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Answer all questions.

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Question 1

What price the Taj Mahal?

OURISTS visiting India's greatest attractions, including the Taj Mahal. this week discovered that exploring a country's heritage comes at an ever-increasing price.Entry fees to 72 national monuments in India have rocketed by 50 per cent, up to EIS, for foreign tourists. To visit all of Agra's monuments, for example, will now cost more than ESS.

The sudden announcement by the Archaeological Survey of India is the latest example of taxing tourists. Experts say it is only the beginning of a long-term trend. "The reason is simple: there isn't enough money to maintain the monuments in any other way," said Dr Helen Newing, lecturer at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology at the University of Kent.

"There is increasing pressure on inividual sites and more and more money is needed to mitigate the effects. I wouldn't imagine that the Taj Mahal runs into profit." Historic properties and national

Historic properties and national parks in Western countries receive massive funding from central governments and other sources. Newing added.

It is becoming a worldwide issue. The British Government's Department of International Development. Unesco. tour operators and conservation bodies are studying how to balance the economic and environmental effects of tourism.

"There is a big question over the future of heritage sites and how they will be maintained," said Goodwin. "It is difficult to tax tourists when they arrive — which tour operators are keen doesn't happen — and it is difficult to tax tourists at the hotel in countries that don't have a developed tax collecting system. The simplest way right now is to collect taxes in entrance fees."

Fig. 1a

The Indian Government promotes investment opportunities on their web-site, claiming that India now represents the 'business opportunity of a lifetime'. The department of Tourism seeks investors in 'hotels, amenities, golf courses, domestic airports, etc. they are offering loans and the government will act as facilitator in getting project clearances and permits. Investors who are not Indian are allowed to hold 51% equity in any one project.

Adapted from the Explore India web-site.

Fig. 1c

Entrance to India's tourist sites has gone up by 50 per cent, says **Steve Keenan**



Indian capital is tale of two cities

First-time visitors to India are most likely to start package tours from Delhi, which is part of the Golden Triangle with Agra and Jaipur.

The Indian capital is an ideal introduction to the country, as it is more affluent than other cities

and generally less chaotic. Delhi is really two cities, Old Delhi and New

Delhi, which was built by the British. The latter is where most

of the big hotel chains and some historic and upmarket properties are located.

New Delhi's first surprise is the traffic, which usually flows fairly freely along wide, tree-lined boulevards.

The old city can be a different story — Old Delhi is often traffic-choked and its air grossly polluted. Inevitably, there are the persistent beggars and hawkers, despite Delhi's relative affluence. Old Delhi has many

monuments bearing testimony to past social and religious upheaval. Gandhi's cremation site

is situated in the city, as is the Red Fort.

The former home of the Moghul Emperors is a red sandstone palace set in 140 acres of well-tended grounds.

Qutab Minar, a former Hindu temple that was converted into a mosque, provides proof of religious turbulence.

An ornate tower, more than 200 feet high and decorated with Arabic inscriptions, dates from the 12th century.

A real attraction of Delhi, as in all of India, is its food.

Well-known cook Madhur Jaffrey hails from the city and her dishes are inspired by those from the Delhi area. *Gary Noakes*

Fig. 1b

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Fig. 1

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Read the articles in Fig. 1, giving information on India as a tourist destination. Using your knowledge of tourism development together with information from the articles, answer the following questions.

- (a) Identify and briefly explain two economic objectives for a country like India in attracting visitors. [4]
- (b) First time visitors to India are more likely to start package tours from Delhi. Explain two factors which may account for this choice.
- (c) Old Delhi has many old cultural sites and religious monuments. Explain why the preservation and promotion of these is important. [4]
- (d) Continuous tourism development relies heavily on a number of factors. Discuss the advantages of the 50% increase, referred to in the article 'What price the Taj Mahal?' for:

(i)	India's monuments	[4]
(ii)	international organisations.	[4]

(e) Analyse the range of benefits to India's tourism development of the investment opportunities outlined in Fig. 1c. [8]

Fig. 2a



A worldwide promotion is encouraging people to visit India this year

Worldwide push to boost visitors

India has been highlighting its size and diversity in a worldwide campaign to encourage visitors to travel to the country during millennium year.

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Study the articles on marketing and promotion in Fig. 2a and Fig. 2b.

- (a) Refer to Fig. 2a, which highlights the promotional spend of the Indian Tourist Office in 2000-2001. Identify and explain three reasons why the Indian Tourist Office should have different key themes when promoting their country.
- (b) The Indian Tourist Office hosts travel agents' educational visits to India each year. Discuss **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of this type of marketing communication method. [6]
- (c) Fig. 2a suggests that the Indian Tourist Office has ongoing newspaper and magazine advertising aimed mainly at consumers. Explain the effectiveness of this marketing strategy.

