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The Orient Express is a very special and historical train. The original one that travelled from Beijing to Moscow was built in Germany in the 1950s. After the train's destruction about 20 years later, the unharmed parts were restored and used in rotation with other fancy trains for the Chinese hierarchy and the wealthy people for several years.

The train was re-discovered in the late 1980s and was updated and cleaned up. It began to travel a regular route on the famous Silk Road, from Beijing to Urumqi in 1990.

The trips that are available nowadays on the Orient Express are planned out in order to see some of the China's greatest sights and enjoy many different facets of the local Chinese culture. The trips are based on the train but they also include hotel stays of several days at a time. The trips usually last about 18 days and travel to various Chinese cities including Beijing, Xiam, Dunhuang and several others. Some of the different activities you can enjoy are visiting and seeing ancient cities, the Great Wall of China, mosques, tombs, local artisan, monks, temples, caves, lakes, sand dunes, bazaars, and the most famous restaurants to experience the delicacies of traditional and modern Chinese cuisine.

The train is a sight in itself with its mahogany and red lacquered walls. For every two compartments there is a beautifully decorated washroom and each coach has two European toilets. There is of course, no hot water, but travellers do not tend to find this inconvenient as hotel stays are quite frequent. There is also a bar car which has live music. . a lecture car has been recently added, so that travellers can gather to hear informative presentations about the history of the train and many of its destinations.

Questions:

A) Write in English a two-sentence summary of the main idea expressed in the text.

B) Answer the following questions related to the text:

B.1. According to the text, which of these sentences is true?

- 1) The first Orient Express Train travelled between Beijing and Urumqi.
- 2) The first Orient Express Train travelled between Beijing and Moscow.
- 3) The first Orient Express Train travelled between Beijing and Silk Road.

B.2. Since its creation until its restoration the Orient Express did not work for about:

- 1) twenty years
- 2) ten years
- 3) late 90s

B.3. According to the text which of these sentences is false:

- 1) Silk road starts at Beijing and finishes at Urumqi.
- 2) People are nowadays travelling to experience Chinese culture.
- 3) Passengers sleep in the train during the whole trip.

B.4. According to the text which of these sentences is true:

- 1) you can have some meals in one of the two dining cars.
- 2) Passengers can take a hot shower in the washroom.
- 3) The purpose of travelling is only enjoying the Chinese cuisine.

C) Translate the following terms and expressions into Spanish:

C.1. wealthy

C.2. unharmed

C.3. the train was updated.

C.4. the train is a sight in itself.

D) Summarize in English the main advantages of travelling in the Orient Express in approximately 50 - 70 words:



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