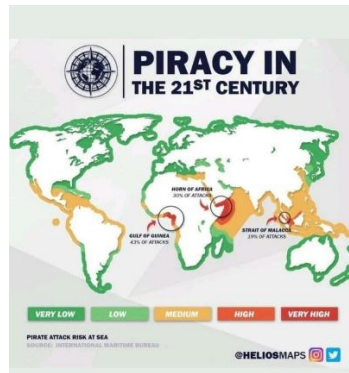


USE OF ENGLISH

For questions 1- 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.



Piracy

Piracy was not **(1)** ... by men like Blackbeard and ‘Black Bart’ Roberts. It has been around since people first took to the sea, a maritime **(2)** ... that appears in historical records dating back to before the construction of the Egyptian pyramids. The Mediterranean, **(3)** ... known as the ‘**(4)** ... of civilisation’, was also a pirate hotspot, which we know because the Ancient Egyptians **(5)** ... the time to describe the attacks and their perpetrators.

As in any period, piracy in the ancient world flourished when there was a lack of central control, as well as in areas beyond the **(6)** ... of major powers such as the Egyptians, the Assyrians or the Mycenaean Greeks. The first known pirate group was the Lukkans, a group of sea raiders based on the south-eastern coast of Asia Minor. They first appeared in the 14th century BC, when Egyptian **(7)** ... recorded that they raided Cyprus, **(8)** ... there are suggestions that their piratical activities may have started earlier.

1. A) disclosed	B) invented	C) discovered	D) devised
2. A) scouter	B) scout	C) scooper	D) scourge
3. A) besides	B) likewise	C) moreover	D) otherwise
4. A) cradle	B) cot	C) crib	D) hamper
5. A) passed	B) made	C) took	D) set
6. A) limits	B) reach	C) horizon	D) frontier
7. A) scribes	B) scripters	C) reporters	D) playwrights
8. A) or	B) because	C) although	D) despite

Scotland

People come to this small northern country for many reasons, perhaps **lured** by the promise of spectacular **(1)** ... , friendly natives, and a vibrant arts scene. Some are searching for their family **(2)** ... **yet** others want to get away from it all. **Digging** **(3)** ... old memories from their English Lit class of **gallant** heroes engaging in **larger-than-life** struggles, their **(4)** ... wander to faraway lands, to somehow familiar yet different destinations. Why not go to Scotland? But what kind of country are they coming to, and what should they expect once they get there? Scotland **(5)** ... of an area of 30, 418 square miles - so it's a pretty compact and "doable" country - with a population of about five million people - not too small, not too big. It is one of three countries that form the political **(6)** ... called Great Britain, the other two being, of course, England and Wales, which, along with their fourth partner, Northern Ireland, becomes the United Kingdom. Scotland is bordered on three sides by water and on its fourth by England, which has had both its advantages and disadvantages. Geographically speaking, the country can be divided into three broad areas: the Southern Uplands, the Central Lowlands, and the Highlands. Although the **rugged** Highlands **(7)** ... about two-thirds of the land area, the **(8)** ... majority of the population resides in the Central Belt between Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, and Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

Lure (vb.): atraer

Yet: sin embargo

Doable: factible (feasible, possible to do)

Gallant: galante, caballeroso, cortés

Larger-than-life: extraordinario

Rugged: escabroso

1. A) scene	B) scenery	C) view	D) panorama
2. A) roots	B) race	C) basis	D) source
3. A) off	B) down	C) on	D) up
4. A) head	B) brains	C) spirits	D) minds
5. A) consists	B) includes	C) embraces	D) comprises
6. A) entirety	B) entitle	C) entry	D) entity
7. A) take out	B) take in	C) take up	D) take off
8. A) expansive	B) vast	C) expanding	D) spacious

Meteors

Most of us have **(1)** ... at the sky and seen what is commonly called a falling, or shooting, star. These **(2)** ... streaks occur when *meteors*, objects generally **(3)** ... from the size of dust **(4)** ... to fist-size masses, enter our atmosphere at speeds up to 44 miles per second and are ionised (or heated) to incandescence 50 to 75 miles above the planet. Few of these objects survive their encounter **(5)** ... our atmosphere.

