

Part I A) Comprehension questions on the text. Read the text and choose the correct answer. You must choose and answer only 2 out of the 3 questions below. (0,4 points each)

Welcome to Bangkok!

Whether you're travelling to the islands or the mountains of Thailand, you're likely to spend at least one night in its capital city on the way. Bangkok might be noisy and polluted but it's also an exciting city with plenty of things to see and do. Why not make it a longer stay?

- Where to stay

The Khao San Road was a famous traveller spot even before Leonardo di Caprio's character in the film *The Beach* stayed there. But it's noisy, not very pretty and not very Thai. For something more authentic, Phra Kanong offers an alternative place to stay, with its fantastic street markets where everyday Bangkok people eat, work and live. It's not as convenient for the main tourist sites, but it has a Skytrain station so you can be at the Grand Palace in 20 minutes.

- How to get around

Bangkok's traffic can be a nightmare. Sure, you can easily take a taxi – if you want to spend hours stuck in traffic jams – but there are two much better ways to get around the city. To explore the temples and historical sites, catch an express boat river taxi or a longtail boat along the Chao Phraya river and the canals. For the modern part of the city, the Skytrain is a fast, cheap way to travel from the river to the shopping malls and nightlife of Sukhumvit, and the famous Chatuchak street market.

- Where to eat

The simple answer is: everywhere! Thai street food is among the best in the world, and for around \$5 you can eat a filling and delicious meal. Some food stands have little plastic seats where you can sit and eat and they cook the same dish over and over, like fried chicken on rice or Pad Thai noodles. Head for Chinatown – Yaowarat Street – and choose whatever looks most interesting from the many excellent Chinese and Thai restaurants and food stands.

- What to do

After you've seen the main sites like the Giant Buddha at the temple of Wat Pho and the spectacular Grand Palace, and shopped at Chatuchak market, check out the snake farm and watch the live snake show. You can even touch a snake yourself if you want to!

1. According to the text, the traffic in Thailand's capital is:

- a) A nightmare, regardless of the method of transportation.
- b) Normal for the country, boats are quite common.
- c) A nightmare, unless you choose to go by boat.

2. A very famous place that you might see in the film 'the Beach' is:

- a) Yaowarat Street.
- b) Khao San Road.
- c) Phra Kanong.

3. Taking the Skytrain is a faster way to see the city than:

- a) Going by taxi.
- b) Going by taxi boat.
- c) Going by foot.

B) Use of English. Choose the correct answer. You must choose and answer only 8 out of the 11 questions below (0,4 points each).

4. He has been living in Bangkok _____

- a) since ten years
- b) for ten years
- c) ten years

5. I liked him _____ first, but then he started being very nosey

- a) at
- b) in
- c) by

6. We went to the Temple _____ bus

- a) in



b) on

c) by

7. I can't afford _____ to Thailand at the moment.

a) to going

b) go

c) to go

8. Which word means the same as **interesting**

a) affecting

b) engaging

c) exceptional

9. The tourist said, 'The most beautiful part of the city is the view from the bridge.'

a) The tourist said that the most beautiful part of the city was the view from the bridge

b) The tourist said that the most beautiful part of the city is the view from the bridge

c) The tourist said that the view from the bridge was the most beautiful part of the city

10. They lost the photo they took at the Temple:

a) They wished they hadn't lost the photo they took at the Temple

b) They wish they hadn't lost the photo they took at the Temple

c) They wished they didn't lost the photo they took at the Temple

11. The whole milkshake _____ by Alan.

a) have been drunk

b) has been drunk

c) has been drank



12. I always enjoy visiting his house because he makes _____ lovely food.

- a) such
- b) such a
- c) so

13. He did hardly any work before the exam _____, he managed to pass.

- a) Although
- b) Nevertheless
- c) Despite

14. Bring a hundred dollars for the school trip – that should be _____. You'll probably only need 50 or 60.

- a) plenty
- b) too much
- c) too many

Part II Write an essay of 150–180 words on ONE of the following subjects (6 points):

A- What is the most exotic place you have travelled to, and what was your experience?

B- It is not necessary to travel to other places to learn the culture of other people. We can learn just as much from books, films and the internet. Do you agree or disagree?