

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 27. ročník, krajské kolo 2016/ 2017, kategória 1B**G R A M M A R**

Read the article below. For each question 1 – 15 write ONE word in the space provided.

Mauritius

Mauritius has been called “paradise on earth” and visitors to it often fall (0) in love with it straight away. Millions of years (1) _____, huge volcanic forces pushed the island’s mountains up through the waters of the Indian Ocean. (2) _____ curious shapes (3) _____ been the inspiration of poets, writers and travellers through centuries. Glorious white sand beaches ring the coast and Mauritius (4) _____ almost entirely surrounded by coral reef, (5) _____ a wide variety of colourful fish can be found. Diving and sailing are favourite pastimes.

The first settlers were the Dutch, (6) _____ arrived with their slaves. Sugar cane was planted everywhere and it quickly became established (7) _____ the island’s main crop. Tea and tobacco followed. The French were next (8) _____ take possession and great progress was (9) _____ in developing the island’s prosperity. In 1810 the British took it (10) _____. They abolished slavery, introduced workers from India (11) _____ gave the islanders the vote. In 1968, Mauritius gained independence.

The people are unique in their variety; they are (12) _____ Indian, Chinese, French and British origin. The official language is English (13) _____ the real language is French Creole, a type of French that is understood or spoken by all. Local newspapers print articles in English and French side (14) _____ side. Many people say that the mixture of people that make up the population of Mauritius is (15) _____ of the island’s finest characteristics.

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Total _____ / 15pts

VOCABULARY

Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

One thing an (0) _____ for ice-cream never tells you is that there is a strong (1) _____ that it will give you a headache.

Studies carried out (2) _____ show that a third of people experience pain or (3) _____ just after eating or drinking cold things.

It is at its most (4) _____ about a minute later,

(5) _____ lasting 15 seconds or so. The centre of the pain is

(6) _____ on which part of the palate, the top of the mouth, the ice-cream touches. You may also experience (7) _____. The help is

(8) _____ simple: if you are eating anything very cold,

(9) _____ there is no contact with the back of the palate.

In spite of this minor drawback, (10) _____ of ice-cream continue to increase every year.

ADVERTISE**POSSIBLE****RECENT****COMFORT****PAIN****USUAL****DEPEND****TOOTH****FAIR****SURE****SELL**0. _____ *advertisement* _____

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Total _____ / 10 pts

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Read the text and answer the questions. Do not use more than three words in each answer. The first has been done for you.

BRANOC VALLEY BUS COMPANY

The Branoc Valley Bus Company, or BVBC as it is known to its employees, has been a local success story. Since it started operating twelve years ago, the company has made consistent effort to improve its service. There were four scheduled services per day from Seaville to Fording and back in previous years. This summer the BVBC successfully experimented with double that number and will do so again next year.

The BVBC summer service will end on the last Saturday in September. After that, there will be a reduced winter service. There will be three services daily except on Sunday, when buses will not run. For the first time since the company started running services, there will be service on public holidays this winter season.

The company is particularly proud of its record on fares and aims to increase them no more than once every other year. A scheduled 5 per cent rise to come after this month's rise will be held in line with that policy. This is one factor in the company's success. There are others, too. The BVBC boasts an excellent record on reliability. Not a single cancelled service throughout the summer is something to be proud of. So, too, is the extraordinary punctuality of the service, which, on a return journey of 20 miles along country lanes, was never more than 10 minutes late.

Complaints from passengers are very rare. The BVBC has received only three written complaints this summer and all of them were from the same person, who objected to being told to wear a seat belt. "People think it's the drivers who insist on passengers wearing seat belts," explained the company spokesman, "but that's the decision of the local council."

The drivers themselves are another part of the BVBC's success. Incredibly, all but one of the five regular drivers, Pat, who joined this summer after finishing university, have been with the company since it started. This gives the public a feeling of continuity. Sadly, the oldest of the drivers is due to retire at the end of summer. Jim Grey, another one of the BVBC's original drivers, says, "We'll all miss Fred, but we wish him all the best in his retirement."

Plans to introduce large buses have been revised. "Not that there isn't demand," the spokesman said, "we could probably find more passengers. The problem is that the roads just aren't wide enough."

READING COMPREHENSION (2)

0. Who calls the bus company the BVBC?

_____ *(its) employees* _____

1. How many daily services will the company run next summer between Seaville and Fording?

2. When does the BVBC start to run its winter services?

3. When will bus fares next increase?

4. How many bus services were cancelled this summer?

5. How far is it from Seaville to Fording?

6. How many people have written to complain to the BVBC this summer?

7. Who demands that passengers wear seat belts?

8. What did Pat do before joining the company?

9. What's the name of the BVBC's oldest driver?

10. Why is the company not going to introduce large buses?

Because of _____

Total _____ / 10 pts

LISTENING

You will hear part of a radio programme about air travel. For questions 1 – 10, complete the sentences with the appropriate number of words.

1. Martin's letters contained complaints, comments and some _____ (1 word).
2. The airline wants to hear from _____ (2 words).
3. Martin runs an _____ (2 words).
4. The Consumer Affairs Manager had a _____ (1 word)
with him when they met him.
5. Martin said that in the check-in area the _____ (1 word)
caused confusion.
6. Martin noticed there was not a _____ (2 words)
in the boarding gate lounge.
7. Martin likes to be told about the reason for _____ (1 word).
8. Martin thought that there were too many _____ (1 word)
on the plane.
9. Martin said the airline was not clear about how much _____ (2 words)
was allowed.
10. People can give their opinions to the airline on a _____
_____ (3 words).

Total _____ / 5 pts