**READING COMPREHENSION**

A) Read the text carefully and do the exercises.

**SYDNEY**

Sydney is one of Australia’s best known cities, particularly after the successful Olympic games of 2000. It is also a great holiday destination and was once voted the best city in the world by a tourist organisation because it has so many things to do and the sights are out of this world.

Located in a beautiful harbour, it is impressive for those arriving by ship. High season is at Christmas time, during the Australian summer, and many people love to visit then and experience Christmas Day on the beach! Let’s look at some of the many places you can visit there.

***SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE***

This magnificent building is world- famous. It was designed by a Swedish architect after he won a competition in the 1950s.It finally opened in 1973 and inside it, you will find five theatres, one which is only for opera. Luckily, entrance is free and from there you have a wonderful view of the harbour. You can even eat at one of the four restaurants inside.

***SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE***

If you manage to climb to the top of this, well done! It is 134 metres above sea level, but it is worth it. Guided tours leave every ten minutes, so have a go.

***DARLING HARBOUR***

This is not a different harbour, but a huge water front tourist and leisure park you can explore on foot. It has gardens, museums, an aquarium, hotels, cafés and shops, lots and lots of shops. If you want to have fun with your family, then this is the place to go.

Wherever you choose to go in Sydney, you will find friendly, welcoming people, and we are sure you will have the holiday of a lifetime.

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| **EXERCISE 1**: Are the following sentences True (**T**) or False (**F**). Write T or F in the spaces provided. (6×2=12 marks) T or F | |
| 1 | Sydney is situated by the sea. |
| 2 | Most people go to Sydney in July. |
| 3 | Sydney Opera House was finished in the 1950s. |
| 4 | You should go to Darling Harbour if you want to listen to opera. |
| 5 | There are six guided tours an hour every day at Sydney Harbour Bridge. |
| 6 | Darling Harbour is part of Sydney Harbour. |

**EXERCISE 2**: Answer the following questions.(8 marks)

1. Write THREE reasons why Sydney is considered to be one of the most famous cities in the world.(3 marks)

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2. Which, do you think, is the most famous place in Sydney from the three mentioned in the passage? Why?(2 marks)

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3. What kind of things, do you think, you would do if you visited Sydney?(3 marks)

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