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Narrator: You will hear a telephone conversation between a woman and a man who works for a travel company about an organised trip she would like to go on. First you will have some time to look at questions 1 to 5.

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(MAN) Good morning, Trekkers Paradise, how may I help you?

(WOMAN) Good morning, I'm calling about one of your trips I saw advertised online. I'd like some information please.

(MAN) Of course madam, which trip is of interest to you?

(WOMAN) It's the Discover Africa trip. It looks wonderful!

(MAN) The Discover Africa trip is one of our most popular, so it's a good choice. In fact, there are three options with this trip to Tanzania, you could either do a 12-day trek to the top of Kilimanjaro or there is the 10-day Wildlife Tour or you could combine the two and do the 12-day Kilimanjaro trip followed by a shorter 5-day safari trip.

(WOMAN) What about level of fitness for these trips?

(MAN) The Kilimanjaro trip is really for very experienced hikers. It's a demanding trip, but very satisfying and the views are out of this world.

(WOMAN) Right, well I've got lots of experience of walking in mountainous regions such as the Alps and the Pyrennees. What's the daily distance like on this trip?

(MAN) The total distance from base camp is around 50km. When you arrive, you will have three days to rest and prepare for the hike. The main challenge with this trip is not the distance, but the altitude. The base camp is at 4,900 metres above sea level, and the top of the mountain is around 5,750 metres. The daily distance is therefore taken at quite a slow pace to allow guests to acclimatize naturally. Usually we do between 5km and 15km per day to give you an idea.

(WOMAN) Can you tell me what a typical day would consist of?

(MAN) It normally starts very early, either just before or just after sunrise. There are parts of the trail which are outstanding for sunrise, so we encourage our guests to witness this incredible sight. It's also cooler early in the day, so perfect walking weather. We normally have a hot lunch since we bring a chef with us. We usually aim to eat dinner at around 6.30 pm and sleep before 9 so that everyone is well-rested for the early morning start.

(WOMAN) I also have questions about wildlife. Could I expect to see any on this kind of trek? Is it safe?

(MAN) Indeed you could. Our trail is a little off the beaten track, so you won't see many other people, but you should see some wonderful wildlife such as monkeys, gazelles, reptiles and lots of birds. There is absolutely no immediate danger to travellers, so please rest assured that you would be perfectly safe.

(WOMAN) That's very reassuring, thanks. My last question is about the price. Your ad says it costs \$5,500 dollars per person, based on two sharing, but I would be travelling alone. Would I have to pay a supplement?

(MAN) I'm afraid you would. In this case, you would need to add \$285 to the cost, giving you a total of \$5,785 for the total trip, which includes air fare and transport to and from the airport, as well as all accommodation and meals.

(WOMAN) Oh that's a pity, as I'd hoped to pay \$5,500 as well.

(MAN) Sorry, but it's our company policy.

Narrator: Before you hear the rest of the conversation, you have some time to look at questions 6 to 10. (30 SECONDS of SILENCE)

(WOMAN) Great, thanks for all that information. Can I now ask about the wildlife safari trip? What's the main difference with this trip to the Kilimaniaro trip?

(MAN) This is also a wonderful adventure, especially if you've never experienced a safari and is all about the animals and seeing them in their natural surroundings. If you do the full 10-day trip, you will visit three unique wildlife parks called Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti. You will also visit a Maasai village and learn about the tribe's culture and traditional way of life.

(WOMAN) What's the order of the parks we would visit?

(MAN) We will go to Lake Manyara National Park first, and there you would experience your first game drive, seeing animals in their natural habitat. You can expect to see elephants, giraffes, gazelles and lions on this tour. We stay at Lake Lodge where you will also have dinner.

We then move on to the Ngorongoro Crater National Park for three days, which is a real treat. We will do two full drive days on the first and third days. On the second day you would do around 4 hours of game drive, then go up to the crater which is breath-taking.

Then we do three days in the Serengeti National Park, probably one of the most famous game parks in the world. This is a very exciting culmination of the trip and you will spend three nights at the Royal Serengeti Lodge before returning to base camp for one final day before departure.

(WOMAN) Is there any walking involved?

(MAN) There is a lot less walking involved on the safari trip but it's very easy going and even beginners could manage it. This trip is more about the wildlife.

(WOMAN) And the price for this as a single traveller would be?

