

**PART 1 READING COMPREHENSION Discovering Italy: the ideal Country!**

There are many destinations in Italy that you must visit once in a lifetime: beautiful places rich in history, art and culture, breathtaking natural landscapes, delicious food and wine will make your trip unforgettable!

The Bel Paese offers tourists many attractions and activities both for singles or couples and for families to relax and have fun in pleasant surroundings in every season. Snow-covered mountains, seaside resorts, historical and religious sites, art cities and traditional villages are waiting for you to be discovered.

Choose your itinerary among the many possibilities: Food & Wine, Art & Culture, Nature, Shopping & Markets, Sports and Leisure, Relax & Wellness, and you will not be disappointed.

Every place has its unique charm, so visit the capital city of Rome with the Colosseum and the Vatican City, Florence with its art-filled streets, Venice with its romantic canals, Verona with the Roman amphitheatre and Juliet's balcony, Pisa with its characteristic Leaning Tower, Naples and the archaeological site of Pompeii, Siena with its medieval cityscape and the traditional horse race called Palio, Bologna with its architecture with porticos (corridors) connecting the city and wonderful food, for which it is considered Italy's food capital and nicknamed *la grassa*; Milan with its fashion and innovations, Turin with its art galleries and museums like the Automobile Museum.

If you prefer to stay in contact with nature don't miss the beautiful beaches and the blue sea of Sorrento, Capri and the Amalfi Coast, the unique spectacle of the Frasassi Caves, the ever-popular Marmore Falls, the Lakes of Como and Garda, the three active volcanoes Etna, Stromboli and Vesuvius, the intact flora and fauna and the protected mountain of the natural parks in the Dolomites: these are only a few examples of the natural places to visit in Italy.

And what about the accommodation? There is plenty of choice: you can stay in luxury hotels with suites and well-furnished rooms, a 24/7 room service, gym and pool, or affordable B&Bs with comfortable and tidy rooms, and a nice and familiar atmosphere.

Don't forget to taste Italian traditional dishes, from pasta to pizza and all the delicious cakes and ice cream flavours; and, last but not least, remember to buy the best food and wine souvenirs to experience the Italian way when you are at home!

**1. These words are in the text. Circle the closest translation to the words.**

1. **brehtaking** mozzafiato/impervio
2. **unforgettable** impossibile/indimenticabile
3. **resort** località/risorto
4. **wellness** ricchezza/benessere
5. **to nickname** soprannominare /insultare
6. **ever-popular** sovrappopolato/rinomato
7. **accommodation** accomodato/alloggio
8. **suite** appartamento/dolce
9. **tidy** piccolo/ordinato
10. **flavour** marca/gusto

**2. True or false? Write T or F.**

- a. You must visit Italy at least once a year.
- b. Attractions and activities are only for families.
- c. Only few itineraries are possible.
- d. Every place has a peculiar characteristic.
- e. Volcanoes in Italy are no longer active.
- f. B&Bs are cheap.

**3. Read the text again and circle the correct answer.**

1. In Italy you should visit:
  - a. only cities and villages.
  - b. cities and natural places.
  - c. only natural places.

2. Italy's capital city is:

- a. Bologna
- b. Rome
- c. Milan

3. Bologna is known as *la grassa* because of:

- a. its many porticos.
- b. its gigantic architecture.
- c. its food.

4. As to the accommodation...

- a. there are a lot of places where to stay.
- b. there are only expensive hotels where to stay.
- c. B&Bs are dirty and comfortless.

5. "a 24/7 room service" means that:

- a. rooms are serviced only on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July.
- b. rooms are serviced only 7 hours a day.
- c. rooms are serviced all the time.

6. "the Italian way" means:

- a. the Italian roads.
- b. the Italian traditions.
- c. the Italian manners.

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## PART 2 GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

1. She's a teacher. .... husband is the headmaster of the school.

- A) His
- B) Her
- C) She
- D) She's

2. Send .... an email to confirm the order.

- A) their
- B) they
- C) theirs
- D) them

3. Whose pen is this?

- A) It's mine.
- B) It's my.
- C) It's me.
- D) It's my pen's.

4.

- A) How do he goes to school?
- B) How does he go to school?
- C) How he go to school?
- D) How he goes to school?

5.

- A) The train leaves at 9.00 on Sundays.
- B) The train leaves on 9.00 on Sundays.
- C) The train leaves on 9.00 at Sundays.
- D) The train leaves at 9.00 at Sundays.

6. .... boys over there are my brothers.

- A) These
- B) This
- C) That
- D) Those

7. There isn't .... salt in the soup. It's insipid.

- A) little
- B) enough
- C) many
- D) very

8. We always have got .... homework to do!

- A) a few
- B) many
- C) too much
- D) a lots of

9. Why .... earlier? They'll be late!

- A) they not leaved
- B) they didn't leave
- C) not they left
- D) didn't they leave

10. I .... a letter to my penpal yesterday.

- A) writed
- B) write
- C) have written
- D) wrote

11. My smartphone is .... than yours.

- A) more good
- B) better
- C) more better
- D) best

12. She is .... girl I know.

- A) the happiest
- B) the most happy
- C) the most happiest
- D) happiest

13.

- A) I like cooking but I hate washing the dishes.
- B) I like to cook but I hate to washing the dishes.
- C) I like to cook but I hate wash the dishes.
- D) I like cooking but I hate to wash the dishes.

14. I met a girl .... was from Paris.

- A) which
- B) who
- C) /
- D) whose

15. I ..... to school but today I'm taking the bus

- A) usually walk
- B) never walk
- C) walk usually
- D) walk never

16. How .... people were there at the park?

- A) much
- B) did
- C) do
- D) many

17. I heard a cry, but I didn't see ....

- A) nobody
- B) anything
- C) anyone
- D) somebody

18. They ..... lunch right now.

- A) eat
- B) are having
- C) are eating lunch
- D) have

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