What we see here on Earth, mostly at night, is a **(6)** ... of light that lasts about a half-second on **(7)** Generally speaking, the larger the material that enters the Earth's atmosphere, the brighter the meteor. Brighter *meteors* will occasionally leave a smoke trail behind in their path, lasting a few seconds; trails produced by very bright meteors, **(8)** ... to as *fireballs*, may last minutes. Fireballs that appear to break up or generate sound are called *bolides*, from the Greek word *bolis*, meaning missile.

1. A) looked out	B) looked through	C) looked up	D) looked up to
2. A) monotonous	B) momentum	C) momentous	D) momentary
3. A) classifying	B) ranging	C) ranking	D) fluctuating
4. A) particles	B) participants	C) particulars	D) participles
5. A) to	B) into	C) with	D) on
6. A) slash	B) strip	C) streak	D) smear
7. A) average	B) contrary	C) fly	D) move
8. A) directed	B) referred	C) concerned	D) related

ANSWERS TEXT 1: PIRACY

INVENTED

To make, design, or think of a new type of thing:
When was printing **invented**?

SCOURGE

Something that causes a lot of harm or suffering:
Vaccination has freed us from the **scourge** of smallpox.

OTHERWISE

In a different way to the way mentioned; differently:
Bismarck, **otherwise known as** 'the Iron Chancellor'.

CRADLE

The place where something important began:
Why is Mesopotamia called **the cradle of** civilization?

TOOK

To spend enough time to do something:
If you **take the time to** read the directions carefully, you won't have any trouble installing the software.

REACH

The limit of someone's power or ability to do something:
She lives in Peru, well **beyond the reach of** the British authorities.

SCRIBES

A person who made copies of written documents before printing was invented:
The **scribes** were the copyists of Scripture and teachers of the Law.

ALTHOUGH

Used to mean 'but' or 'however' when you are commenting on a statement:
I felt he was wrong, **although** I didn't say so at the time.

ANSWERS TEXT 2: SCOTLAND

SCENERY

(SCENERY => UNCOUNTABLE) The natural features of a particular part of a country that you can see, such as mountains, forests, deserts etc:

Reunion Island is a wildy tropical Island with **spectacular scenery**.

ROOTS

Your relation to a place because you were born there, or your family used to live there:

Why not try to trace **family roots** when you travel?

UP

To find hidden or forgotten information by careful searching:

They tried to **dig up** some dirt on their political enemies.

MINDS

If your mind, thoughts etc wander, you no longer pay attention to something, especially because you are bored or worried:

Does your **mind wander** while performing daily tasks?

CONSISTS

To be formed from the things or people mentioned:

The house **consists of** six rooms.

ENTITY

A unit with political responsibilities:

A new autonomous **political entity** will be created to replace the existing Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

TAKE UP

To fill or use an amount of space or time:

How much space will the wardrobe **take up**?

VAST

Almost all of a group:

The **vast majority** of people can read and write.

ANSWERS TO “METEORS”

LOOKED UP

You look up when you direct your eyes towards what is above you:
I heard the noise and **looked up** to see a man falling to the ground.

MOMENTARY

Lasting for a very short time:
Be careful not to make even **momentary** short circuits with metal tools.

If a process or movement gains **momentum**, it keeps developing or happening more quickly and keeps becoming less likely to stop.

This campaign is really gaining momentum.

They are each anxious to maintain the momentum of the search for a solution.

Synonyms: impetus, force, power, drive

RANGING

To include a variety of different things in addition to those mentioned:
She has had a number of different jobs, **ranging from** chef **to** swimming instructor.

PARTICLES

A very small piece of something:
Physicists discovered that atoms themselves were made of three smaller **particles** protons, neutrons, and electrons.

WITH

A meeting, especially one that is sudden, unexpected or violent:
How to survive an **encounter with** an ostrich?

STREAK

A long thin mark or line that is a different colour from the surface it is on:
A mysterious **streak of light** in the night sky baffled many Europeans on Christmas Eve.

AVERAGE

Generally, usually:
On the average, you can expect about a 10 percent failure rate.

REFERRED

To mention or speak about someone or something:
She always **referred to** Ben **as** 'that nice man'.