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THE 10 BEST CHELSEA HOTEL MOMENTS

You are going to read an article about the Chelsea hotel in New York. For questions 1-7, choose from the sections of the article A to G. Write the letter corresponding to the section in the space provided. There is one extra section you don't need to use.

As the celebrated New York address is sold, we note its cultural legacy.

A. Arthur Miller

After he and Marilyn Monroe divorced in 1961, Miller moved into the Chelsea and stayed for six years. In his memoir he wrote "This hotel does not belong to America; there are no vacuum cleaners, no rules and shame". However, elsewhere, he paid tribute to it, describing it as "an optimistic chaos, an old fashioned and protective family".

B. Dylan Thomas

In the entrance of the hotel there are several plaques to former residents, but perhaps the most famous is the one dedicated to the Welsh poet Thomas. It reads "Dylan Thomas lived and wrote at the Chelsea hotel and from here he sailed out to die". Thomas worked on *Under Milk Wood* while at the Chelsea and died shortly before its premiere. The legend goes that his death was caused by drinking 18 whiskies in a row. The truth is more prosaic. Thomas suffered from diabetes and had contracted bronchitis and pneumonia.

C. Bob Dylan

Dylan mentions the hotel in "Sara", a song to his first wife Sara Lownds. He lived in room 211 during the 60s and the room was nearly destroyed in 2008 by the hotel management before horrified fans and residents put a stop to the proceedings. They'll be hoping that the times aren't a-changing in this particular rock'n'roll enclave any time soon.

D. Edie Sedgwick

Edie Sedgwick is mostly remembered at the Chelsea for setting fire to her room in 1966. Despite a warning from Leonard Cohen, Sedgwick fell asleep with candles burning. She was then considered a "very problematic guest" by the hotel's staff and moved to another room where she could be watched out. That same year she suffered a nervous breakdown and moved out of the hotel.

E. William Burroughs

Burroughs was one of the beat poets who stayed in the hotel in the late 50s. The hotel manager Stanley Bard, didn't seem to have problems with the Beat's enthusiasm for narcotics: "I thought that each person had their own right to do what they wanted as long as it wasn't destructive to the hotel."

F. Leonard Cohen

Of the many songs written about the Chelsea hotel, Cohen's "Chelsea hotel number 2" is the most famous. In 2005 Cohen reluctantly confirmed that the lover of the song was fellow Chelsea customer Janis Joplin; "She wouldn't mind, but my mother would be shocked".

G. Nancy Spungen

The hotel's most notorious incident was Nancy Spungen's death. Her relationship with Sex Pistol Sid Vicious ended in 1978 when she was found dead in room 100 from a stab wound. The knife that was used belonged to Vicious but four months later he, too, was dead, from a heroin overdose. The hotel had been responsible for numerous cultural beginnings but in this case it was the opposite; it was the beginning of a wider death, that of New York's early punk scene.



H. Joseph O'Neill

The writer and his wife moved in 1998 and have raised three sons there so he doesn't exactly meet the Chelsea resident stereotype. However, the place suits him well: In his novel *Netherland*, protagonist Hans goes back to the Chelsea after the 9/11 attacks, meeting residents as Mehmet Taspinar, a man who dresses as an angel and survives a leap from the hotel roof.

Adapted from Sunday, 19 December 2010. The Guardian

Which text mentions...

- a cancelled renovation in a room 1. _____
- a false story about a guest 2. _____
- somebody who has mixed feelings about the hotel 3. _____
- somebody who left the hotel after an illness 4. _____
- somebody who tried to commit suicide 5. _____
- somebody who wouldn't approve an event about the life of another person 6. _____
- the end of an era 7. _____

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- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. A
- 4. D
- 5. H
- 6. F
- 7. G



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DOCTOR WHO

You are going to read an article about the British television programme called "Doctor Who". For questions 1-6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text

Doctor Who is a British programme which depicts the adventures of a humanoid alien who explores the universe in a machine called the Tardis. The programme is considered the longest-running science fiction television show in the world and the "most successful" science fiction series of all time. It has been recognised for its imaginative stories, creative low-budget special effects during its original run, and pioneering use of electronic music; in fact, the Doctor Who theme is easily recognised as, although numerous arrangements of the theme have been used on TV, the main melody has remained the same after nearly five decades.

