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Der Test umfaßt **4 Aufgaben**.*

Zeit : 30 Minuten

1. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions on the following page.

Saving an Endangered British Species: The Pub

One by one, the pubs are disappearing in Hampstead, a picturesque village that has become one of this city's most fashionable neighborhoods. The Black Swan has become a realty office. The King of Bohemia is now a clothing shop. The Hare & Hounds has been replaced with an apartment building.

Changing economics and new tastes have closed down one out of every five pubs during the last two decades in Britain, and things are growing worse. Since the 2008 financial crisis, 7,000 have shut, leaving some small communities confronting the unthinkable: life without a "local," as pubs are known.

And that has forced the government into action. A new law is letting people apply to have their pub designated a "valuable asset to the community". This status provides a degree of protection from demolition. It helps community groups buy pubs themselves before real estate developers convert them for other uses or tear them down. Roughly 300 pubs have already received the designation.

"The traditional pub, we like to think, is relatively unique internationally," said Brandon Lewis, the Conservative Member of Parliament who is the Community Pubs Minister, an office that highlights the special place pubs occupy in British life. "In many communities they are really important."

Still, the traditional pub is being squeezed as never before, even after George Osborne, the finance minister, reduced the tax paid on every pint of beer last March, by a penny. Antismoking laws are keeping smokers away. Cut-price beer for sale at supermarkets is eating into business. In London, the increase in real estate prices has made pubs attractive targets for developers.

And then there is a cultural shift going on: People in Britain are drinking about 23 percent less beer than a decade ago, according to the British Beer and Pub Association.

Questions

Decide which statements on the text are "T" (true) or "F" (false). Write your answer on the lines provided.

1. Half of Britain's pubs have disappeared since the early 90s. _____
2. The closings are due to laws passed by the government. _____
3. The trend has stopped for now. _____
4. There are no legal ways to protect pubs from destruction. _____
5. Real estate developers do not want to maintain the pubs. _____
6. Brandon Lewis emphasizes the importance of drinking. _____
7. The government has lowered taxes on beer. _____
8. Pubs cannot compete with supermarket beer prices. _____
9. Rising property values are good for the pub business. _____
10. Britons are drinking more beer than ever before. _____

10 points

2. VOCABULARY

Fill each gap with one correct word. Do not use the same word twice.

accessible	clothes	isolated	ocean	territory
accurate	curious	mayor	roof	wildlife
challenges	granted	mining	summer	world

Putting your town on the Google map.

It has charted the world's highest mountains and the **1**..... floor, but Google's mission to map the **2**..... has largely steered clear of the Arctic. Now, however, Google has flown a small team to Iqaluit, the largest town in the Canadian **3**..... of Nunavut, wrapped up in their warmest winter **4**..... and equipped with a stack of laptop computers and an 18kg backpack-mounted telescopic camera.

Helped by an Inuit mapping expert, and followed by **5**..... locals, the team spent four days collecting the images and information that will give this **6**..... community what urbanites across the globe take for **7**.....

Unlike more **8**..... parts of the world, which have been mapped using a special camera mounted on a car **9**....., the Iqaluit project had mappers hiking the town's snow-packed roads and trails, some of which are made of ice and disappear in the brief **10**..... months. The team also cut a path along part of the 15km "Road to Nowhere", despite warnings about the risk from polar bears and other **11**.....

One of the initial **12**..... Google faced was gathering the raw data needed to fill in their existing map. What they had created using satellite images was fairly **13**....., but the rapid pace of the town's growth, which has been motivated by a **14**..... boom, meant they were missing one road that had been created in the past year.

The project is more than a novelty. John Graham, Iqaluit's **15**....., said the town would be able to use the maps as a promotional tool for those thinking of visiting or moving to the area.

3. VERB EXERCISE

Fill in the correct form and tense of the verbs in the text below, e.g.

Janine ...*didn't know*... (not / know) the way to the station so she asked for directions.

Sao Paulo: A city with 180km traffic jams

Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, **1**..... (have) some of the worst traffic problems in the world.

"It's like a sea. A sea of cars," says Fabiana Crespo, as she slowly **2**..... (drive) through the crowded streets with her 10-month-old baby Rodrigo. "When I **3**..... (get married) in 2010, I **4**..... (choose) to take an apartment north of the city to be close to the office," she says. "But after my first son **5**..... (to be born) last year, I **6**..... (go) back to live near my parents. So now I have to cross the whole city again." When Crespo finally gets home in the evening, it is already dark and her husband **7**..... (wait) with their older child, three-year-old Pedro. She **8**..... (not/have) any time for hobbies. "Some rich people in Sao Paulo travel around in helicopters," Crespo says. "If I had enough money, I **9**..... (do) the same."

Sul America Traffic Radio is a local station which **10**..... (try) to help motorists. It **11**..... (report) exclusively on traffic conditions and alternative routes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Victoria Ribeiro **12**..... (work) for the station since it was set up in 2007. "Unfortunately, this problem has become a lot worse recently, because more and more Brazilians **13**..... (buy) cars," she says. "But the biggest problem is that we Brazilians **14**..... (not/plan) for the future well enough. We need to start looking for long-term solutions. Then our traffic **15**..... (improve)."

15 points

