

Candidate 1

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Part 1 — Everyday Life

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Write your answer on the lined answer sheet below and on page 03.

You have just been on an outing with some friends to a tourist attraction. Write an online review for others who may visit the attraction discussing positive and negative aspects as well as suggestions and advice for a successful visit.

You should cover some or all of the following:

- must-see highlights
- facilities available
- cost/value for money
- transport/parking.

You may also add your own ideas.

You should write approximately 220–250 words.

I ^{was} recently given the opportunity to visit the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Naturally, I seized the chance to be able to spend time with my friends and ^{to} form new memories, all whilst exploring the streets of Paris. Whilst there may have been some drawbacks, this was a hugely enriching cultural experience.

There are a myriad of places to see and visit in Paris. Since my friends and I were only there for a short period of time, we were unable to visit ~~every single~~ ^{all of the} famous buildings in Paris— however

we did manage to see a fair few! Without a doubt, the most memorable building ^{that we saw} was the Eiffel Tower ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾, which was simply beautiful. The large tower against the night sky is ~~my~~ ^{a memory} image that I will treasure forever. I would also recommend that you visit the "Paris Winter Gardens" which are a must-see for all who appreciate the beauty of flowers. There is also a small tea ^{shop} named "le thé" which serve the ~~most~~ ^{largest} flavourful varieties of tea. ^{in Paris} In addition, the weather in Paris is lovely, ^{so I would} suggest that you take plenty of ^{sunscreen to avoid getting burnt.}

Although the views in Paris were simply delightful, there were some drawbacks ^{during} ~~with~~ this ^{trip} ~~experience~~ that I would urge you to consider. The hotel ⁽²⁰⁰⁾ costs were simply frightful, and although we chose the cheapest ^{available} package, we soon realised that ^{staying} anywhere in Paris would cost a fortune (unless you have family who you can stay with). The public transport, although crowded (and at times a little claustrophobic), was fairly cheap and very efficient. Parking facilities are abundant, so I would recommend that you rent ^{a car.}

On the whole, I would ~~strongly~~ ^{definitely} recommend this experience but would advise that you save up some money beforehand as it will be an expensive (yet culturally fulfilling) trip.
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