



C.E ANGLAIS

ENGLISH COMMON TEST N°1

PART ONE: READING (10 pts)

Ecotourism: What on Earth Is It?

Ecotourism can simply mean visiting a place where the nature — or ecology — is the main attraction. Ecotourism involves travel to natural habitats, places where the land and wildlife are the reason for visiting and may be in need of preservation. Sustainable tourism on the other hand is when tourists make a smaller impact on the place they are visiting. This means respect for the local culture as well choosing businesses that have sustainable practices. Ecotourism and sustainable tourism are ethically similar, and should not be confused with adventure tourism, as tour packages that take visitors to national parks or reserves may not necessarily be operated by companies that are actively preserving or supporting the location.

In countries like Australia, Sweden, Costa Rica and Kenya, ecotourism guidelines have been put in place, but elsewhere the classification is loose and tourism businesses can make use of the term without committing to the environment.

A legitimate ecotourism destination respects and supports the indigenous people of the area. Those of us who dream of an adventure in the Galapagos or taking wildlife photographs in misty jungle locations should look for an eco-tour with a genuine operator so our tourist dollar goes towards the local community and conservation of the surrounding environment.

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TASK A: As you read the text, find in it words or expressions that correspond to the definitions or synonyms below. Do like the example: **1-ecotourism**

- 1- Tourism that protects the environment and the local population (L1)
- 2- The fauna and flora (L2)
- 3- Durable, for a long period (L6)
- 4- Tourism with visiting risky and unsafe places (L7)
- 5- Local people (L12)
- 6- Covered with fog (L14)

TASK B: as you read the text again, say if the statements below are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. Give the justification lines. Do like the example: **1-T (L1-2)**

- 1- Visiting the nature is simply considered as ecotourism
- 2- During ecotourism we don't preserve the nature
- 3- Sustainable tourism is very dangerous for the site
- 4- Some countries have put ecotourism guidelines in place
- 5- Ivory Coast is one of the countries in the text
- 6- Tourists care about the local populations during eco-tour

PART TWO: LANGUAGE USE (4 pts)

Put the following verbs in the brackets in the correct tense (present perfect or present perfect continuous).

Do like the example: **1- has been working**

- 1- He (**work**) in this company since 2017
- 2- Ruth, how many apples (**pick**)?
- 3- Sidney (**read**) the book all afternoon
- 4- She (**write**) a letter to me
- 5- How long you (**wait**)?

PART THREE: WRITING (6 pts)

TASK

On the World Environment Day, you come across a leaflet where you can read an environmental expert's preoccupation, put in the following way : '**Tourism, curse or blessing ?**'. You decide to give your opinion on the topic through a paragraph to be published in the school English magazine. In your production :

- say what ecotourism is ;
- talk about the advantages of ecotourism industry for a country ;
- suggest some solutions to cope with the disadvantages of ecotourism on the environment.

(not more than 20 lines)

GOOD LUCK !!!