

## **Part 1: Comprehension**

## Report Read the text.

#### Venice

Venice, in north-east Italy, is a beautiful and unique city. Built on 118 small islands in a lagoon in the Adriatic Sea, it is the only major city with no roads, just a network of canals and pathways linked by over 400 bridges.

#### Places of interest

Among the many sights in Venice is the central square, St Mark's Square. On one side of the square stands St Mark's Basilica, a cathedral whose Campanile Bell Tower offers spectacular views of the city's red roofs from the top. Other iconic places include the Rialto Bridge over the Grand Canal, a thoroughfare lined with elegant palaces. The equally famous Bridge of Sighs once led to the state prison. It is believed that the bridge got its name because the 'sighs' were the prisoners' last breaths of freedom.

#### City under threat

Venice is at risk from flooding because of the rising water levels and subsidence of the land on which it is built. When high tides combine with winds from the south and east, the waters of the lagoon rise. This creates the 'aqua alta' (high water), flooding the city. Some people believe Venice is also threatened by the 20 million tourists flooding into the city every year. However, tourism is important for the city's economy. After years of conflict, in 2017, officials finally banned the giant cruise ships full of tourists that had streamed past St Mark's Square, spoiling the views.

Venice is a magical city, captured by many artists over the ages. It is hoped that it will be preserved for future generations.



#### A. Tick the correct answers.

- Why is Venice a unique city?
  It is beautiful.
  It has a network of canals.
  It has no roads.
  It floods.
  B. Answer the questions.
  Which of these is NOT listed in the report as a place of interest?
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  St Mark's Basilica
  Bridge of Sighs
- 1. Why might people climb the Campanile Bell Tower?
- 2. How did the Bridge of Sighs get its name?

**3.** Explain what causes the floods in Venice.

- 4. Why does Venice need visitors?
- 5. Why did people disagree about banning the cruise ships, do you think?

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Part 2: Vocabulary

## Tick the word nearest in meaning to the underlined word.

- **1.** The old house was in an <u>isolated</u> spot.
  - lonely
  - busy
  - pretty
  - scary
- **3.** We had a <u>harrowing</u> time when the house flooded.
  - 🗌 easy
  - □ life-threatening
  - relaxing
  - upsetting
- 5. The new machinery is <u>functioning</u> well.
  - creating
  - 🗌 built
  - working
  - installed
- **7.** She stared at the hotel's <u>antiquated</u> furniture.
  - spacious
  - old-fashioned
  - modern
  - comfortable



Part 3: Word study and Phonics

A. Choose the correct prefixes to complete the words.	anti-	trans-	quad-	sub-
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- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_marine sank deep into the ocean.
- 2. The car needs \_\_\_\_\_\_freeze in winter.
- 3. The man desperately needs a kidney \_\_\_\_\_plant.
- 4. She needed \_\_\_\_\_\_biotics when she was ill.
- 5. The cute \_\_\_\_\_\_ruplets all looked the same.

## B. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is an antonym for 'grow'. (Shrink, Enlarge, Gain)
- 2. 'The storm was a raging beast' is a \_\_\_\_\_\_. (simile, metaphor, alliteration)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of onomatopoeia. (Whoosh, Went, Beautiful)

- 2. 'You <u>constantly</u> watch TV!' exclaimed Mum.
  - 🗌 enjoy
  - never
  - 🗌 always
  - 🗌 all
- **4.** She is a <u>competent</u> musician.
  - capable
  - inexpert
  - conceited
  - 🗌 famous
- 6. Please keep your belongings <u>secure</u> on holiday.
  - visible
  - 🗌 safe
  - 🗌 hidden
  - together
- 8. The tornado <u>pulverised</u> the island's buildings
  - facilitated
  - destroyed
  - supported
  - hindered



# Part 4: Grammar

**1.** Rewrite the text correctly using capital letters, full stops, speech punctuation, apostrophes, commas and commas in lists.

we arrived in paris at beauvais airport and took a coach to our hotel

can we go up the eiffel tower today niamh asked as soon as wed unpacked

well go there tomorrow if you still have the energy replied mrs murphy today were going on a boat trip down the river seine to notre dame cathedral

youll love the boat trip added mr dolan seeing niamhs disappointed face

at lunchtime we ate mussels chips green salad and crusty bread

Im glad there arent flocks of pigeons to steal our food said niamh

2. Write examples from the text.

A noun

A proper noun

An abstract noun

A collective noun



Part 5: Writing

## Write a short report about a place you know well.

Remember, a report includes:

- A short introduction to the topic
- Paragraphs with subheadings about aspects of the main topic
- A conclusion: short summary or final paragraph.

Think about what the place looks like, what there is to see, what activities there are to do and any other interesting pieces of information.