

1. Summary Writing.

Write a summary (**200-250 words**) of the following text (15%).

Give a title to this text (5%).

Sometimes people find really wonderful things when they are not looking for them. We say they “discover” natural wonders. One clear example was John Colter. Colter was a mountain man who lived alone in the Rocky Mountains of the United States. He loved to walk in the mountains, but one day in 1803 he saw a strange sight. Water was shooting high into the air and falling into a pool of green water. It was a geyser, a natural water fountain. He found other pools of blue water. Some of the pools were hot. The chemicals in the water made a beautiful color, but they also made it smell bad. Nearby there were also large clear lakes and spectacular waterfalls on cold, clear mountain rivers. Colter was excited, so he told others about the place. However, the other people did not believe him. They thought that he was a dreamer; they called him a fool. After they saw these wonders, they, too, were excited. Today we call Colter’s discovery Yellowstone Park.

Another example of a discoverer was Johnny Angel. In 1935, he was flying a small plane in Venezuela. His trip took him over the high mountains, where people like him were looking for gold. Angel did not find gold, but suddenly he saw an amazing sight, a waterfall. The water fell a long way down the mountain. Later he told people about this discovery, the waterfall. They came to see the spectacular sight, and they named it after Johnny—Angel Falls. It is the highest waterfall on the Earth. The water falls nearly a kilometer—979 meters, or 3,212 feet.

Johnny Angel and John Colter are called discoverers of these natural wonders. But are they? Other people lived near these places, and they knew about the pools, waterfalls, geysers, and lakes. Weren’t these people the real discoverers of these extraordinary places? Perhaps these places were ordinary to them.

Colter and Angel talked about the natural wonders of the Rocky Mountains and the Venezuelan wilderness. After that, the people from all over the world wanted to see them.

2. The first paragraph is missing from the text. Write an introductory paragraph (150-200 words) to following text (15%). Give a title to this text (5%).

Of course, no one can deny that cell phones are very useful. Parents and children carry them around so that they can keep track of each other. Friends use cell phones to chat with each other on the spur of the moment. In emergencies, people use cell phones to call tow trucks, taxis, or ambulances or notify others that they are running late. Users soon discover that their cell phones are so useful that they cannot go anywhere without them.

The fact that cell phones are in everyone's pocket, purse, and hand means that the din of ringing phones and conversation has invaded public spaces. Cell phones ring in restaurants, cinemas, and libraries. In stores, shoppers talk long and loudly, asking their family members what size or color clothing they want. People even carry on long conversations about personal topics with friends and lovers where everyone around them can hear. Recently I was sitting in chemistry class, listening closely to the professor's lecture, and "ring" went my classmate's cell phone. All this noise is disrupting the peace.

However, the most significant disadvantage of cell phones is that so many people drive and talk simultaneously. Increasingly, drivers take to the roads and pull out their phones—on highways and on busy streets. It stands to reason that drivers are distracted when they drive and talk. In fact, in 1997, the *New England Journal of Medicine* reported that motorists who use cell phones are four times more likely to crash. A three-year study in Oklahoma found that accidents connected with cell phone use were nine times more likely to result in deaths. Japan, Australia, and numerous other countries have banned the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Clearly, cell phones are helpful devices. Still, as long as people use them irresponsibly, they will cause problems, particularly when their users don't think about others around them. In public, cell phone users often disturb other people with the noise they make; on the road, they put pedestrians and other drivers in danger. People shouldn't throw away their cell phones, but they should get into the habit of using them more considerately and carefully.

3. Read the following advertisements for two vacations. Write a paragraph (350-400 words) to compare the two vacations. State which one is better. Compare these points about the two vacations: length of time, cost, entertainment, food, rooms, enjoyments and interest (60%).



All-Inclusive Four-Day Bahamas Vacation!

Freeport

Grand Bahama Island

\$429 per person

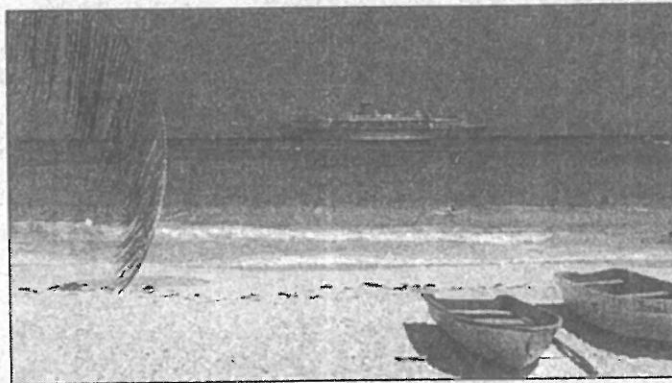
May 15–August 15

Your Vacation Includes:

- Spacious oceanfront room (2 queen beds) for three nights
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Unlimited drinks (including alcoholic beverages)
- Scuba lessons
- Beach games, water aerobics, dance classes

Join us at Oceanview Beach Resort — 26 acres of fun with private, white-sand beach, oceanfront swimming pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, gym, and sauna
www.oceanviewresort.com

Five-Day Cruise to Mexico!



Get away for a long weekend to see the very best of the Gulf of Mexico. In Cozumel, you'll explore Mayan ruins, shop in colorful markets, and snorkel around colorful reefs. In Playa del Carmen, you'll ride in a submarine and swim with dolphins.

- Your Cruise Includes:
- Shipboard cabin (4 nights)
- Ocean transportation
- Meals and some beverages
- Midnight buffets plus 24/hr room service
- Nightly Las Vegas-style shows and comedy acts
- Non-stop movies, swimming, gym, and games

May 15–August 15

\$499/person, interior cabin

\$599/person, oceanview cabin

Note: Package does not include tours or activities at Cozumel or Playa del Carmen or alcoholic beverages.

www.cruisecozumel.com