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Datum der Prüfung

BEWERTUNG

Fachbereiche

Erreichte Punkte / Maximum

Task A

/ 12

Task B

/ 8

Task C

/ 5

Total

/ 25

EXPERTEN



Erlaubte Hilfsmittel: keine

Prüfungsdauer: ⌚ 30 Minuten

A (12 POINTS)

Read the following text and the instructions on the opposite page.



Explore the Grand Canyon on Google's New Colorado River View

Anyone with an internet connection can now float down the rivers through the Grand Canyon without getting wet: Google Maps and the non-profit group American Rivers have launched a "Street View" of the Colorado River. Colorado River View, as it is called, takes users through 286 miles (460 kilometres) of river.

The project was first launched by Devin Dotson, the associate director of communications for American Rivers, after he attended a meeting with the Google Maps team. They were looking for new ways to use Google Street View, Dotson said. He suggested exploring the Colorado River. American Rivers had declared the Colorado one of the rivers which needed to be protected immediately. This river supplies 15 per cent of U.S. farming lands with water and provides drinking water to 36 million people. With so much demand, the waters of the Colorado River no longer flow into the Gulf of California.

"Showing people the beauty but also the problems of the Colorado River is the goal of the partnership with Google," Dotson said. In August 2013, Dotson joined others from American Rivers and Google Maps on a small boat. Attached to the side of the boat there were two of Google's specialised cameras. Over eight days, the team collected snapshots of the scenery every few seconds. In a studio, the pictures were joined together to provide the 360-degree views familiar to any Street View user.

"It was not always easy," Dotson said. "Especially when the waters are wild you realize that you have this important piece of equipment attached to your boat." But the team made it through the journey just fine. The weather also had a great influence on the quality of the pictures. The team on the boat remembers one special moment when the clouds let through just a little sunlight: the views were simply spectacular and, of course, this can now be seen in the Google images as well. However, the weather did not always have to be perfect. "We received some very special pictures because the desert in the rain is not something that many people experience," Dotson said.

Besides exploring the Colorado River, the team also walked up five side paths, including the Nankoweap Granaries, storage rooms dug into the side of the canyon by the ancient Anasazi people. The team even took photos of bighorn sheep eating grass on small platforms high up the canyon walls. All of these pictures can now be seen on Google Maps.

Although the location is unusual, the Grand Canyon is not the first non-street location for Google Street View. The Google team has also photographed polar bears in the Canadian Arctic and corals in underwater reefs.

Tick the best answer – A, B or C.**1. Colorado River View . . .**

- A lets you travel the Grand Canyon on the internet.
- B is a non-profit organisation.
- C provides internet connection in the Grand Canyon.

2. Devin Dotson . . .

- A works for Google Maps.
- B wanted to find a new way to apply Google Street View.
- C had the idea for Colorado River View.

3. The photos . . .

- A were taken by Devin Dotson himself.
- B took more than one week to shoot.
- C were taken with a 360-degree camera.

4. The weather . . .

- A made photographing difficult.
- B should have been nice all the time.
- C made the pictures special.

5. The team . . .

- A received help from Anasazi people while photographing.
- B visited a historic place that was built a long time ago.
- C took photos of sheep down by the Colorado River.

6. Google Street View . . .

- A has taken pictures of other places without streets.
- B is famous for taking pictures of places without streets.
- C took pictures of the Grand Canyon before going to the Canadian Arctic.

B (8 POINTS)

Read the article below. Choose the best expression (A, B or C) to fill each gap. For each answer, put the correct letter on the line on the right.

Fines for Water-Wasters

Lakes have dried out, lawns have turned brown, and farmers have left land unplanted. The problems are a result of extremely dry weather, a drought that has taken over ❶ 80 per cent of California. It is the state’s worst drought in almost 40 years. It has led to wildfires and damage to animals’ living space. But too many residents are still not taking their state’s drought seriously.

That is why the government has decided to fine California residents up to \$500 a day if they are seen wasting water. The fines will have to be paid only by people ❷ waste water outdoors, for example when they clean a vehicle using excessive amounts of water or wash down sidewalks and driveways. Outdoor water waste is unacceptable in a time of drought. And because it is almost impossible to predict when the rainy season is going to set in again, the government believes that such dramatic actions are necessary.

