

## READING PART 2 Gapped text (3)

You are going to read an article about bottle refunds. Seven sentences have been taken out from the article. Choose the most appropriate sentences from **A-H** below the text for each gap. Remember that one of these sentences is unnecessary.

### STONEHENGE

The summer solstice, druid legends, crowds of hippies and thousands of curious visitors. **9** \_\_\_\_

The other destinations on the 2010 'critical list', published by Wanderlust magazine, are Wadi Rum in Jordan, Tulum in Mexico, Yangshuo in China, Timbuktu in Mali, Bay of Fires in Tasmania, Macchu Picchu in Peru and Jaisalmer in India. According to the report, they are in serious danger of destruction as a result of their popularity with tourists. **10** \_\_\_\_

Wanderlust commented: "The Threatened Wonders List aims to draw attention to destinations that could be all but destroyed for future generations if something doesn't change soon". **11** \_\_\_\_ It also suggests ways in which visitors can travel to these areas responsibly.

"Some people may be surprised that Stonehenge is on the list, together with Wadi Rum in Jordan and Machu Picchu in Peru. **12** \_\_\_\_ The gradual deterioration of the surrounding areas is only allowing onlookers to enjoy a fraction of this historical wonder.. The fact that the Government and various planning bodies cannot agree on implementing a radical solution to this problem is a national disgrace."

Tourism can be a double edged sword for destinations. **13** \_\_\_\_ The magazine urges people to travel with care and responsibility as they embark on their explorations.

As one of Britain's most popular tourist attractions, a Unesco World Heritage Site and a relic of utmost importance in understanding our past, Stonehenge serves as an icon of Britain. It has been immortalised by the painters, poets and writers. It even appeared in the Beatles film 'Help' in the late sixties. **14** \_\_\_\_ According to a random sample of visitor reactions, Stonehenge is "just a pile of rocks", "smaller than I thought it would be" and a "waste of money".

Stonehenge, with its shabby entrance, ugly fences and the thunder of two busy roads, is as old and as important as the Egyptian necropolis at Giza, but you wouldn't guess that from its presentation, which has all the aesthetic appeal of a bus station. Fortunately, there would appear to be a happy ending to this story of historical shame. **15** \_\_\_\_

- A** The magazine blames bad planning, poor security and too many tourists as the main reasons the destinations have been chosen for the list.
- B** However this globally renowned monument, trapped by busy highways, is becoming brutally divorced from its natural context.
- C** How would you feel if a bunch of long-haired solstice worshippers invaded your lands?
- D** Recently, after nearly 30 years of campaigning, work finally began on the construction of a discreet new visitor centre which promises to tell the story of the people who built this legendary site.
- E** The enchanting monument of Stonehenge has recently joined seven other worldwide destinations on a list of 'Threatened Wonders'.
- F** Unfortunately, it is also a symbol of greed, its £7.80 entrance fee allowing visitors a somewhat depressing tour through a dark tunnel, rather than among the actual stones.
- G** There are, however, three more destinations on the list, namely Zimbabwe, North-East Thailand and Madagascar, signalled as places in desperate need of more visitors over the coming year.
- H** While it is true in some cases that they are supporting local communities, if things aren't managed properly the negatives can soon outweigh the positives creating major environmental and cultural issues.

## ANSWERS AND NOTES

**9 E** The link here is obvious-it refers to 'Stonehenge' and 'the list'.

**10 G** 'However' tells you there is a contrasting point. These places need MORE visitors.

**11 A** It refers to 'The Magazine' and 'the list' which was mentioned previously.

**12 B** It talks about the state of the site. Read the following sentence.

**13 H** 'While' often contrasts 2 different points. Remember it!

**14 F** The following sentence mentions the criticisms by visitors. High prices, low quality.

**15 D** The story ends well because they are building a decent tourist site.

**C** is a load of rubbish!