

The text

We decided to go somewhere after wedding only in 1 week before the event, so we had to go to the travel agency (usually we organize the trips ourselves). That was the first mistake. We hoped to go to Santorini, but there were no flights available so we were proposed to visit new 4* hotel on the sandy beach of "wonderful green Corfu". Ok - second mistake.

On the next day after the wedding we, so happy and in great mood, arrived to Kerkira. The first negative impression (not on the hotel but on the country **itself**) was given by the airport service. For our choke-full Boeing 737 there was only 1 frontier guard!!! We had to wait at least an hour and in spite of our requests to provide more officials we were absolutely ignored.

The second "good" impression - the room of our hotel - dirty walls - all in the killed mosquitoes, broken light switcher, torn fan hose, hanged by a thread doors of the dresser and wardrobe, very simple and cheap furniture , big bed, but made of 2 single ones, small bunch of garden roses - this is what we received for our honeymoon. Even in bed & breakfast hotels we received better cleaner conditions. In response to our complaints the receptionist told us that the hotel was overbooked (though we saw few guests during our visit!).

Third impression - "beautiful sea view" from our balcony. Yes, the sea, the landscape is beautiful but right opposite the hotel there is the construction of another hotel. So instead of listening to the sea whole day long you hear bzzzzzz....bzzzzzz...of the working instruments - very romantic.

Nice sandy beach - is pebbly one with the terribly smelling rivulet flowing into the sea. The water is clean and warm but close to the cost **it** is polluted with parts of algae and slime - so you had to swim quickly into deep waters.

Nothing to do, no places for walking, everything is reachable only by cars (we don't drive a car). No bicycle rent in the hotel, no ways for hiking (or the receptionist and travel agency guide don't know them). The only variety from monotonous sleep-eat-swim-sleep-...you can go to Kerkira by bus (4 times a day), but 1 day is enough to go several times around the city and visit all its places of interest. To sleep and eat a lot is good, but 3 days of it are enough for us, than we need action.

Level of service -bad. The maids come, e.g. at 10 a.m., find you sleeping, you ask them to come in half an hour, they come in 10 minutes, find you still in, shout and curse something in Greek, you ask them for extra 5 minutes and when you return in 2 hours you find your room not cleaned. The receptionist says - "what do you want - they visited you - yes - you asked to go later - yes- so they'll come in the afternoon". It meant that we had to stay outdoors waiting till they clean at the hottest time after 13.00. This situation repeated in variations almost every day.

The food in the restaurant is tasty, but no variety on breakfast. For the dinner just a few fruits are proposed - water-melon, melon, and grape. No fruits for breakfast.

The result – spoiled holiday, negative attitude to Greece and Greeks, no will to visit Greece anymore, no travel agencies anymore.



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I / Reading Comprehension: (12 marks)

1/ The text is about a / an: (1 mark)

- a) ☐ Romantic and relaxing holiday
- b) ☐ Active and interesting holiday
- c) ☐ Unpleasant and boring holiday

2/ Complete the table with information from the text about the couple's holiday:(3marks)

PLACE / DESTINATION	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION

3/ The statements below are false. Justify with one sentence from the text: (2 marks)

- a) The couple spent a lot of time thinking about their holiday destination. (parag.1)
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- b) The maids were very polite and friendly with the couple. (parag.7)
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4/ Tick the right alternative: (2 marks)

- a) The couple's holiday was not romantic because: (parag.4)
 - ☐ they could not see the sea from their balcony.
 - ☐ they could not sleep because of mosquitoes.
 - ☐ there was noise pollution.
- b) The writer complains about the food because it's: (parag.8)
 - ☐ tasteless
 - ☐ monotonous
 - ☐ unhealthy

5/ Find in the text words that mean the same as: (2 marks)

- a) a holiday taken by a couple who have just got married = (parag.3)
- b) full of guests/ full of visitors/ full of tourists = (parag.3)

6/ What do these words refer to in the text: (2 marks)

- a) itself (parag.2):
- b) it (parag.5):

II / Language: (6 marks)

1/ Fill in the blanks with the words in the list below(there's 1 extra item): (4 marks)

delicious – waiter – sites – on board – cruise – sightseeing – sight – guide – attend

Dear Mum and Dad,

I have been in Paris for two days now and I'm enjoying myself very much. We landed here early in the morning and a comfortable coach took us straight to the hotel. We have been from morning till night. The beauty of Paris is incredible! In the morning, the tourist took us to the Louvre's museum. It was very interesting. There were ancient things and paintings from many countries. Then we ate at an Italian restaurant. It was a bit expensive but the food was In the evening, we went on a along the beautiful river "La Seine" which goes through Paris. We had dinner the boat while watching Paris by night. It was a marvelous This evening we're going to the theatre to a play and tomorrow the guide is going to take us to see the Science Museum and other famous

2/ Put the words between brackets into the right form or tense: (2 marks)

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson went to a travel agency in London in order to arrange a holiday. They wanted to go to a place where there is plenty of sun, **(sand)** beaches, good food and historical monuments. They thought Italy would be a suitable place. On the way to the travel agency, they met their friends Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall who **(just/come)** back from holiday in southern Italy. They **(not/seem)** very happy about it. First the weather was terrible, then they lost their money and the hotel where they stayed, was not as comfortable as the travel agent **(tell)** them. Therefore Mr. and Mrs. Johnson changed their minds about Italy.

III / Writing: (12 marks)

1/ Complete the conversation below with the missing parts: (4 marks)

John: Do you travel much in your job?

Peter: Yes, quite a lot.

John: Have you ever? ❶

Peter: Yes, I often go to the Far East. I went to Thailand a couple of weeks ago. Do you know that part of the world?

John: Yes, I do. I lived in Bangkok for three years when I was a child. My father was an ambassador there.

Peter: Really?? ❷

John: Yes, I went back there with my wife and children last year.



Peter:? ③

John: Oh, yes. We enjoyed it a lot.

Peter:? ④

John: We stayed at the Oriental Hotel in Bangkok.

2/ You are Peter Smith. You went on a holiday with a travel agency but you were disappointed with the services provided. Back home, you decided to write a letter of complaint to the agency manager in which you state the problems, the consequences and ask for compensation.

Dear Sir or Madam,

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Yours faithfully,

Peter Smith