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Disneyland



Let's Think

1. Have you ever been to Disneyland?
2. What can you do there?

You are Larry. You are reading a web page about Disneyland.


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Disneyland: A Place of Dreams, Here and There ☆ ☆ ☆

From the name of the theme park, you may guess that Disney was the name of someone. Indeed, it was the surname of Disneyland's founder, Walt Disney.

Disney started his working life first as an illustrator and later as an animator. The idea of building an amusement park hit him when he visited Griffith Park in Los Angeles with his daughter. He wanted an amusement park for not only children, but also adults. The preparatory work, including analysing other amusement parks in the U.S. and choosing a location, went on for years.



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10  In 1953, he purchased a big piece of land in Anaheim, California, and got the construction work started in the following year. The project cost about \$17.5 million US dollars.

15 On 17th July, 1955, the first Disneyland theme park was opened to the public, with 18 attractions available. The entire amusement park consisted of five themed 'lands', which were Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland and the Central Main Street, U.S.A. Each had its distinctive decorations, characters and rides. Soon, it became a popular

20 place for day trips, especially among families.

As time goes by, Disneyland has greatly expanded in size and market. Now, there are six Disneylands in the world, located respectively in California, Florida, Paris, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The dreams of Disney have spread across the world, enabling countless people around the world to dream

25 the same dreams Disney had dreamt. (231 words)

Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the web page. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

- The article focuses on _____.
 A. the ups and downs in Walt Disney's life
 B. Disneyland's history
 C. theme parks in different parts of the world
 D. the naming process of Disneyland
- Which of the following is **TRUE**?
 A. Disney was first an animator and later an illustrator.
 B. Disney was inspired by his visit to Griffith Park with his daughter.
 C. The construction work of the first Disneyland theme park started in 1953.
 D. Amusement parks other than Disneyland welcomed only teenagers and adults.
- In line 9, the phrasal verb 'went on' can best be replaced by '_____'.
 A. paused
 B. grew rapidly
 C. continued
 D. was finished
- According to the article, _____.
 A. the Disneyland in Florida is bigger than the one in California
 B. it cost millions of US dollars to build the Disneyland in California
 C. Fantasyland and Tomorrowland were very similar to each other
 D. The Central Main Street remains to be the most popular themed land
- Which of the following can be an alternative title for the article?
 A. The Father of Disneyland
 B. The World's Best Theme Park
 C. The Homeland of Mickey Mouse
 D. The When and How of Disneyland

Grammar Corner

We use the **present perfect tense** to talk about something that started in the past and has continued up to the present.

e.g. *As time goes by, Disneyland has greatly expanded in size and market. (Line 21)*

e.g. *The dreams of Disney have spread across the world, enabling countless people around the world to dream the same dreams Disney had dreamt. (Lines 23-25)*


Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the web page. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Who is the founder of Disneyland?

2. How many themed 'lands' were there in the first Disneyland theme park? In what way were they different from each other?

3. Complete the following summary by filling in each blank with one word.

Disneyland	
First opened to the public in July in (a) _____, the first Disneyland theme park was (b) _____ in (c) _____, California. Before its official opening, Mr (d) _____ spent more than one (e) _____ preparing for the entire amusement park project, in which around (f) _____ million US dollars were invested.	



4. Find words in the article that mean the following. Fill in each blank with one word.

in reality	(a)	(adv.)
last name	(b)	(n.)
came to one's mind	(c)	(v.)
marked with a special quality	(d)	(adj.)
too many to be counted	(e)	(adj.)

Vocabulary Bank

The following are the activities you can do in theme parks. Match them with the correct pictures. One of the words is not used.

watching parades buying souvenirs dining in restaurants
 watching fireworks joining seasonal events going on rides joining workshops
 watching shows taking photos with cartoon characters



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Let's Discuss

- Are you afraid of going on rides like roller coasters? Why or why not?
- Do you think the theme parks in Hong Kong are excellent places for family days out?