

## Part 1

**Read the leaflet below on the places that a package tour for a Trans-Siberian train trip offers answer Questions 1–10.**

- A** On the first day, we will stop at Vladivostok, once a strategic naval outpost. You will get acquainted with this modern city on a tour that includes the brightly painted railway station. Visit the Vladivostok Fortress, perhaps hearing the daily shot of the cannon at noon. The package includes meals at organized restaurants.
- B** The next day is a trip to Ulan Ude, previously a major trading post between China and Russia. You will visit a village of Old Believers, a group descended from 17th-century religious exiles whose fascinating culture has changed little over the centuries. Watch a performance of their unique choral music.
- C** If it does not rain, you will enjoy Lake Baikal at its best. The lake is called the sacred sea by locals and named a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Our train route hugs the rocky shores and passes through 33 tunnels.
- D** On day 5, we are going to Irkutsk. In the early 19th century, many Russian artists, officers, and nobles were exiled here. Discover the city's historic sites and enjoy a private concert and champagne reception at the Decembrist House Museum. Cap off the day with dinner at the home of a local family.
- E** Our train will also stop at Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan perched on the banks of the Volga River. Pay a visit to the Kazan Conservatory and enjoy a concert performed by its students. Then set off on a private cruise on the Volga River before returning to our train.
- F** To explore the city of St Petersburg thoroughly, we will be travelling there by bus. We will pass the museum and university districts. At Hermitage Museum, you can take a guided tour with a headphone on for translation of your choice. Consider an optional excursion for the rest of the day.
- G** When we arrive at Yekaterinburg, you are free to take advantage of all the city has to offer as a wonderful outdoor destination. There are many exciting options that can be booked and paid for locally. In the summer you can try your hand at rafting; while in the winter, you can enjoy the thrilling dog-sledding ride or ice-fishing.

- H** You will take the metro while in Moscow to the legendary Red Square for the start of a walking tour in the morning. You will see the Tsar Bell - which is the largest bell that never rang. There is also an offer on either a Moscow by Night coach tour or river cruise.
- I** Our tour also includes a museum of trains in Novosibirsk. Here you will take a photograph of yourself with the old trains that were riding the same route many years ago. You will also get many Russian traditional handicrafts in a small museum.
- J** Our last stop is Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Here, you will visit a nomadic family in their traditional tent dwelling and watch a demonstration of Mongolian horseback riding. Then see the statue of Genghis Khan, Mongolia's national hero. In the evening, enjoy dinner with a performance of Mongolian throat singing.

Source: 'Trans-Siberian Rail Expedition' by National Geographic

**Question 1 – 10**

Identify which paragraphs ( A – J) contain information listed in Questions 1 – 10 by marking a cross ☒ for the correct answer. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

You must choose answers only from the information given in the leaflet. Paragraphs may be used more than once or not used at all.

This paragraph

- 1 informed about a well reserved culture.
- 2 provides an itinerary on dining with the locals.
- 3 mentions a place which was used for a military purpose.
- 4 makes note on how the weather can affect the experience.
- 5 talks about a device that has never been used.
- 6 includes a show from young people.
- 7 is useful for those who want to take a tour in a preferred language.
- 8 mentions seasonal activities.
- 9 refers to where Russia traded with another country.
- 10 says how local people live.