enjoyable for everyone.

1. If you need a large conference venue for about 600 people, you should book the International Centre.
2. If you want to go shopping after your meetings, you should book the Grand West.
3. Only the International Centre offers free Wi-Fi.
4. If you go to a conference at the International Centre, you can have food and drink any time during the day.
5. You can have fun playing golf if you go to an event at the Grand West.
6. You walk for 30 minutes if you want to go from the Grand West to the airport.

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TEXT2

Task 2. *Read the text. Are the sentences 7-14 true or false?*

(8points)

Crocodiles moved from world's tallest statue

Workers in India are moving over 300 crocodiles from their home because they are too near a new tourist sight. Officials in India's state of Gujarat want to move the crocs because they could be a danger to tourists visiting the new Statue of Unity. The statue opened to the public last October. It is 182m high and is the tallest statue in the world. It is next to a reservoir, which is also home to many crocodiles. Tourism officials want the giant reptiles moved so seaplanes for tourists can land on the reservoir. If the crocodiles stayed, they could be dangerous and attack tourists. Officials are using cages to catch the animals. Some of them are over 3m long. They are going to a new home in another part of Gujarat. Animal lovers are angry that people are moving the crocodiles. Dr Jitendra Gavali said: "The government is disturbing their habitat and putting their lives at risk. The government hasn't thought out where it will release the captured crocodiles safely." So far, only 17 of the animals have been caught and moved. The editor of the environmental magazine 'Sanctuary Asia', Bittu Sahgal, said the idea to move the crocodiles was crazy. He tweeted: "Have we collectively lost our minds? As any environmentalist will tell you, this is sheer insanity." Indian journalist and activist Pritish Nandy said moving the crocodiles could break India's wildlife protection laws. An official said the crocodiles had to go for "security reasons".

7. Just under 300 crocodiles are being moved from a tourist site in India.
8. Officials say the crocodiles are a danger to the Statue of Unity.
9. Officials want to move the crocs so seaplanes can land on a reservoir.

| <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
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- 10. The crocodiles are being caught using giant nets.
- 11. Animal lovers are happy that the crocodiles are being moved.
- 12. A doctor said the government hasn't thought about the animals' safety.
- 13. An environmentalist said moving the crocs was a crazy idea.
- 14. Moving the crocs could break India's wildlife protection laws.

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Task 3. Read and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to the question.15-17

(3 points)

- 15) What is the name of the statue the crocodiles live near?
 - a) Statue of Unity
 - b) Alligator Statue
 - c) Statue of India
 - d) Statue of Gujarat
- 16) What did a magazine editor suggest people have lost?
 - a) land
 - b) their minds
 - c) money
 - d) hope
- 17) What reasons did an official give for moving the crocodiles?
 - a) safety reasons
 - b) good reasons
 - c) no reason
 - d) environmental reasons

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Task 4. Match the paragraphs (1–5) with the best paragraph headings (A–F).
One heading is not needed.

(5 points)

An encyclopedia entry

The Taj Mahal is a famous mausoleum next to the river Yamuna in the Indian city of Agra. A mausoleum is a building where people bury the dead. The name Taj Mahal means ‘the crown of palaces’.

1. The most famous part of the Taj Mahal is the large white dome in the centre. It is 35 metres high and is surrounded by four smaller domes. The rooms inside the building are decorated with beautiful archways and precious stones in the walls. The buildings are surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, fountains and green gardens.

2. The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, but the main material is white marble. Historians believe that the materials were transported by over 1,000 elephants for the construction.

3. The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. According to legend, he wanted to build another Taj Mahal in black on the other side of the river, but this never happened. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, many parts of the Taj Mahal were damaged by British soldiers, who took some of the precious stones from its walls. Over the years, the Taj Mahal has suffered from environmental damage, and there have been many government attempts to conserve its beauty.

4. The Taj Mahal is one of India’s most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors to the mausoleum every year. The Taj Mahal is almost always included in lists of famous buildings to visit and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- 5. • Encyclopedia Britannica article on the Taj Mahal: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/TajMahal>
- Official site of the Taj Mahal: <https://www.tajmahal.gov.in/>
- UNESCO Profile of the Taj Mahal: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/252>

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| 20 | 3 | C) | Architecture |
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Task 5. Read the text. Are the sentences 23-30- true, false or not mentioned?

(8 points)

- 23 Mausoleums are always constructed in white marble.
 24 There are water features in the gardens of the Taj Mahal.
 25 The construction of the Taj Mahal never finished.
 26. The materials for the Taj Mahal are not all from India.
 27. There was a black Taj Mahal on the other side of the river.
 28. The British destroyed the Taj Mahal in the 20th century.
 29. The Indian government is trying to protect the Taj Mahal.
 30. The Taj Mahal is the most visited building in India.

| True | False | Not mentioned |
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