

PART 7

You are going to read some information about theme parks. For questions 43 – 52, choose from the activities described under the titles (A – D). The titles may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Which theme park

charges the same price for adults and children?

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is particularly suitable for young children?

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provides an interesting way in?

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uses films for its themes?

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offers frightening rides through water?

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seems most appropriate for adults?

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is based on tales and stories?

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charges separately for each ride?

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apparently appeals to everyone?

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is divided into an area with rides and an area with things to see?

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The pick of the world's theme parks

A Universal Studios - Hollywood

Seen the movie? Now try the ride. Jurassic Park cost \$110 million to build. Described as 'the most technically advanced interactive themed ride in entertainment history', Jurassic Park has five-storey-tall monsters, miracles of modern bio-engineering, which come to within inches of your eyebrows. You cruise in a boat through a tropical forest, ending up diving into a pitch-black lagoon; it is the fastest water drop in amusement park history because of the acute angle. A lifetime of primeval terror packed into five and a half minutes. Among the other 'star' attractions is WaterWorld, based on the movie and the nearest you can get to giant fireballs, exploding seaplanes and other disasters. There are also other big-screen favourites such as King Kong, Jaws, ET and Back to the Future, a journey from the Ice Age to 2015. More for grown-ups, perhaps, than children.

Entry details: US\$69 for adults, US\$59 for children.

B Sentosa - Singapore

For families visiting Singapore, Sentosa is the perfect place. Two of the newest attractions are VolcanoLand, offering a journey to the centre of the Earth with half-hourly volcanic explosions, bursts of hot air and trembling floors, and WonderGolf, full of waterfalls and other obstacles. Sentosa also has the largest aquarium in Southeast Asia, a Fantasy Island water park with 32 rides, and several Chinese heritage performances from traditional wedding ceremonies to firewalking. There is also a butterfly park and insect kingdom. Part of the pleasure of Sentosa is getting there, on foot or by bus across a raised causeway, by the four-minute ferry ride or, most excitingly, by cable car.

Entry details: Everything is individually priced from S\$2-S\$25 for adults, roughly half for children, in addition to the S\$2 entry fee.

C Legoland - Denmark

Legoland falls into two camps. One is Miniland, where places such as Amsterdam, Copenhagen harbour and an English village stand as high as a youngster's kneecap, each packed with detail and moving parts. There are also larger Lego figures all around the park, including Mount Rushmore, the Taj Mahal and Big Chief Sitting Bull, made of 1.5 million Lego bits. The other aspect of Legoland, the rides, are not spectacular but just right for little children. There is a sky railway, a mini driving school, helicopter rides and a boat ride through dark tunnels.

Entry details: Adults €13, children €10.

D Efteling - The Netherlands

Once upon a time, back in the 1950s, a Dutch artist started to build a magical land, bringing his own drawings to life. His Fairy Tale Forest is still at the heart of this timeless park of traditional tales and legends set in large woodlands. Efteling is visited by 2.5 million people each year and is an everything-to-all-ages sort of place. It is best known for its so-called dark rides, like Fata Morgana, a boat ride to a forbidden city through swamps and jungles. Even if you took the theme park out of Efteling, you would still be left with a lovely park where visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic.

Entry details: Adults and children both pay €30 (under-4s free).

Writing

1 hour 20 minutes

PART 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 In your English class you have read an article in which teenagers explain what they do at school and what they do in their free time.

Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Essay question

Your teenage years are the best time of your life! Do you agree?

Notes

Things to write about

1. the advantages of being a teenager
2. the disadvantages of being a teenager
3. your own idea

Write your **essay**. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.

PART 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2 – 4** in this part. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You belong to a film club and you have been asked to suggest a film that the film club should show. You should write a review for the film club organiser.

Your review should:

describe the film.

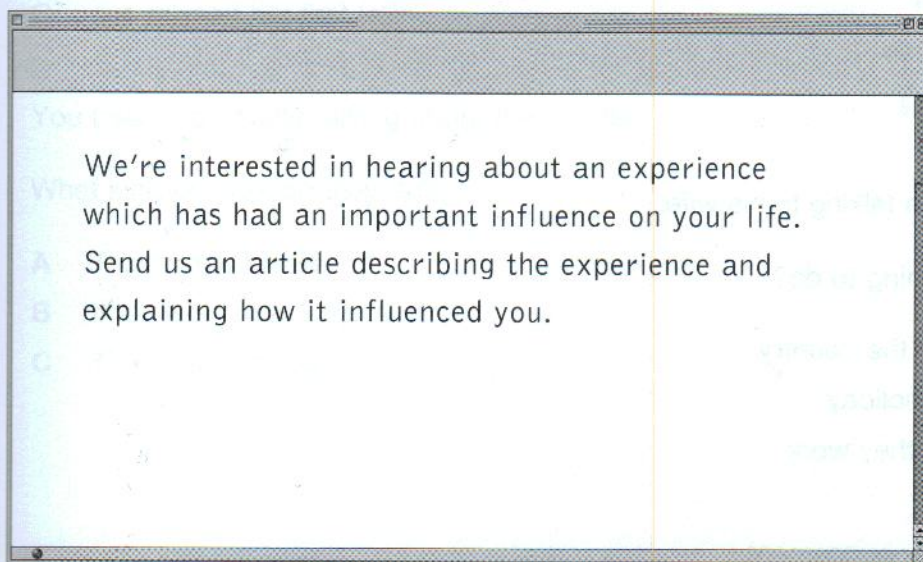
explain why you recommend the film.

Write your **review**.

- 3 Some English friends are coming to stay with you for a weekend. They want to know about some of the tourist attractions which are available in your area, and have asked for two or three suggestions of things which you think they would especially enjoy doing.

Write your **letter**.

- 4 You have just seen this announcement in an online magazine. Read the announcement and then write your article.



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. The main content area contains the following text:

We're interested in hearing about an experience which has had an important influence on your life. Send us an article describing the experience and explaining how it influenced you.

Write your **article**.