

Part 1

Read the text below on the World's Famous Museums and answer Questions 1– 10.

A. THE RIJKSMUSEUM, THE NETHERLANDS

The Rijksmuseum is one of the most well-known art museums in the world. The Nationale Kunstgalerij, as it was then known, originally opened its doors in 1800. It was originally housed in Huis ten Bosch in The Hague, but in 1808, the museum relocated to Amsterdam, the new capital city.

B. THE PRADO, SPAIN

The Prado was built to house the National Museum of Natural History. The building's final function, however, is to house paintings and sculptures. With 3 million annual visits and a web presence that reaches 10 million, the Prado is one of the most popular art destinations in the world.

C. THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, THE UNITED STATES

The Museum of Modern Art strives to be the world's most important modern art museum. MoMA's collection has expanded to encompass 150,000 paintings, sculptures, and design objects, as well as 22,000 films, videos, media works, film stills, screenplays, and historical documents, from an original gift of eight prints and one drawing.

D. VATICAN MUSEUMS, ITALY

The world-famous Vatican Museums are a must-see for any visitor to the Vatican City. They show items from the vast collection gathered by the Catholic Church and the Pope's office throughout the ages, including some of the world's most famous Roman sculptures and most important Renaissance masterpieces.

E. THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, THE UNITED STATES

With 19 museums and the National Zoo, the Smithsonian Institution is the world's biggest museum, education, and research complex. According to his wishes, the Institution was funded by Englishman James Smithson. There is so much to see that if you spent one minute each day and night looking at each thing on display, you would only visit 10% of the site in ten years.

F. STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM, RUSSIA

The State Hermitage Museum, the world's second-largest art museum, was founded in 1764. The museum now houses nearly 3 million objects of art and artifacts from around the world. The treasures are housed in a six-building complex along Palace Embankment.

G. UFFIZI GALLERIES, ITALY

The Uffizi Galleries in Florence are located on the first and second floors of a huge edifice planned by Giorgio Vasari and built between 1560 and 1580. The Gallery also has an important collection of antique statues and busts from the Medici family, which adorns the halls and includes ancient Roman replicas of vanished Greek masterpieces.

H. BRITISH MUSEUM, THE UNITED KINGDOM

It was the world's first national museum, encompassing all branches of human knowledge and welcoming visitors from all over the globe. Its eight million objects allow us to learn the astonishing range of human cultures, from small settlements to large empires, as well as the myriad forms and expressions that humans have given to every element of life..

I. THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, THE UNITED STATES

It is also known as "the Met," is the country's largest art museum. Visitors may view and enjoy over 5,000 years of art from throughout the world. The Metropolitan Museum of Art has strived to be more than a treasury of rare and beautiful objects since its inception in 1870.

J. LE LOUVRE, FRANCE

The museum's enormous palace, which dates from the late twelfth century, is a true architectural lesson: from 1200 to 2011, the most imaginative architects built and developed the Louvre. This royal palace was also home to French heads of state and serves as one of the primary backgrounds to the history of Paris and France.

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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 text. Paragraphs may be used more than once or not used at all.

This place ...

- 1 houses Roman and Greek masterpieces.
 - 2 was financially supported by a foreigner.
 - 3 is known as the first national museum in the world.
 - 4 is administered by a religious group.
 - 5 used to be the house of the country's leader.
 - 6 also offers an opportunity to see wildlife.
 - 7 is not located where it was originally located .
 - 8 has millions of online visitors each year.
 - 9 is also known by another name.
- 10** refers to a drastic increase in the number of exhibits.