

Straightforward Upper Intermediate Unit 11 test

Name _____

Score _____/50

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

Bay cliffs cove gorges hills Mount Ocean peaks Straits valleys
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Last summer I went to New Zealand for a holiday. We started our holiday in Christchurch and then went south and stayed in a small cottage overlooking the Pacific (1) _____. The best part was that we had our own little sheltered sandy (2) _____ with a path down from the cottage. We went to the Aoraki national park and climbed up a little bit of (3) _____ Cook, which is the highest mountain in the country. After a few weeks we crossed the Cook (4) _____ that separate the South Island from the North Island. We visited the (5) _____ of Plenty and then drove north along spectacular steep (6) _____. It's an amazing country with gentle rolling (7) _____ and fertile (8) _____ and then deep narrow (9) _____ and jagged snowy (10) _____. It was such a fantastic place to visit and I really want to go again.

B Complete the sentences with the binomial expressions in the box.

bits and pieces down and out flesh and blood long and hard pick and choose tried and tested

- (11) When I saw Jenny's latest boyfriend I thought he was a _____, he was so badly dressed. It turned out that he was a lifeguard at the local beach.
- (12) I've dropped that Greek vase aunt Maureen brought back from her last holiday. Can you help me pick up the _____?
- (13) You're so lucky to be able to _____ when you go on holiday. I can only go when the kids are off school.
- (14) I know that Gianluca annoys you, but he's my brother and you know what they say about _____.
- (15) We take the kids to the same holiday resort every year. It might seem a bit boring but you can't fault something that's _____. At least we know they'll like it.
- (16) We'll have to think _____ about going back there next year. It was nice but rather expensive.

Grammar

C Complete the text with *the* or *–*.

Stig Anderson is a famous explorer. Over the past thirty years he has climbed some of the highest mountains, including (17) _____ Mount Everest and three of the highest peaks in (18) _____ Andes in South America. He has sailed across (19) _____ Atlantic single-handed and crossed (20) _____ Sahara Desert in just thirty days. But, his next venture is probably his most dangerous as he tries to swim across (21) _____ Lake Winnipeg in Canada.

D Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the* or *–*.

(22) _____ recent survey into what makes people happy found that more often than not leading (23) _____ exciting life can be more stressful and make people less happy than a fairly predictable and boring life. (24) _____ survey of more than one thousand people aged between 19 and 45 was conducted by Professor Sarah Curtis of (25) _____ University of Maryland. She said, "I'm not surprised as (26) _____ happiness is about feeling safe and secure and not (27) _____ buzz we get when we do something dangerous or exciting."

E Correct the mistakes in some of the sentences.

(28) I live near Mediterranean.

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(29) A recent survey found that women are happier than men.

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(30) The survey found that the laughter helps us live longer.

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(31) Washington DC is the capital of US.

_____.

(32) I had wonderful holiday last year.

_____.

(33) Happiness is meeting the women of your dreams.

_____.

F Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- (34) Cuiabebã is *so / such* a remote place that it will remain unspoilt for years.
- (35) It is *so / such* beautiful it'll become famous quite quickly.
- (36) Ibiza is *so / such* a popular holiday resort that it is no longer very Spanish.
- (37) There're *so / such* many tourists that the local population are outnumbered.
- (38) The tourists can be *so / such* awful people. They seem to forget that other people live here.
- (39) Why do people behave *so / such* badly when they are on holiday?

Functional language

G Choose the correct expressions to complete the text.

Well, I told John I needed a holiday (40) *or something / or somewhere* and he took me to Croatia! I ask you. He said he knew I wanted to go to Spain but that Croatia was (41) *more or less / like* the same. I mean, how crazy can you get. I wanted to go to Spain because I love sunbathing (42) *and stuff like that / or so*. I need something like that to make me happy (43) *and stuff like that / you know*. Anyway, it turns out that there's lots of sunshine in Croatia and the beaches are (44) *kind of / or something* beautiful. The first day there was nobody else around so we stayed on the beach for a couple of hours (45) *or so / and so on*. It was (46) *or so / sort of* romantic. After that we went to the beach every day, just walking (47) *or so / and so on*. John was so worried I'd be angry, and at first I was (48) *you know / more or less*. He said 'I know it's not perfect, but it's (49) *kind of / and so on* the best I could manage.' Well, in the end I had such a wonderful time. Croatia is (50) *or so / like* a great place to go.