

El alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones, A o B, y responder **en inglés a todas las preguntas** que se formulan en la opción elegida, sin mezclar preguntas de una y otra.

DARK TOURISM

Some people never choose to spend their holidays in historical sites and museums nowadays. They generally prefer a trip to the site of a major disaster, such as Ground Zero in New York or the site of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl in Ukraine. This is called “Dark tourism”, the tourism of sites of tragedy, and it is a phenomenon which is attracting more and more holiday-makers these days.

Dr. Simon Barret says that this is not a modern invention. Through the ages, people have visited places where saints were tortured, murdered and buried. In the past, many rich people used to love visiting battlefields and watch the battle taking place from a safe distance. In fact, only one day after a battle in the American Civil War had ended, an enterprising person bought the battlefield, realising that it would soon become a tourist attraction!

But why would anyone want to spend time at places which were once the scenes of so much suffering? Barret thinks that the main motivation is a mixture of curiosity and a certain thrill of being at the site of a major historic event. Besides, there is the fact that these sites can serve as a reminder of the terrible things that should never occur again.

1. Imagine that a stranger comes up to you in the street and asks you how to get to the public hospital. Write a full text (not just a list of instructions) in which you inform the tourist how to get to the museum. You can write your text in the form of a dialogue if you like. (1 point)

2. Answer these questions providing evidence from the text (0.5 points each):

- Does the author say that the popularity of dark tourism is increasing?
- According to the text, is dark tourism something invented very recently?

3. Are the following sentences true or false? Find evidence in the text to support your answer (0.5 points each).

- Long ago, some people enjoyed watching others while they fought.
- Dr. Barret hopes that some dark tourism sites will help prevent future tragedies.

4. Vocabulary (0.5 points each)

- Find a word in the text from the same semantic field as “important”, “main”, “great” or “principal”.
- Find a word from the text that means the same as “tormented”.
- Look for a word in the text to fit the definition: “Scene of military combat”.
- Complete with a suitable word from the text: “My main _____ for studying is to have a better future”.

5. Grammar (0.5 points each)

- Write the following sentence in indirect (reported) speech, beginning with “The text said that”:
Some people never choose to spend their holidays in historical sites and museums nowadays.
- Fill in the gap with the correct option: *People visited places where saints _____ some centuries earlier.*
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- Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice. **Do not omit any part of it.**
Rich people often watched the battle from a safe distance.
- Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.
This phenomenon is attracting more and more holiday-makers these days.
More and more holiday-makers _____.

6. Choose one of the following topics and write a composition with at least 100 words. (3 points)

a. Imagine you would like to go on a holiday trip and you feel curious about dark tourism. Think of a possible destination for your trip and write a formal e-mail message to a travel agency asking for information about the place, prices, how to get there, accommodation...

b. Imagine that last summer you spent a weekend at an enchanted castle in a foreign country. Explain why you liked the experience and what part of it was the most frightening one.