But when BBC producers originally sat down to create the Doctor they had a very different vision of him. According to documents, far from jumping at the idea of a time machine, they judged such contraption as too "old fashioned" for the show. Even when they finally agreed that a time machine was a good idea, they wanted it to be invisible.

Nowadays, nobody could believe that the makers had ever considered going ahead without the Tardis.

With popularity came controversy over the show's suitability for children. Morality campaigner Mary Whitehouse repeatedly complained over the show's content; however, the programme became even more popular -especially with children-. John Nathan-Turner, who produced the series during the 1980s, was heard to say that he looked forward to Whitehouse's comments as the show's ratings would increase soon after she had made them.

The Doctor has been played by different actors. The eleventh incarnation is Matt Smith who was first named as a possible successor less than a day before he was announced as the new doctor. The BBC had been cautious about casting him because they felt that a 26-year-old could not play the Doctor adequately. Some believed that Smith was inexperienced and too young for the role, while others supported him by citing his demonstrated acting ability. His obscurity prompted the headline "Doctor Who?", a pun on the show's title.

Many renowned actors have accepted guest roles in various stories. One of them was John Simm, who was chosen to play the Master, the nemesis of The Doctor. He appeared in the final three episodes of series three and reprised that role in the 2009 "The End of Time" two-part special.

Adapted from multiple sources

1. Doctor Who special effects...

- A. are famous for their limited budget
- B. have always been creative
- C. have normally been made with a budget lower than the original proposal
- D. were quite cheap in the beginning of the series

2. The theme...

- A. hasn't changed during the years
- B. is recognised everywhere
- C. is the same after more than five decades
- D. was a precursor on television



3. Initially, producers...
- A. wanted the time machine to be invisible
 - B. weren't sure about introducing a time machine in the series
 - C. weren't sure about the shape of the time machine
 - D. thought Doctor Who to be too modern for an ordinary time machine
4. John Nathan Turner said "he looked forward to Whitehouse's comments" because he...
- A. found her remarks helpful
 - B. wanted to start a controversy
 - C. was being ironical
 - D. was worried about the programme's suitability for children
5. What was the press reaction to Matt Smith election as Doctor Who?
- A. They made jokes about it
 - B. They supported him
 - C. They thought he had a solid acting career and could do it
 - D. They thought he was too young and inexperienced for the role
6. Simm appeared in...
- A. five episodes
 - B. four episodes
 - C. six episodes
 - D. three episodes

RESPUESTAS: DOCTOR WHO

1.	A	B	C	<input checked="" type="radio"/> D
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GLASGOW

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

GLASGOW

Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland and third most populous in the United Kingdom. The city is situated on the River Clyde in the country's west central lowlands.

(1) it was once considered a boring, industrial city, my last visit proved that it has been clearly revitalised, with lovely parks, good museums and galleries and a lively music scene.

Of course, I wanted to make most of my time, so I planned a route which included (2)..... the most important tourist attractions but also some spots out of the beaten track and, one of these places is the West End.

Glaswegians love to explore the small, unusual shops hidden away in its narrow streets and the Felix and Oscar shop is usually high on the (3)..... . It is not a shop to be missed and where you'll almost (4)..... find something to take back home with you.

It was (5) , in Byres road, which I got into conversation with a lovely woman who was the chef of the world famous "Willow Tea Room". She insisted that I should visit and enjoy one of her own made mouth watering experiences. Of course I did so and after a wonderful afternoon tea, I was (6)..... on my way with a box of Scottish favourites: shortbread.

I decided then that I needed to do sport. You think of Scotland, you think of golf, sure, but Glasgow has plenty more to offer. (7)..... to golf, there is also the more exciting option of hiking on the Clyde Valley where the views of the surrounding area are spectacular.

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| 1. | A although | B despite | C since | D unless |
| 2. | A apart from | B as well as | C besides | D not only |
| 3. | A account | B brochure | C guide | D list |
| 4. | A certainly | B likely | C possibly | D probably |
| 5. | A here | B lately | C soon | D then |
| 6. | A begun | B set | C passed | D sent |
| 7. | A apart | B as well | C in addition | D moreover |



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| 4. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | B | C | D |
| 5. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | B | C | D |
| 6. | A | B | C | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D |
| 7. | A | B | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | D |