

PET – READING PART 4 - Living on water

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

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As cities become bigger, those who can't move inland are starting to consider moving out, onto the sea itself. 1. _____. Islands made from reeds float in the middle of Peru's Lake Titicaca, home to an ancient community. 2. _____; and the Thai capital, Bangkok, with its canals, is famous for its floating markets. Fishermen live at sea for long periods, but could large numbers of people really move onto the water?

Koen Olthuis, the Dutch founder of *Waterstudio.nl* and a floating architecture expert, thinks so. 3. _____. A group of islands just 1.5 metres above sea level. By 2100, their beautiful beaches and white sand could be completely underwater. However, before the architects can solve this problem, some cash has to be raised. To do this, Waterstudio will create a luxury floating development (with a conference centre, golf course and a villa resort). 4. _____. Where they can build houses for the Maldives' poorer citizens.

As well as building on the water, architects are now starting to think about building *under* the water. ATDesign have produced plans for a 10 km² floating city off the coast of Hong Kong, with islands above the water connected by underwater tunnels and walkways. If and when it is completed, the city will have gardens, a huge entertainment arena for sports matches and concerts. 5. _____. People will be able to travel back and forth from the mainland by ferry, and the designers predict that it will be a huge tourist attraction.

So, it seems that a life at sea will have a lot to offer!



- A. His company is involved in a project in the Maldives
- B. He loves the idea of rebuilding the islands.
- C. It will even have its own farms, making it self-sufficient.
- D. This way people can visit the beaches.
- E. Then the studio will use the money from this to develop artificial islands.
- F. Working hard to fix global problems.
- G. There are already cultures where a life on water is nothing new.
- H. Venice is made up of 118 islands

Answers

1. G
2. H
3. A
4. E
5. C