

Kritériumvizsga

Angol idegenforgalmi szaknyelv B2
Írásbeli mintafeladatsor

Reading comprehension 1

Read the following text and complete it with the words given. Write the letter of the correct word in the table, according to the example (0). Each word can only be used once. You do not need to use two of the given words.

How Instagram changed the tourism industry

With the weather on Mallorca **(0)** ... up, hundreds of tourists begin flocking to the beach of Calo des Moro every day. The **(1)** ... to experience the famous beach is so frantic that there is hardly space left on the sand to spread out a towel. Queues form as people wait for their turn to see the **(2)** ... blue waters, though many simply give up, **(3)** ... to spend their vacation time in a line.

Overcrowded beaches are a common sight on Mallorca, one of Europe's most popular vacation **(4)** ... Calo des Moro, however, is an extreme case — and many believe Instagram is to blame. A search on the social media platform **(5)** ... tens of thousands of photos in which the beach appears **(6)**..., its turquoise blue waters dazzling in the sun. An Instagram viewer would have little idea that the reality is in fact far from this peaceful scene.

Since Instagram launched in 2010, the same phenomenon has played out too often. Following in the footsteps of influencers, tourists chase the perfect vacation picture, **(7)** ... places which were either much less-known, or less popular than they are now.

Sometimes, the consequences are drastic. For example, the Konigsbach waterfall in Bavaria was forced to close to visitors after the increasing numbers of **(8)** ... entering the area's natural pools **(9)** ... the balance of the ecosystem.

Online travel agency Expedia found that 50% of people under age 40 use social media as travel **(10)** ..., preferring it to traditional outlets like TV shows or magazines.

A DESTINATIONS

F REVEALS

K INSPIRATION

B DAY-TRIPPERS

G RUSH

L UNWILLING

C STUNNING

H ATMOSPHERE

M DESERTED

D ENCOUNTERS

I WARMING

E ENDANGERED

J FLOODING

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Reading comprehension 2

Read the following text and then answer the questions briefly.

What is Burns Night and how did it start?

Burns Night brings to mind bites of peppery haggis and the taste of whisky but the history of the festivities is often taken for granted.

Burns Supper is a celebration of the life and legacy of the Scottish poet Robert Burns.

Scotland's national poet is considered a revolutionary figure, both in his homeland and beyond.

"Rabbie" Burns penned more than 550 poems and songs, his verse has become an important part of the country's national identity. The celebrations commonly incorporate the Saltire, the national flag of Scotland.

Burns Night falls on 25 January every year.

The date was chosen to correspond with the poet's birthday, who was born on 25 January 1759. History can trace the origins of the event back to 9 of Burns' close friends who decided to get together to mark the fifth anniversary of their friend's death in 1802.

While it was first organized by his close friends and family as a memorial dinner, the night has since transformed into an event for the Scots at home and around the world.

It is celebrated with traditional Scottish fare, folk music, and performances of Burns's poetry.

The main attraction of Burns Night is the Burns Supper. This traditionally involves participants wearing tartan, listening to bagpipes, singing Auld Lang Syne – also sung on New Year's Eve – and reciting the great writer's songs and poems.

The jewel in the crown of any Burns Supper is always the haggis, a savoury pudding containing minced sheep's heart, liver, and lungs bound with onion, oatmeal, stock, and a selection of spices. It is traditionally bound in the animal's stomach.

Haggis is served with the classic side of mashed turnips and potatoes. The food is, of course, accompanied by the finest domestic whisky.

Burns describes haggis as the „great chieftain o' the puddin'-race" and a traditional Burns Night kicks off with a host reading his "Address to a Haggis". In a mock-heroic style, the verse describes the haggis as „ a glorious sight".

In his "Address to a Haggis," Burns praised peasant food. "Haggis was really a meal of the working man – the people who didn't have much – because when a sheep was killed, they would cut it up and use everything," says Tony Grogan, president of the Robert Burns Association of North America.

This particular poem is always the first item on the program of Burns' Suppers.

Nowadays haggis can be consumed in various unconventional forms, not limited to the traditional recipe. Haggis lasagna, haggis pizza, haggis crisps, and even haggis ice cream provide alternative ways to experience this unique dish.

Several tons of haggis are exported throughout the world for celebration suppers. Surprisingly, haggis is very popular in France, where it is served in top Parisian restaurants!

However, if you're in the USA you won't be able to get your hands on any traditional haggis. It has been banned there since the 1970s.

In 1971 it became illegal to import haggis to the USA from Scotland due to a ban on food containing sheep lungs, which make up around 10-15% of the traditional recipe. Americans can't even make their own haggis, as US-produced foods containing sheep lungs are also prohibited.

1. What is the significance of Robert Burns and his poetry for the Scottish people? (1)
2. What Scottish symbol is associated with Burns Night? (1)
3. Why was the first Burns Night celebrated on 25 January 1802? (2)
4. How is haggis related to Robert Burns? (2)
5. Why was haggis regarded as the dish of the poor in the past? (1)
6. How has the traditional haggis recipe been adapted and modernized? (1)
7. How widespread is the celebration of the occasion and the consumption of haggis worldwide? (1)
8. What is the reason behind the prohibition of haggis in the United States? (1)

Writing 1

The employees of your company have recently been on a coach tour. As the assistant of the CEO, write a letter of complaint in the form of an e-mail in 140-150 words to Sunny Holiday travel agency, which organized the tour. In the email

- give details of the condition of the bus,
- express your dissatisfaction with the tour guide, and
- request compensation.

Writing 2

Describe the main data shown in the graph below and interpret the relationships between them in at least 150 words.

