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Reading Exam 8

Part 1

Read the short texts about different cities. Match the cities (A–F) with the requirements (1–5). 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Travel and vacations
See: *English File 4th edition* A2/B1 Files 6A, 6B
English File 4th edition B1 Files 1B, 4B, 5 Practical English, 6A

Which city would you recommend for someone who ...

- 0 *wants a modern city and intends to do some shopping there?*
- 1 *plans to visit museums and wants to be able to do sports in green open spaces?*
- 2 *needs to be able to see the city from public transport and likes visiting old buildings?*
- 3 *wants a cosmopolitan city where they can try different foods cheaply?*
- 4 *wants to see some famous sites in a short time, and needs to be able to fly straight in?*
- 5 *wants to spend the evenings eating with friends and going to clubs?*

Question	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	<i>B</i>					

					TOTAL	

Cities to Visit

A *Kalia*

This city is full of things to do day and night, and has over 15 top chefs working in hotels and restaurants, so you'll have plenty of choice before you go off to the dance floor. Getting home will be no problem with buses running throughout the night.

B *Drill*

This city was planned as the new business centre just 15 years ago and has regular connections to the international airport, although many people are put off by the hour-long connection. It's grown considerably and has some fantastic examples of architecture. Most impressive is the new mall, the largest in the region.

C *Potrika*

This is a cultural centre with many galleries and historic collections for you to wander around. The pretty market sells everything from plants to furniture. Much of the city is parkland, and you can easily rent bicycles or swim in the lakes in the summer months.

D *Storlow*

This city, built on the banks of the river, has a riverboat service that will take you past all of the main attractions and costs little more than a regular bus service. The streets are lined with trees, which make the ancient buildings look even more attractive.

E *Neoline*

You'll love the night market, with plenty of stalls selling dishes from all over the world, thanks largely to the very international population in this city. You'll want to try them all and luckily you can probably afford to do just that.

F *Brandor*

The tourist attractions are spread around the city but you can use the tram system to get around them all. Just make sure you take a map and a good guide book or app. With daily flights from over 15 different countries, it is ideal for a weekend visit.

The Museum Hotel

For people who like a bit of history, but don't believe in lowering their standards below five-stars, the Museum Hotel is the ultimate destination.

The stone structure dates back thousands of years. Guests can experience living in a museum, with a number of historical items collected from nearby castles. Various groups have occupied the caves over thousands of years, and these have been carefully restored to form some of the rooms. In the Seljuk period, people began to live in houses made of the local yellow stone, and some of these houses now form the hotel's main reception area and the restaurant. The last inhabitants of the buildings were from the Tekeli clan, and the name of the region means 'land of the beautiful horses' after the animals they brought with them.

About your stay

'Unique' is the best word to describe the Museum Hotel. The hotel features 30 rooms and suites, each of them excellent in their own individual way. No two rooms are alike, and each brings its own special qualities. From June to October, we can offer guests the most incredible experiences, with surprise cocktails and evening meals. We offer a hot air balloon ride, floating through the valley for breakfast, and even a dip in our relaxing hot pool in a quiet hidden valley – perfect for a marriage proposal or wedding anniversary. Or try cross golf. Cross golf is like normal golf, but takes place in a natural environment. Speak to the manager to arrange transport to the valley for this activity.

Food at the Museum Hotel

Our chef likes to mix the past and present in his dishes, and he will share his culinary knowledge with guests. He will also be happy to give them a tour of the open fires in the kitchens. You can also book an hour-and-a-half-long lesson, which involves steaming bread rolls in our outdoor brick ovens with herbs from the garden.

The hotel owns a 200-acre farm site, and you can visit the garden, taste the fruits and even select some to be served with your lunch or dinner. If you're having a cooking lesson, many of the ingredients will come from the garden. Our restaurant, the Lil'a*, has one of the finest chefs in the region. From a young age, he worked for hotels in the most famous holiday regions of Turkey and he is realizing his dream of creating special national dishes with us at the hotel, adding to the range each year.

History of the building as a hotel

The hotel was officially opened in 2002, although guests had been staying in some of the rooms since the project to restore the building began in 1998. We are proud to say we are recognized by The Excellence Group. Unlike most hotel chains, membership to The Excellence Group does not require payment. To join, the hotel must possess certain qualities. The organization, which began with French castles over 50 years ago, now has a range of special hotels.

**For the Lil'a restaurant the following are unsuitable: T-shirt, sports clothing*

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Part 3

Read the text about a library building. For gaps 1–5, choose the correct sentence from options A–G. There is one sentence you do not need. 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Housing, home and the environment
See: *English File 4th edition* B1 Files 3A, 6A, 7B,

- A *It had been completed only five years earlier.*
- B That all changed when it was nominated for a major prize.
- C Since then, that decision has been reversed.
- D After all, it must be difficult to meet so many requirements.
- E This location was not the best choice.
- F It gives them such a cosy feel that everyone loves.
- G The balcony has great views in the background for that.

Gap	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sentence	A					

				TOTAL		

The City Library

The city library welcomed its one hundred thousandth visitor last weekend. **0** A. For many people the popularity of the building was a result of its fantastic design. But at the time that it was built, a lot of people disagreed with its construction. It was built next to the river in the old industrial part of town. **1** _____. That's because public transport links were quite poor at the time, and there were worries about the effect on traffic.

The government held a competition to create a winning design, and a very modern design was chosen. A lot of people felt this would damage the tourist industry in this traditional part of town. **2** _____. The media attention from this helped to persuade the locals.

When the building was being planned, the government initially agreed that the library should house a collection of artwork, and also be a venue for major cultural events. **3** _____. That's because the area around it is not appropriate for large numbers of visitors late at night. Instead, the building has become a popular venue for daytime events and school visits. A lot of people also come to the library to ask their loved one to marry them. It might not sound the best place, but couples like to get a photo of the happy moment in front of the beautiful river. **4** _____. Rain or shine, the building also provides a covered space, and the library staff are happy to help organize rooms for private bookings.

The most popular rooms, though, are the reading rooms. Because they are so popular, they aren't always the quietest rooms around. In addition, there are usually a large number of tourists wandering around, but that doesn't seem to stop people from using them. Each room has a fireplace to sit around in the winter months. **5** _____. In the summer, people can take their reading outside into the garden area. All in all, the library has been a valuable addition to the town.