



## **GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION**

### **OPEN TEST**

## **COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH**

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## ACCOMMODATION



To: Ellie Crest

Subject: Surfing Holiday

Hi Ellie,

I'm so pleased you can come surfing in August! Paul, Rose and Kevin are coming too, so there will be five of us. We've decided to return to New Sands for a couple of days, because the surf board hire is so cheap there.

I'm starting to think about accommodation. We won't camp again after last year! I hated staying in a tent in all that rain!

Kevin wants to hire a caravan. There are some nice ones with 3 bedrooms, showers and cooking facilities. The problem is, none of the caravan parks take short bookings in the summer. The minimum stay is a week. It's a shame because there are several nice parks near the beach.

There's a hostel for young people in New Sands. It's the cheapest option after camping, and there's a big kitchen and dining room where we can cook. The problem is, accommodation is in dormitories and I don't really want to sleep with strangers.

There are a few guest houses in New Sands. Some have triple rooms, so we only need to book two rooms. We'll have to book soon if we choose that option, because many guest houses are already full. The hotels in New Sands are too expensive, although I'd love to stay at the Sunrise Pavilion with its large pool!

The final option is to rent a cottage. I found one. It has three bedrooms – a double, a single and a twin, so two of us would have to share a bed! There's a big kitchen diner with a microwave, washing machine and dishwasher. The living room has a TV and DVD player. There's just one bathroom, but there's a separate WC. There's a nice garden too. The problem is, it's 5 miles from the beach.

Let me know which option you prefer.

Cheers,

Natalie

**Reading Comprehension (7 points)**

**1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)**

**a) Last year the friends had problems with ...**

- a. the weather
- b. the transport
- c. the campsite
- d. their surfboards

**b) Natalie doesn't want to stay in the youth hostel because ...**

- a. she can't cook
- b. it's too expensive
- c. she can't prepare her own meals
- d. she doesn't want to share a room with people she doesn't know

**c) The guest houses ...**

- a. are cheap
- b. are fully booked
- c. still have some free rooms
- d. don't have rooms for three people

**d) In the cottage...**

- a. there isn't a garden
- b. the bathroom is outside
- c. the shower and the WC are in the same room
- d. the cooking area and dining area are in the same room

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

a) What is the problem with the caravan park?  
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b) What are the hotels like?  
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**3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)**

- to come back .....
- reservations .....
- a pity .....
- big .....
- independent .....

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**Read the following text about problems with a job. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. (2 points)**



When I 1 ..... my job as hostel receptionist two years ago I used to love it. The truth is that I have a decent salary and the place is very close to home, but the problem is that since the day I started I 2 ..... very few free weekends and I always work until very late in the evening, because most tourists check in those days and times. I often have to cancel plans with friends because of work or I miss family celebrations, and I'm usually very tired and stressed. I'm not sure I can keep 3 ..... this. I don't sleep enough, and I don't eat healthily.

Apart from that, sport has always been very important in my life. I like being fit, and doing sport is the way I have to feel well and reduce stress. 4 ..... , nowadays I don't have any time to exercise. With all these bad habits, I feel that I am putting my health at risk. I really need some advice. What would you do if you 5 ..... me?

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| (1) | was starting | started  | have started | start       |
| (2) | have had     | have     | had          | don't have  |
| (3) | to do        | do       | doing        | done        |
| (4) | because      | however  | although     | in spite of |
| (5) | are          | would be | were         | be          |

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**4.- Writing: (3 points)**

**Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).**



1. In your English class you have been talking about capsule hotels. Most of them are cheap. The Nonze Hostel in Thailand has sleeping pods all with either rustic, modern, or vintage designs. Guests have a choice between double or single capsules and the hostel has a communal seating area and a rooftop restaurant overlooking the sea.

Do you think this kind of accommodation is comfortable? How would you feel in a place like that for your holidays? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

Write your opinion essay.

2. The magazine of the school needs articles about students' experiences in hotels:

**Articles wanted**

**Your hotel experience**

*Tell us about a hotel you've been to.*

*What was it like?*

*What kind of rooms did it have?*

*What were the services like?*

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Write an article answering these questions. We will publish the best articles on our website.

Thanks for your answer!!!



Write your article.

**Remember:** the picture and questions above are just to help you generate ideas. Think and put your ideas in order before starting to write.

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