(MAN) This trip costs \$4,600 plus a supplement of \$320, so a total of £4,920 for you.

(WOMAN) OK, that's very interesting. And could you just give me a quick run-down of the combined trip?

(MAN) Certainly. With the combined trip, you would do the full 12-day Kilimanjaro trek, but the safari would be limited to five days, and would include two national parks, so that would be two days at the Ngorongoro Crater National Park and three days at Serengeti. We would not do the first park or visit the Maasai village. The combined trip is a very popular option also, as it allows guests to experience two very different sides of Africa in one go.

(WOMAN) It does sound perfect. Can you give me the total price for the combined trip please?

(MAN) For a single traveller, the total would be \$8,245 with everything included. This break down is \$5,785 for the Kilimanjaro part, plus \$2,460 for the safari, both include the supplement cost for solo traveler.

(WOMAN) Ok, very many thanks. I think I would definitely be interested in the combined trip. Can I book it now over the phone?

(MAN) Of course, can I take your name please?

(WOMAN) It's Bates, that's B-A-T-E-S, and my first name is Philippa, that's P-H-I-L-I-P-P-A.

(MAN) Thank you, can I also take a phone number?

(WOMAN) Yes, it's 079 287 3502.

(MAN) And what date are you interested in going?

(WOMAN) It's the July trip, which leaves on 10th.

(MAN) OK so that would be from 10th to 27th July. Can I also take your email address, and that way you can pay directly online and also fill in the form I will send you.

(WOMAN) My email address is ph-bates@gmail.com, so that's P-H, dash, B-A-T-E-S at gmail dot com.

(MAN) Perfect, many thanks. I'll send that in a few minutes, but can confirm that I have booked you onto our Discover Africa Combined Trip from 10th to 27th July, pending payment. I would like to thank you for choosing to travel with Trekker's Paradise, I guarantee that you will have the holiday of a lifetime. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact me, my name's Jamie.

(WOMAN) Thanks Jamie, I'm sure I'll have a great time. Bye.

(MAN) Nice talking to you Philippa, goodbye.

Narrator: That is the end of Section 1. You now have half a minute to check your answers. (30 SECONDS of SILENCE)

Question 1 Complete the table below. Use NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS.

Title: Summary table of the (example) Discover Africa trip.

Trip	Trip duration	Level of experience required	Cost of solo trip
Kilimanjaro	(1) days	Experienced hikers only. Main challenge: (4)	(5)\$
(2)	10 days	Beginners	\$ 4,920
Combined trip	(3)days		\$ 8,245

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- Question 2 (2)_____
- Question 3 (3)_____
- Question 4 (4)_____
- Question 5 (5)_____

■ Question 6 Question 6 to 10

	Complete the form below. Do not use MORE THAN TWO WORDS OR A NUMBER AND A WORD for each answer. • Chosen option: (6) • Number of National Parks visited in the chosen option: (7) • Customer contact number: (8) • Customer email address: (9) • Dates of reservation:From 10th to (10)
Question 7	(7)
Question 8	(8)
■ Question 9	(9)
■ Question 10	(10)

MINI-IELTS GENERAL - READING

Ⅲ Reportez vos réponses pour analyser votre performance.

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Read the text below and answer Questions 1-8.

NEW TIPS FOR ROAD TRIPS

For many, summer is about freedom on the open road. It's a carefree time, focused on fun, family and adventures. What it's usually not is a time to realize that more time on the road can mean a higher risk of an accident. In the U.K. alone, there are 10 million car accidents every year. This doesn't mean that your holiday can't be all fun and games; it just takes some planning ahead.

When preparing for a road trip, many people make sure their vehicle is up to date on its maintenance check-up and they may know how to change a tyre — but being prepared for a road trip is much more than that. Today's drivers must follow a few new tips for successful summer travel and consumer safety.

New Road Trip Preparation Tips

Solid preparation can mean more successful road trips. Here are a few tips travellers should keep in mind, since the top contributors to vehicle collisions are distracted driving, speeding and drunk driving, and these risks only increase in summer due to more road traffic, construction and new teenage drivers.

