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Reading

Text 1

Read the texts below and decide which answer *a*, *b*, *c* or *d* best fits each gap.

Mount Etna

At approximately 3350 metres, Mount Etna in Sicily is the highest (1) __ volcano in Europe. In ancient Greek mythology, Mount Etna was the home of Hephaestus, the god of fire and the one-eyed monster, Cyclops. Today, it is one of Sicily's most (2) __ natural attractions, providing climbers with a view of the island's amazing (3) __. In winter, people can ski on the mountain and in summer, they can go on hiking tours through its various forests. In autumn, when the leaves on the trees change colour, it is a (4) __ sight. The volcano has had several eruptions in the past century. The most (5) __ was in September 2007, when it suddenly started violently (6) __ lava into the air. In 2002, many tourists had a(n) (7) __ experience while attempting to (8) __ the mountains; as they were climbing, the volcano started to erupt violently and (9) __ lava started to flow down the mountain. Several witnesses recorded the eruption from a safe distance and said that it was an impressive (10) __.

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| 1. a. active | b. appealing | c. untouched | d. enormous |
| 2. a. valid | b. remarkable | c. traditional | d. luxurious |
| 3. a. destination | b. scenery | c. option | d. site |
| 4. a. gentle | b. picturesque | c. spectacular | d. brilliant |
| 5. a. recent | b. new | c. late | d. plain |
| 6. a. spouting | b. regurgitating | c. erupting | d. expelling |
| 7. a. mysterious | b. scared | c. overwhelming | d. brilliant |
| 8. a. come | b. arrive | c. get | d. approach |
| 9. a. smelted | b. molten | c. melting | d. thawing |
| 10. a. spectacle | b. expedition | c. particle | d. obstacle |

Text 2

Read the text and answer the questions 1-5.

There are very few people today who would disagree with the opinion that the mass media have a powerful influence on shaping life in the modern world. Nevertheless, the introduction of Mass Media Studies in American schools and universities was opposed by some people. Many educators were worried that the focus in this new academic subject would be on less important matters, such as rumours or gossip concerning movie stars and what are now known as celebrities. However, it is the responsible behavior of curriculum designers and teachers which has largely prevented such a development. The emphasis has been on how television, the press and the new technologies are organized and controlled.

Film Studies, which is a branch of Media Studies, is a very popular optional course as motion pictures are particularly interesting to teenagers and college students. Apart from describing the way the Hollywood studios make movies, the course also includes general principles about movie making. The increasing availability of reasonably priced, light digital cameras, and access to Internet sites, such as *YouTube*, has made it cheaper and easier to

produce movies and to find viewers for the movie, in the world where young people are repeatedly criticized for lack of imagination and lack of independence, the ability to understand how society works and a chance to become actively involved in the world, are important benefits which come from having Media Studies on school and college curricula.

1. Who believes that the mass media have an important role in today's society?
 - a. only university students
 - b. a small minority of Americans
 - c. influential members of society
 - d. nearly everyone
2. Who is responsible for Mass Media Studies being a successful school subject?
 - a. course planners
 - b. the press
 - c. technologists
 - d. students
3. Why is Film Studies a popular course?
 - a. because students want to enter the movie-making business
 - b. because it provides variety in students' curricula
 - c. because students have a keen interest in movies
 - d. because students are taught in Hollywood studios
4. According to the text what is one of the advantages of doing Media Studies?
 - a. It helps students understand the world around them.
 - b. It helps students become more creative
 - c. It helps students make a career choice.
 - d. It helps students become more independent
5. Why did it take a long time for schools to include Mass Media Studies in the courses offered?
 - a. There was not enough information on movie stars
 - b. The term 'celebrities' had not yet been invented.
 - c. There was a fair that it was not a serious subject.
 - d. Too many people were gossiping about education.

Text 3

Read the text and write T for true, F for False or NM for not mentioned.

Jeans

Jeans are trousers made of denim and they come in all shapes, colours and sizes. Most people have at least one pair, and in the USA an average person has seven pairs.

The word *jeans* come from the French bleu de Genes, which means the blue of Genoa. This is because denim was made in Genoa and, in the 16th century, sailors used to wear baggy denim trousers.

In the 1850s, Levi Strauss, a German merchant, started selling jeans to mine workers in California. They became popular because denim is very strong material. However, some parts, like pockets, used to rip a lot. So, cooper rivets were added to make them stronger. Jeans have changed very little since then and Levi's jeans are still sold today.

In 1955, James Dean starred in the film *Rebel without a Cause* wearing blue jeans. Teenagers

wanted to copy his style and jeans became a symbol of youth in the 50s and 60s.

After that, more and more designs and styles came out, flared, torn, tight and even stonewashed jeans that looked old. Today, almost all fashion designers make their own jeans and they're very popular.

Jeans are an amazing item of clothing. They match everything and they can be casual or formal wear. Other clothes go in and out of fashion, but jeans are here to stay.

1. Most Americans have more than one pair of jeans.
2. The word *jeans* is derived from the German bleu de Genes.
3. The sailors in Genoa used to wear tight jeans in the 16th century.
4. Levi Strauss sold jeans to German workers.
5. Levi's jeans sell more than any others jeans today.
6. Teenagers copied James Dean's style in the 1950s
7. Stonewashed jeans are not difficult to make.
8. Fashion designers' jeans are quite expensive.

Text 4

Read the text and write T for true, F for False

Means of Transport Around the World

Double Decker – London

The red double decker buses of London are world famous and one of the most common sights in London. They have two levels and some have an open top so that tourists can see the sights better. Over fifty years ago, the first double decker took passengers around London, and today they are still popular. They are a great way to get around London and they are not very expensive.

Gondola – Venice

When people think of Venice, they think of the canals and the long black boats, called gondolas. Gondolas take people around the city. There were the most common means of transport in the 18th century. However, today mainly tourists ride in them. Riding in a gondola is an excellent way to see this beauty city.

Coco taxi – Cuba

A fun way to get around cities in Cuba, like Havana, is to take a coco taxi. They are funny-looking vehicles, they are black and yellow, and round like a coconut with three wheels. They look funny but coco taxis are cheap and can take you round the city very fast.

Cable cars – San Francisco

An exciting way to get around San Francisco is to take a cable car; they go up and down the steep streets in the city. Andrew Hallidie invented the cable car and the first one made its journey down Clay Street in 1873. So, when you visit San Francisco, don't forget to ride one.

1. Double decker buses are over fifty years old.
2. Double deckers are cheap way to see London.
3. People didn't use gondolas in the past.
4. You can see coco taxis only in Havana.
5. Coco taxis are only one colour.
6. Coco taxis are cheap, but they drive around the city very slowly.
7. Cable cars are more than a hundred years old.