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- (d) Refer to Fig. 2b (free information request card found in the Canada Travel Planner 2002). Identify and explain the marketing communication method used. [2]
- (e) The Research and Development Department of the Canadian Tourist Board has analysed the results of the information request cards. It has identified a market gap for information and holidays to Quebec.
 - (i) Explain the advantages of this type of promotion. [3]
 - (ii) Identify and explain a marketing strategy to promote interest in Quebec. [4]



Welcome to a world of adventure. A place where cosmopolitan cities and friendly rural towns greet visitors with rich cultural heritage, spectacular scenery and warm hospitality. A place to kick up your heels or sit back and soak up nature's beauty, to ski mountains or seek quiet solitude on a pristine lake. A place to expand the mind, engage the senses and enrich the soul. Canada - a perfect holiday choice for any adventure anytime of year. Get ready for the exploration of a lifetime.

NEW TOUR ROUTES

Tourism office focuses on more off-beat tracks

TOURISM British Columbia's UK sales manager, Louise Bourchier, wants to focus promotion on the province's varied activities, touring and as consumers became more shoulder-season options.

"We are trying to expand the products and areas that will appeal to UK travellers, and will rated courses are helping work with operators to increase stimulate interest in golf break exposure of these," she said. Marketing priorities include developing.

alternative Vancouver-Canadian Rockies touring options such as southern routes through the Kootenavs and the Thompson-Okanagan wine-growing region.

The new Whistler Northwind summer tourism train between Vancouver and Prince George is opening up access to northern British Columbia. UK market trends indicate

growth in independent travel confident, she added. British Columbia's 65

Professional Golf Associationadd-ons. Spa holidays are also

July, August and September is the main tourism period for British Columbia.

But Ms Bourchier claimed the weather was still good in the shoulder months of late April to June and into October - times that are increasingly attracting tourists.

Fig. 3a

Skiing

Downhill skiing and snowboarding reign supreme at world-class resorts such as Whistler, Banff, Lake Louise and Mont Tremblant. Value and service are only exceeded by the quality of powder snow. For high adventure, heli-ski on adjacent mountain ranges in Alberta and British Columbia. Trek the quiet beauty along one of the pristine cross-country trails throughout the country.

Fig. 3b

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Whistler has good nightlife and easy acess to the slopes.

Study the extracts on the resort of Whistler in British Columbia, Canada in Fig. 3a, Fig. 3b and Fig. 3c.

- (a) Explain three major factors which account for the increase in popularity of Canadian winter sports destinations.
 [6]
- (b) Explain two reasons why visitors from the USA may be motivated to travel to Canada as a tourist destination. [4]
- (c) (i) Identify the public sector organisation in Fig. 3a. [1]
 - (ii) Identify a private sector organisation in Fig. 3a. [1]
 - (iii) Discuss how a partnership between these sectors is beneficial to the success of tourist destinations. [5]
- (d) Using Fig. 3c, evaluate the characteristics of Whistler which enable it to be a successful tourist destination.
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Established Cyprus operators have rounded on the all-inclusive concept

All-inclusives vex locals

Il-inclusive properties have long been criticised for damaging local communities, and their proliferation in Cyprus has been the latest to cause concern.

Sunvil Holidays managing director Noel Josephides said the rapid growth of all-inclusive resorts and hotels was a dangerous development which needed to be stopped.

"It has already caused several problems and people are getting very anxious and angry," he said.

"There is strong evidence

that all-inclusives are having a seriously negative impact on local bars and restaurants.

"Many owners have been forced to drop their prices but are still not getting the level of business they were.

Mr Josephides said allinclusive guests stuck to their hotels.

"As far as many of them are concerned, they could be anywhere in the world," he added. "It is packaging of the most

extreme sort. Argo Holidays claimed all-

inclusives were "wrecking" the country.

Managing director Mathilde Robert said: "On an island which has a very strong network of good tavernas and restaurants, they are completely unnecessary.

"They are damaging the Cyprus economy and threatening the livelihoods of many restaurant owners."

Cyprus Tourism Organisation UK director Orestis Rossides said he would prefer a product such as Sandals' all-inclusive properties in the Caribbean.

"If hotels are to offer allinclusive rates, we would like them to help create new markets rather than compete for existing business," he said.

"It is a very delicate issue and obviously some hoteliers fear that if they do not convert to become all-inclusive, operators will stop using them.

First Choice Holidays group product manager Richard Curtis claimed all-inclusives had stimulated tourism in more exotic destinations by making clients feel secure.

He argued that many allinclusive properties did make a contribution to the community by employing local workers and buying local produce.



Fig. 4

Refer to the article in Fig. 4, which refers to the impact of 'all inclusive' holidays to the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean.

- (a) Describe the concept of 'all inclusive' holidays. [2]
- (b) Explain two ways in which 'all inclusive' holidays can affect the economy of Cyprus. [4]
- (c) Describe the social/cultural advantages to the tourists **and** to the host community if fewer 'all inclusive' holidays were taken. [6]
- (d) Analyse the reasons why sustainable tourism to Cyprus cannot be guaranteed if 'all inclusive' holidays' continue.
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