California ❸ had a drought for three years now. At the beginning of the year a state of emergency was declared by the Governor. Residents were told that if it doesn’t rain this winter, conditions in the state could get worse. Wells on farms might dry out next year and communities could run out of drinking water. Yet too ❹ California residents are ignoring the warnings. Water consumption in the state actually rose by 1 per cent in spring, according to a report published by officials.

They believe that the new regulations for water usage could save enough water to supply more ❺ 3.5 million people a year. Cities are free to decide how they will fine residents. People who do not follow the rules repeatedly could face the full \$500-a-day fine. Others might receive warnings or smaller fines. The rules should demonstrate how serious the situation is and send this message to the population.

California is not the only state that suffers from droughts. States in the south-western part of the U.S. are ❻ problems too. Lake Mead in Nevada, which serves as a water reservoir for Las Vegas, has reached its lowest water ❼ since the 1930s. This year the reservoir was only about 39 per cent full.

Las Vegas depends on Lake Mead for drinking water for its 2 million residents and 40 million tourists each year. If the lake dries up even more, Nevada and Arizona ❽ expect cuts in their water delivery. But there is hope: it seems that there is going to be an increase in the water supply by the end of next year.

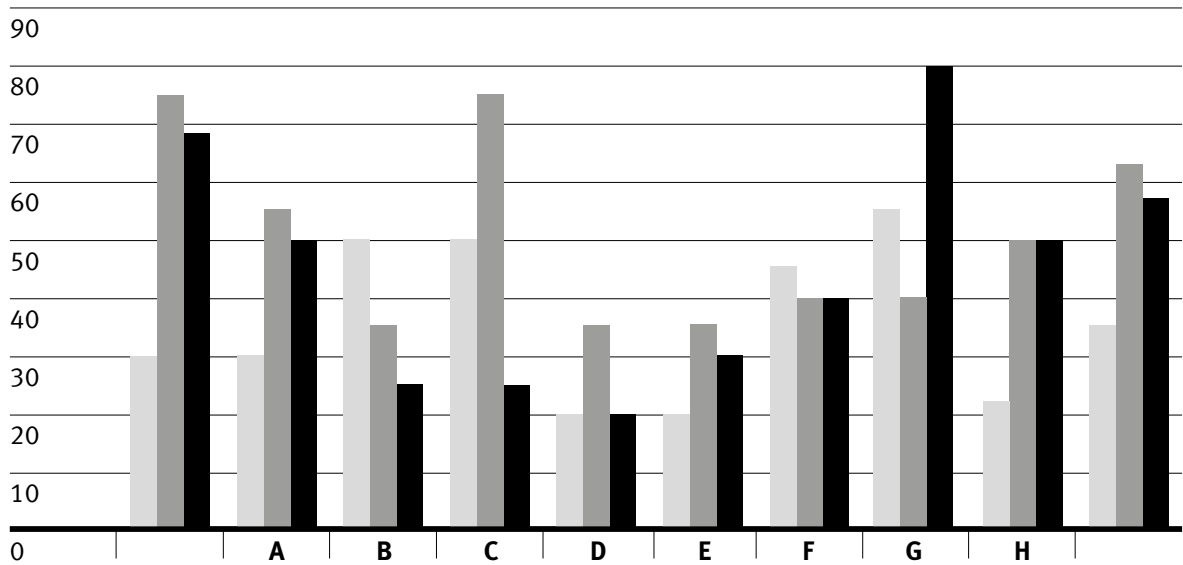
Put the letter here ↓

❶	A near	B nearly	C closely
❷	A who	B which	C they
❸	A did	B had	C has
❹	A much	B many	C little
❺	A like	B as	C than
❻	A seen	B seeing	C see
❼	A height	B level	C step
❽	A must	B have	C did

C (5 POINTS)

Look at the chart below. It shows the luggage figures of an airport. Listed are the pieces of lost luggage items, the number of complaints submitted by passengers and the level of refunds paid in dollars (thousand) over a period of 10 months. Which month does each statement (1–5) below describe? Match them with the correct graph (A–H). Do not use any letter more than once.

Refunds
 Lost luggage
 Complaints



	Put the letter here ↓
1 Although lost luggage declined and also the number of complaints fell, refunds rose in comparison to the last two months.	
2 After some growth the number of lost luggage items remained the same while complaints peaked and refunds increased.	
3 There was a marked drop in refunds whereas the number of lost luggage items reached the same level as the number of complaints.	
4 Despite a great high in lost luggage items the number of complaints didn't go up and refunds didn't either.	
5 The level of refunds didn't change but the number of complaints and of lost luggage items decreased.	

