

Lösung

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A. Text-based tasks

1. Decide whether the following statements are right or wrong.

- a) wrong
- b) wrong
- c) right
- d) wrong
- e) right
- f) wrong

2. Match (1–4) to the information (a–g). Some information does not fit.

- 1. – e)
- 2. – b)
- 3. – d)
- 4. – c)

3. Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.

- a) ... was filmed/shot.
- b) ... was founded by the Romans in the year 500 AD.
- c) ... oppressed Europe between 1400 and 1900.
- d) ... came up from the flush toilets and made many people ill.
- e) ... was the origin of the name for the Thames.
- f) ... was hard for the river police when there were pirates sailing on the river.

4. Answer the following questions in complete sentences using the information from the text.

- a) You have the choice between visiting old palaces or cathedrals, going to a restaurant or a nightclub, or watching the glass skyscrapers.
- b) The Romans hoped that the river would allow them the possibility of trading.
- c) They escaped on the river whereby many of them took refuge in boats.
- d) A separate police force was necessary to scare pirates away from the river.

B. Use of language

1. Find words or expressions in the text that mean more or less the same.

- a) famous
- b) trendy
- c) disease
- d) old

2. Explain two of the following words in complete sentences.

- a) Skyscrapers are very high buildings. They look as if they touch the clouds.
- b) Historians are people who devote themselves to the history of a country or a city.
- c) If water turns into ice, it is frozen.
- d) If something is damaged and doesn't work anymore, somebody must have destroyed it.

3. Vocabulary – Grammar

- a) longest
- b) important
- c) fortune
- d) men
- e) were taking
- f) carried
- g) sale
- h) was brought
- i) Swedish
- j) easily

C. Creative Writing

1. Give your opinion.

a) Public transport should be free for everybody.

Going by bus or train wherever you want, just for free? If this sounds like utopia just think about the following aspects:

If public transport was free, appreciably more people would take the opportunity to travel by bus or tube to their workplaces instead of taking the car. As a result, there would be fewer traffic jams on our streets and our environment would profit from this eco-friendly change. Moreover, public means of transport benefits poor people who can't afford a car or even a bike.

b) Tourism destroys nature.

Visiting a theme park like Disneyland or Europapark, it is hard to imagine that this was once a place of unspoiled countryside where birds were singing and trees were shining in leafy green. There are more and more places like this, where increased tourism has meant disturbing or even destroying natural areas. Tourism requires the building of hotels, cutting down trees and clearing forests. As well as this, tourists' litter pollutes the environment, air and water are contaminated and wildlife is endangered in many places.

This is why I can understand the local people's fear when they have to watch their homeland turn into a tourist destination. A good example of this is the Aborigines in Australia, who hate tourists climbing up the famous Ayers Rock as this is a sacred place for them.

c) Big cities are dangerous places to live in.

Big city life – a huge amount of restaurants, neon signs, nightlife and the latest movies at the cinemas. Life in a metropolis can be fascinating. Nevertheless, living in a city like New York or L.A. is dangerous: the crime rate in big cities is clearly higher than in small towns or villages. One example is robberies on the subway. Moreover, you have to be very careful when taking a walk through the city. The traffic is busy and one step at the wrong time can involve you in a bad accident. Then, there is the drug rate which is very high: it is especially easy for teenagers and young adults to get in with a bad crowd.

2. a) Write a diary entry.

Dear diary,

Today I had a really exciting day. Me and my boyfriend wanted to take a romantic boat trip on the Thames. It was a golden day in autumn, the sun was still warm and the guide on the boat showed us a lot of interesting sights along the Thames. He told us about the history of the river, and everyone listened in fascination to his ghost story set in the fogs on the shore of the river.

And then there was this little boy who had seen some fish swimming near the boat and wanted to show them to his mum. "Look," he said – "They're swimming right next to..." – SPLASH! Suddenly there was no sound of him any more. He must have leaned out of the boat too far and fallen into the green-brown water. His mum screamed for help, but the other passengers on the boat didn't know what to do. I couldn't believe that nobody tried to do anything. So I jumped into the water and let the current take me to him. In his fear the boy clung to my back, and so I swam like a rubber animal back to the boat with him. And just imagine: for helping him, I was given a month's free travel on the boat!

2. b) Write a story.

Yesterday I was walking along the River Thames when I found a message in a bottle... When I took out the muddy paper, I read the following words: "TURN RIGHT AND YOU'LL FIND ME." What could that mean? Who was the "me" I would find if I walked to the right? I turned my head, but I couldn't see anyone except some pedestrians and two bikers. Getting more and more curious, I decided to risk it. To my right side there were some trees and bushes, and I took a closer look. I couldn't believe my eyes when I found a sweet little puppy, sitting there and waiting, with a leash and a green collar around his neck. Suddenly I heard my husband's voice from close behind me – "Happy birthday," he sang and gave me some goodies for our new family member.

D. Skills and techniques

1. Pass on the information.

a)

- Wasser gibt es überall, um uns herum und in uns selbst.
- Es befindet sich im Erdreich, fällt als Regen vom Himmel oder bildet sich aus Nebel.
- Die weiten Ozeane bedecken ca. drei Viertel der Welt.
- Die Wassermenge auf unserem Planeten ist seit Billionen von Jahren immer die gleiche geblieben.
- Die 21-jährige Annalee Sanborn behauptet: Es ist nicht das Wasser, das uns ausgeht, sondern das reine, sichere Trinkwasser.
- Über 97 % des Wassers aus der Erde ist Meereswasser, weitere 2 % sind Gletscher.

- b) Die WHO weist darauf hin, dass täglich über 4000 Kinder an Durchfallerkrankungen sterben, die hauptsächlich vom Konsum verschmutzten Wassers herrühren.
- c)
- Knapp 100 Millionen Menschen haben aktuell keine Möglichkeit, an sauberes Trinkwasser zu gelangen.
 - Viele Menschen müssen täglich gut mehrere Meilen laufen und die schweren Wassereimer nach Hause schleppen.
- d) Mit der steigenden Bevölkerungszahl wird das Problem der Wasserknappheit verschärft, und zwar nicht nur in Entwicklungsländern.
- e) Das Umwandeln von Meerwasser zur Trinkwasser ist durch Entsalzungsprozesse möglich, die aber noch schwierig und sehr teuer sind.

2. Mediation

- a) Is it OK to take a shower every day?
- b) Ja, aber versuche, es kurz zu machen, um Wasser zu sparen.
- c) Are there more ways to save water at home?
- d) In der Tat. Drehe beispielsweise den Wasserhahn während des Zähneputzens zu. Schalte den Geschirrspüler nur ein, wenn er voll ist.
- e) Is there still more we can do?
- f) Sicher. Ich habe euch einen Flyer mitgebracht mit Richtlinien, wie man Wasser spart. Ihr könnt ihn auch für Schulprojekte nutzen.
- g) OK, Debby, thanks a lot for this information.