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ENGLISH COMMON TEST

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Ce sujet comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.

PART ONE: READING (08 pts)

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Tourism plays an important role for nearly all WTO members, especially in terms of its contribution to employment, GDP, and the generation of foreign exchange. Tourism-related services are typically labour-intensive, with numerous links to other major segments of the economy, such as transport, cultural and creative services, or financial and insurance services.

Tourism and travel-related services include services provided by hotels and restaurants, travel agencies and tour operator services, tourist guide services and other related services.

A crucial aspect of trade in tourism services is the cross-border movement of consumers. This permits a variety of workers, including those in remote areas, to become service exporters, for instance, by guiding tourists, performing in local events, or working in tourist accommodations. While digitalization offers great potential for many aspects of tourism services, the sector continues to depend highly on the cross-border movement of both customers and employees, and remains strongly linked to transport services.

Tourism commitments have been undertaken by over 133 WTO members, more than in any other service sector. This indicates the desire of most members to expand their tourism sectors and to increase inward foreign direct investment (FDI) as part of their efforts to promote economic growth.

The level of commitments by sub-sector varies widely for tourism and travel and travel-related services. Commitments on services provided by hotels and restaurants are the most frequent, with a significantly smaller number of WTO members making commitments on travel agencies and tour operator services. Only about half of the members with commitments on tourism have included tourist guide services, and only a few members have made commitments for the ‘‘other’’ tourism services category.

Tourism services, like other services covered by the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), were included in the services negotiations that began in 2000. One of the earliest documents was a proposal for a GATS Annex on Tourism.

A. VOCABULARY CHECK

Find in the text the words whose meanings or synonyms are given below. The lines are indicated to help you. Number 1 is an example. Write your answer like this: *1-employment*

1. Recruitment (Line 1)
2. Abroad (Line 2)
3. hard work (Line 3)
4. guarantee (Line 5)
5. significant (Line 9)
6. no limit (Line 9)

7. far (Line 10)
8. computerization (Line 12)
9. engagement (Line 16)
10. develop (Line 18)
11. internal (Line 18)

B. <u>COMPREHENSION CHECK</u>

Read the text and give short answers to the questions below.

1. What is the text about?
2. What does WTO stand for?
3. How is Tourism important?
4. How are tourism-related services?
5. Which other services do tourism and travel-related services comprise?
6. Who has initiated the Tourism guarantees?
7. How many members with commitments on tourism have been involved in tourist guide services?
8. When did the services negotiations start?

<u>PART TWO</u>: LANGUAGE IN USE (05 pts)

The text below is a summary of a newspaper article about the place of natural resources in the development of countries. Some verbs have been deleted. Use the verbs between brackets and put them either into the present perfect or into the present perfect continuous.

Write on your sheet of paper, your answers like in the example. **1- *have helped***

Natural resources 1-(to help) already the world's people for a long time, they 2- (to contribute) to the development of many countries. People from all countries 2- (to know) that we must take care of natural resources. I remember once, the president of the industrialists said that he 3-(to lead) this association since 2010 and he knows best that natural resources 4- (to help) the industry for more than a millennium. Industrialists and ordinary citizens 5- (to take) advantage of this situation since the industrial revolution. We 6-(to see) countries that 7- (to build) their development on natural resources. We 8-(to take) care of them but the unaware persons 9-(to destroy) them for over 200 years. Fortunately, we 10- (to convince) them to change their vision and they have stopped destroying them.

<u>PART THREE</u>: WRITING (07 pts)

Your Liberian pen-friend has heard about some tourist attractions of your country and he is eager to come and visit some of them. He asks you, through an email, to suggest to him a tourist attraction he can visit when he comes. In your reply,

- Propose a tourist attraction
- Say why it is worth visiting
- Explain what you felt, during your last visit to that