

Part 1

Read the leaflet below on unusual places around the world and answer Questions 1–10.

A Spotted Lake

Spotted Lake has long been revered by the native people and it's easy to see why they think of it as sacred. In the summer the water of the lake evaporates and small mineral pools are left behind, each one different in colour to the next. Visitors are asked not to trespass on tribal land.

B Thor's Well

In rough conditions, the surf rushes into the gaping sinkhole and then shoots upwards with great force. It can be viewed by taking the Captain Cook Trail from the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area visitor centre – but for your own safety stay well back, especially at high tide or during winter storms

C Pamukkale

The place is registered as UNESCO World Heritage Site. A visit to Pamukkale, or Cotton Palace, also takes in the ancient ruins of Hierapolis, the ancient city that was built around it. Water cascades from natural springs and down the white travertine terraces and forms stunning thermal pools perfect for a quick dip.

D Lake Hillier

This remarkable lake was discovered in 1802 on the largest of the islands in Western Australia's Recherche Archipelago. The lake keeps its deep pink colour year-round, which some scientists say is down to high salinity combined with the presence of a salt-loving algae species and pink bacteria.

E The Nasca Lines

These animal figures and geometric shapes are one of South America's great mysteries. Visible only from the air or from a metal viewing tower beside the highway, some of the unexplained shapes are up to 200 metres in length and each one is executed in a single continuous line.

F Socotra Island

This remote island looks like a set in a sci-fi film. Its incredible and unique biodiversity means many plants and trees here are not found anywhere else in the world – particularly bizarre are the ancient and twisted dragon’s blood tree and the bulbous bottle tree.

G Chocolate Hills of Bohol Island

Bohol’s 1700-odd conical hills dot the middle of the island in the Philippines. they range in height but are so regular in shape that they could be mistaken for being man-made. The hills only earn their 'chocolate' nickname in the dry season when the foliage goes from lush green to brown.

H Red Beach

This beach is covered with a type of seaweed called Sueda, which turns bright red in autumn. These tidal wetlands are an important nature reserve for migrating birds. Only a small section of the beach is open to the public, but it can be explored via a wooden walkway that stretches out to sea.

I Goblin Valley State Park

Eroded by wind and water, the soft sandstone has formed strange pinnacles that some think they resemble goblins, a monstrous creature in folklores. The eerie landscape is only about a mile across and two miles long and it’s well worth exploring the marked trails to get up close to the bizarre formations.

J Glass Beach

This glittering sea glass beach in California is a remarkable side effect of years of rubbish being dumped on the beach. It was not until the 1960s that this activity was stopped. Over time, the waves broke everything down into colourful pebbles and the beach became a major tourist attraction.

Source: ‘20 seriously weird places around the world’ by Rachel Mills

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 place

- 1 is sometimes misunderstood to be artificial.
- 2 allows visitors to relax with its hot springs.
- 3 accommodates unusual plants.
- 4 is a sanctuary to some animals.
- 5 is unexpectedly caused by trash.
- 6 is not recommended particularly during severe weather conditions.
- 7 has most of its area inaccessible to people.
- 8 can be reached by walking up the tracks.
- 9 is well respected by the local.
- 10 cannot be seen from the ground.