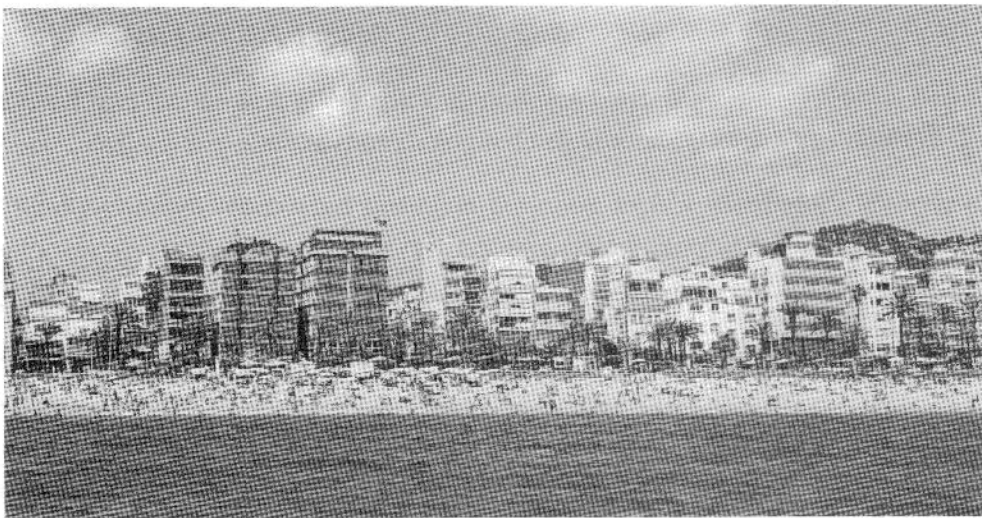


You are going to read an article about the effects of tourism on local people. For questions 43–52, choose from the people (A–E). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

- misses a place they used to go to as a child? 43
- states that tourism provides a considerable number of jobs for local people? 44
- wishes local people had opposed the construction of certain holiday homes? 45
- claims that tourism has destroyed a traditional industry? 46
- blames the tourist industry for spoiling the local countryside? 47
- feels that the presence of people from other cultures benefits the local community? 48
- criticises the behaviour of tourists in their town? 49
- says the town is wealthier than it was before it became a tourist resort? 50
- believes that most of the profits from the local tourist industry go abroad? 51
- is not convinced that so-called green tourism actually benefits the environment? 52



Living with tourism

Five people describe how tourism has affected their home town.

A Leonor Sousa

It can't be denied that tourism has attracted investment, which has certainly raised living standards here, but the cost in other respects has been extremely high. Take the effect on the environment, for instance. When my parents were young this used to be an area of fields and woods, but now everything is covered in concrete. The tourists themselves aren't responsible for this; it's the construction companies, property developers and estate agents who are to blame because they're the ones making all the money. They're all based in the big cities and bring in their own people, so they hardly create any employment at all for local residents.

B Yusuf Demir

When I was growing up in my home town there was a path I used to walk along to go to school, and last summer I went to see if it was still there. It was, but the view from it had changed completely. Now there is a vast shopping mall, with a cinema and cafés alongside. I don't actually mind that, because it means there are lots more things to do, and I also like the fact that it has a really international atmosphere. It's good for local people to meet visitors from other parts of the world, try new kinds of food and hear about different ways of living.

C Matt Walker

Tourism has changed this town so much, even in the years since I was at junior school. In those days there was a football pitch near the harbour where we would kick a ball around, but it's gone now, which is a pity. In the harbour itself luxury yachts owned by people from richer parts of the country have replaced the fishing boats, to the extent that there is now no sign of what used to be the main source of income and employment locally. In the evenings the town is certainly a lot livelier, but sometimes people start doing things they would never think of doing back in their own home towns, and then the police have to be called.

D Trisha Chandra

I was just a child when tourism first took off here and those incredibly ugly houses were built for summer visitors. The residents really should have protested about that. It was all the fault of the town council, who only ever thought in the short term and seemed to give planning permission to anyone who applied to build anything. Nowadays there's talk of ecological tourism, but that's just a way of making people feel less guilty about the harm they are doing by making a few insignificant changes, such as re-using towels in their hotel rooms.

E Daniela Navarro

I know some of the new hotels and holiday apartment blocks are unattractive, and that the bars, restaurants and nightclubs that cater for tourists have changed the nature of the town, but without them unemployment – particularly among the young – would be far worse than it currently is. That, though, is as far as the economic benefits to the town go, as the only ones making any real money out of all this are the big tour operators and the owners of hotel chains, none of whom are actually based in this country. Also, very few tourists learn our language. I know it must be difficult for them because most of them are quite old, but it means there's little communication between us and them.

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

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about sending rockets into outer space and the enormous cost of the space programme. 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.

Should we spend money on exploring space?

Notes
Write about:

- 1 spending priorities
- 2 what we might discover in space
- 3 (your own idea)



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 A group of English-speaking students would like to go walking in your country. The group leader has asked you to write a report that includes the following information:

- the best place in the countryside to go walking
- the best time of year to walk there
- what the group should take with them when they go there.

Write your **report**.

3 You see this announcement in a lifestyle magazine.

Reviews of electronic devices wanted

Which electronic device have you used recently?

Write a review of it describing the device, explaining how to use it and saying whether it is good value for money.

Write your **review**.

4 You have received this email from your English-speaking friend Alex.

From: Alex

Subject: your visit

I'm really pleased to hear that you can spend a week with me and my family here. People say this is one of the world's most exciting cities!

What kind of places would you like to visit and what would you like to do downtown?

We can either use public transport or hire bikes to get around. Which would you prefer?

See you soon,

Alex

Write your **email**.