

PART 1 QUESTIONS

Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.

Topic

- Why are vacations/holidays important to you?
- Where do you like to go on vacation/holiday?
- What do you usually do on vacation/holiday?
- What do you like to do when you have a day off from work?

PART 2&3 QUESTIONS

Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.

Sample A

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a tourist attraction you once visited. You should say:
 - When you visited it
 - Where is it situated
 - Who you went with
 - and say what you liked most about it.

Part 3 Questions

- Is it better to travel alone or with a tour group?
- What makes a tourist attraction popular?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of going on a vacation/holiday during low season?

Sample B

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a recent vacation/holiday you went on. You should say:
 - where you went
 - when you went there
 - who was with you
 - and explain why you chose that particular place for a vacation/holiday.

Part 3 Questions

- What are some of the benefits of going away on a vacation/holiday?
- Why is it not good for holidays to be too long?
- Why do some people like going to big cities on vacation/holiday?

Sample C

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a vacation/holiday you want to go on in the future. You should say:
 - where you want to go
 - when you want to go
 - who you want to go with
 - and explain why you want to go on this vacation/holiday.

Part 3 Questions

- Why do some people prefer to travel within their own country and not abroad?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of booking vacations/holidays online?
- Do you think people are prepared for emergencies when they go on vacation/holiday?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

Part 1 Questions

- **Why are vacations/holidays important to you?**
 - They are the times that I can get away from the stress of my work and re-energize myself. There's nothing like a week off from my hectic work schedule to do anything I want to do. I only wish I had more vacation time.
- **Where do you like to go on vacation/holiday?**
 - Well, I like to travel to various destinations. One, in particular, is the mountains about three hours north of my hometown. It's a place where I can take in the beautiful landscapes and the tranquillity of nature and silence.
- **What do you usually do on vacation/holiday?**
 - If I have a long weekend, I like to drive to the shore where I walk the beach in the early mornings and evenings to find seashells. If it's a longer vacation, I prefer to fly to a far away destination and go sightseeing and learn about other cultures.
- **What do you like to do when you have a day off from work?**
 - Sometimes I like to simply stay at home and relax. Other times I prefer to go out with my friends for lunch or dinner and catch up.

PART 2&3 ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

Sample A

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a tourist attraction you once visited. You should say:
 - when you visited it
 - where is it situated
 - who you went with
 - and say what you liked most about it.

Just the other day, I was on vacation in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia for a long weekend. I had the opportunity to see the majestic Twin Towers or Petronas Towers. They are two identical skyscrapers side by side in the Kuala Lumpur City Center.

I needed to leave Thailand to renew my tourist visa, so my Thai girlfriend and I decided to go to Kuala Lumpur. We bought a travel package from AirAsiaGo, which is an online travel website. The package consisted of airfare and hotel accommodations. I wish I had a choice for an all inclusive package, but the hotel doesn't offer that type of package.

The night before our flight we packed our bags. She had a large check in bag and I had a small carry on because I travel light.

After a restless night's sleep, the day finally arrived for us to leave. I was elated because I needed some R&R, or in words rest and relaxation, after working so much the prior month.

When we arrived in Kuala Lumpur, we headed straight to our hotel to check in. After we checked in, we took the subway to the location of the Twin Towers. Oh, what a sight to see when we first caught a glimpse of the towering skyscrapers! I was amazed at the architecture and pure elegance in front of me.

We walked around the premises taking in the stunning view of the buildings. The surrounding area was full of other tourists and of course pesky locals who were trying to sell souvenirs and take photos of people with the towers for a high price. Anywhere I go on vacation I hate these annoying people.

Overall, the time we spent at the Twin Towers was enjoyable and the sight of the gigantic buildings was highly impressionable. I heard at night the towers are lit up and the view is spectacular. I would recommend this place to all travelers even though it's a tourist trap.

Part 3 Questions

- **Is it better to travel alone or with a tour group?**

- Everybody is different and they have their own preferences. As far as I'm concerned, either way, it has its pros and cons and one way is not better than the other. Some people say that traveling alone is unsafe and that they would never do it. I, on the other hand, disagree because traveling in a small or large group can be dangerous too. Yes, I agree it can be more dangerous traveling solo sometimes, but one has to take precautions like not walking dark streets alone at night, hitching a ride with a stranger, or staying in high-risk neighborhoods. The same goes when traveling in a larger group.

- **What makes a tourist attraction popular?**

- I never considered this question before. I need some time to think a little.....umm. I believe it has to do with what the place offers. For instance, take Machu Picchu in Peru. Thousands of people all over the world travel there because of its historical background of being the "Lost City of the Incas". In addition, it has breathtaking views and ancient ruins. Now take the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Thousands of people pilgrimage there every year for religious reasons. I'm sure there are other motives that make a place a tourist trap, but these were the only ones I could think of.

- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of going on a vacation/holiday during low season?**

- Right off the bat, it's definitely advantageous to go on vacation during the non-peak season because the costs for plane tickets, accommodations, and tour packages are less expensive. However, the weather may wreck havoc on your travel plans. I remember going to the beach one year during the low season and it rained almost every day. Another downside is that the local businesses might not be operating due to a lot fewer vacationers. Speaking for myself, I prefer to go on vacation during low season to avoid the crowds and high prices. I can find activities to do even when businesses are closed for the season.