



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH

2020

SURNAMES AND NAME: _____

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SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD



For centuries, travellers have written about incredible sights they see on their journeys. Over time, seven of those places have made history as the "wonders of the world."

It is in the nature of the human race to look for perfection and to give expression to the artistic aspect of their mind through the creation of amazing architectures. Various of these creations have been compiled in lists from antiquity to the present day to catalogue the world's most spectacular human-built structures.

Herodotus is believed to have started the original list, way back in the 5th century B.C. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is the first known list of the most remarkable human creations of classical antiquity. It was based on guidebooks popular among Greek scholars and only includes works located around the Mediterranean coast and in Mesopotamia. The number seven was chosen because the Greeks believed it represented perfection and plenty, and because it was the number of the five planets known anciently, plus the sun and moon.

In 2001 the Swiss corporation *New7Wonders* Foundation began an initiative to choose the New Seven Wonders of the World from a selection of 200 existing monuments. In contrast to the wonders of the ancient world, the new list emerged from an exercise in which tens of millions of votes were cast by people around the world. Of the twenty-one nominated creations, seven were chosen on July 7, 2007 in Benfica's stadium in a big ceremony in Lisbon, Portugal. The organisers reported more than 100 million votes, received via the Internet and mobile phone messages, making it the largest such poll in history.

However, *the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco)* - which has long had its own World Heritage List - has criticised the organisation's approach, arguing that the list is very limited and does not include urban constructions, man made landscapes or natural environments.

Reading Comprehension (7 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)

a) The Wonders of the World list presents

- A. human-built structures.
- B. various natural wonders.
- C. both of them.
- D. none of them.

b) The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

- A. was based on Greek mythology.
- B. includes sites from all over the world.
- C. is thought to have been started by Herodotus.
- D. was created by a Swiss corporation based on Greek guidebooks.

c) The difference between the list of the ancient and new wonders is that

- A. the ancient list was compiled by popular vote in Greece.
- B. the new list emerged from millions of votes cast by people around the world.
- C. the ancient list consisted of seven wonders and the new one consists of twenty.
- D. the ancient list was created by Greek scholars and the new one by Swiss academics.

d) Unesco criticizes the new list because it

- A. can increase damage to the sites.
- B. has no a very broad vision of heritage.
- C. was created under unscientific criteria.
- D. reflects only the opinions of those with access to the Internet and not the entire world.

2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)

a) Why was the number '7' chosen to make the list?

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b) How could people take part in the global vote to choose the new seven wonders?

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3. Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- travels
- fascinating
- well-known
- enterprise
- method

4. Read the text and choose the correct answer. (2 points)

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA



The Great Wall of China is the biggest construction (1) made by humans. It (2) across mountains, deserts and grasslands for over 6,000 kilometres. The ancient Chinese built the wall to keep invaders from the west out of their country. Today tourists from all over the world come and see it. The Great Wall began as a series of many smaller walls that were not(3) with each other. The first sections of the wall were built as early as 600 B.C. As time went on Chinese emperors connected them together to keep Huns, Mongols and other (4) away.

The Chinese wall is made of dirt, mud, stone and brick. Thousands of soldiers, criminals and peasants worked on building the wall and it was (5) completed during the Ming dynasty in the 17 th century. A small road runs on the top of the wall. Towers every few hundred metres were built to store military supplies.

Underline or circle the correct answer:

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| (1) | ever | forever | never | always |
| (2) | prolongs | stretches | enlarged | covers |
| (3) | married | established | connected | stocked |
| (4) | sects | races | crowds | tribes |
| (5) | absolutely | once | plainly | finally |

