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INFORMATION

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Material for Section A

Background

Serge secretly entered an article by Jorjina, his sister, in a travel writing competition organised by the *Neeniot Echo*, a prestigious national Sunday newspaper in the country of Neeniot. He sent in the article that she had written for her blog about their home village. Yesterday, she was notified in an email from Linus Frijmann, Travel Editor of the *Neeniot Echo*, that she had won the competition. He informed her that the prize would be to stay for one week at a tourist destination of her choice anywhere in Neeniot (up to the value of \$3000) and to write a review about the main attraction here, which would then be published both in the *Neeniot Echo* and on the newspaper's website.

Linus' email included a reminder of the competition rules:

- (i) Before making a reservation, the prize-winner must obtain the approval of Linus Frijmann regarding their choice of attraction to review.
- (ii) Linus Frijmann reserves the right to refuse publication of the prize-winner's review if it is not up to the standard required by the *Neeniot Echo*.
- (iii) The prize-winner must declare any conflict(s) of interest* regarding their chosen attraction.
- (iv) If they so wish, the prize-winner can invite one other person to come with them to their chosen attraction.
- (v) The review of the chosen attraction must be delivered to Linus Frijmann by Friday 1 December, in order to be included in the *Neeniot Echo*'s Travel Supplement published every January.
- (vi) At the discretion of Linus Frijmann, the prize-winner's name might be added to the list of interviewees for the newly created post of Trainee Travel Correspondent at the *Neeniot Echo*.

*personal connection(s) that could compromise his/her judgement, decisions or actions

Jorjina has thought of two possible attractions to review: Anakii Old Town and Sottiex Marina.

Anakii Old Town (Mayor Ena Voun's description on the town council's website)

Anakii Old Town, Neeniot's original capital city, occupies a small mountain plateau in the far north of the country. This location suited the inhabitants perfectly for almost 700 years. However, 300 years ago, the government created a new capital city (called Chyme City) in the centre of Neeniot. Therefore, Anakii Old Town has remained relatively unchanged since then – providing us with a perfect time capsule. This means that not only can visitors expect breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains at every turn, but they will also be able to appreciate fully the traditional Neeniot architecture and understand better the old Neeniot way of life. With two palaces, a museum and an art gallery to visit, and mountain trails and climbing routes to explore, I can guarantee that no visitor will ever get bored while staying in Anakii Old Town.

Sottiex Marina (the property developer Ivo Grix's description on his company website)

I have a proven track record over the years of building the kind of luxurious resort that becomes a dream holiday destination. Sottiex Marina is the latest creation of my company, Grix Property Development. On entering Sottiex Marina, you will be surrounded by the latest in modern design and carefully considered luxury: 350 berths at the marina itself, a five-star hotel, an aquarium undertaking pioneering conservation work with dolphins, three restaurants (including one offering an exclusively plant-based menu), an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and an artificial beach and coral reef, so any guests who prefer other water-based sporting activities are catered for too. For sailors, not only is there easy access to the Southern Neeniot Sea, but also to Sottiex River, so allowing sailors to experience varied conditions.

Additional Information

- 1 The cost of one week's accommodation at Anakii Old Town Hotel is \$1500 per person; and at Sottiex Marina Hotel, \$1750 per person.
- 2 Jorjina is currently unemployed, having struggled to find a job since graduating recently with a degree in English, Media and Communication Studies.
- 3 Serge is so fascinated by Neeniot's history and culture that he studied both at university.
- 4 Jorjina once tried out a climbing wall at her local sports centre, but has never had the opportunity to climb a real mountain.
- 5 At Sottiex Marina, there will be the opportunity for guests to sign up for group classes or individual tuition, at all levels of ability, in a wide range of water sports.
- 6 Serge is paying Jorjina's rent for her flat in Chyme City at the moment.
- 7 The cost of transportation to Anakii Old Town (flight and taxi transfer) is \$250 per person; and to Sottiex Marina (taxi from Chyme City), \$50 per person.
- 8 Jorjina shares a passion for scuba diving with Amalie, her best friend in Chyme City.
- 9 Serge is a good friend of Mayor Ena Voun's son.
- 10 Jorjina became a vegetarian three years ago and has never regretted her decision.
- 11 As an experienced yachtsman, Linus Frijmann is keen to review Sottiex Marina himself.
- 12 Serge has just been promoted at work and is now earning an even better salary.
- 13 Jorjina received Linus Frijmann's email on Monday 2 October.
- 14 As a student, Amalie worked for Grix Property Development in the holidays, earning enough money to pay for her Master's degree.
- 15 Jorjina has never travelled further south in Neeniot than Chyme City and is eager to rectify this lack of knowledge.
- 16 Some online reviews posted by visitors to Anakii Old Town recommend staying only a couple of days at most, as they felt that you could easily see everything of real interest in that time.
- 17 Amalie is careful with money, so she has plenty of savings in the bank.
- 18 The opening date for guests to stay at Sottiex Marina is Friday 17 November, so the resort does not miss out on the lucrative festive season in December.
- 19 Jorjina has become interested in environmental issues, changing her habits to reflect these new concerns.
- 20 Ivo Grix closed down his previous construction company, leaving behind a half-finished building site, and opened Grix Property Development the following day.

Material for Section B

An article by Laura Bicker

Sierra Madre: Fighting to save what's left of a vital rainforest

Francisco Elle is haunted by the faces of children he could not save.

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attacked and wounded in 2021.

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