- * Remember that distractions go beyond your phone. While much of today's in-vehicle technology is designed to help mitigate vehicle collisions, you have to know its limitations. Don't forget that the very technology helping keep you safe in your vehicle can also be a distraction: At any given moment, approximately 660,000 people are manipulating electronic devices or using cell phones while driving.
- * Don't just rely on technology. Be aware of dramatic speed shifts that might alert you to changing driving conditions ahead (such as a small town, school zone or dangerous curves). This is even more important when driving in unfamiliar terrain. While navigation systems, adaptive headlights that can "see" around curves and the latest curve speed warning technology can all help, reviewing a map in advance and paying attention to road signage and conditions along the way can be a big help.
- * If you're drinking, know ridesharing options. A drunk driving-related accident occurs every two minutes. Besides friends, consider ridesharing options like Uber and Lyft, which are available everywhere and even in places where public transportation isn't as popular. Simply download the apps and schedule your ride beforehand.
- * Make an educated decision: Getting into a car accident while travelling can introduce another layer of complexity. Having to make a rushed decision about where to repair your car only adds to a stressful situation. Do your research ahead of time to find shops that have technicians who have received updated, model- and automaker-specific training and the knowledge to properly fix your vehicle.

■ Question 1	Questions 1-8 Complete the sentences below. Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text for each answer.				
	The article contains for driving while on holiday.				
■ Question 2	The longer you spend on the road, the greater the risk of				
■ Question 3	Before planning a road trip, it's best				
■ Question 4	Due to a large number of new or drunk drivers, there is a greater possibility of road accidents				
■ Question 5	Accidents are caused not only by phone usage while driving, but also				
■ Question 6	It is not enough to depend on a navigation system. Motorists should also use				
■ Question 7	If you are a drinker, it is important to plan for				
■ Question 8	Since road accidents are highly probable, before you start your trip, it is a good idea to know the location of				

EFFECTIVE TIME MANAGEMENT

- **[A]** Feeling overwhelmed by all you have to do? Stop and Think: which item must be completed today? This does not include items you'd like to get done today, but only the item(s) that must be completed today. A friend woke up at three in the morning feeling overwhelmed by the many tasks for the coming week and was worried that she could not get them all done. In desperation, she asked herself, what has to be done by Monday afternoon? Tuesday afternoon? The result was she discovered she could indeed accomplish all of her deadlines for the week on schedule when she prioritized!
- **[B]** One way to set yourself up for a panic situation is to plan an unrealistic amount of work for one day or one week. Use your common sense to recognize when you have over-scheduled yourself. Enthusiasm is wonderful, but it doesn't add more hours to the day.
- **[C]** A person who refuses to delegate will very likely be a very busy and frustrated person. For anyone to personally handle every item is unnecessary and unwise. One very successful regional manager readily attributed part of his success to the fact that he trusted his administrative assistant to handle routine items that did not require his personal decision. This left him free to concentrate on working with sales personnel outside the office.
- **[D]** Make sure your electronic calendar does not cost you time. People who love electronics will shake their heads in disagreement at this idea. But sometimes it can take longer to enter and maintain information in a gadget than to jot it down with a pencil in an old-fashioned paper planner.
- **[E]** According to a Wall Street Journal survey, meetings account for the greatest amount of unproductive time—topping telephone calls, paperwork and travel. With a little preparation, meetings can be transformed into productive assemblies helping you and your group steam toward, instead of away from, their goals. The key ingredient for a good meeting is preparation. Ask yourself: is this meeting really necessary? Can the information be presented best another way? If there is still a need for a meeting, plan it well.
- **[F]** Many people have a tough time saying no. They allow themselves to become members of every committee, even ones that are outside their particular talent or spiritual gift. I once knew a teacher that dedicated his life to his students. He was the headmaster's dream come true. He organized field trips and study retreats. He was always at school. He taught extra lessons for the children to prepare them for exams. We were all shocked when we learned his wife asked for a separation. She was upset because he spent all his time with his students and very little with his family. People, who can't say no, quickly discover their life is out of balance; it is being pulled in the opposite direction. No matter how important the obligation maybe, do not allow your family priorities to suffer.
- **[G]** The best guideline for paperwork is to either file it or toss it. We never use 80% of the paperwork we keep. Paper, magazines and other forms create clutter and confusion, which could turn into stress.

Question 9	Questions 9 and 10 Complete the sentences below. Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text for each answer.				
	It is very important for an employee to, or decide which tasks are the most important, so that he or she can deal with them first.				
Question 10	Being too enthusiastic about one's work can lead to, or planning too many tasks to accomplish in the workday.				