

Though Male' is the capital of Maldives, it is too small to have an airport. Therefore, your flight to Maldives would land on the neighbouring island called Hulhule', which looks more like an aircraft carrier from the air, with the only runway in the world that begins and ends in water.

The island of Hulhule' is just over a kilometre from Male' and for years the island served as the holiday destination for the Sultans (Kings who ruled before the country changed into a Republic in the early 1950s).

The Maldivian weather is sunny and the temperature is usually between 28 - 31 degrees Celsius. If you are not used to continuous exposure to sunlight, you have to apply skin lotions on your body to protect it.

Once you have gone through Customs and Immigration and collected your luggage, you could either meet your holiday representative if you have already arranged your travel plans through a travel agent (advisable), or you could book a hotel resort through the Maldives Tourism Promotion Board's Counter. Moreover, if you want to exchange your currency, there is a foreign currency exchange counter to assist you.

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I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (8 marks)

Listen to the text and :

1) Tick the correct option : The text is mainly about : (1 mark) :

- a- Holidaying in Hulhule island
- b- Holidaying in the Maldives
- c- Holidaying in Malé

2) Complete the following statement (2 marks) :**a-** Flights to the Maldives wouldn't land on Malé because**b-** If you have already arranged your travel plans through a travel agent, you could**3) Correct the following false statements (2 marks) :****a-** Hulhule island is very far from the Maldives.
.....**b-** The Maldives used to be ruled by governors.
.....**4) Circle the suitable function corresponding to the statement (1 mark) :**

STATEMENT	FUNCTIONS
You have to apply skin lotions on your body.	a- Expressing acceptance b- Expressing obligation c- Expressing approval

SPELLING :**Listen to the text and provide the missing words (1 mark) :**

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 You could book a hotel through the Maldives Tourism Promotion Board's Counter.

PRONUNCIATION :

Listen to the text and put the suitable word under the corresponding sound (1 mark) :

a- temperature / Immigration [ʃ]**b-** gone / foreign [ɔ]

II- LANGUAGE (12 marks)

Name :..... 4th Form Maths 1

1) Circle the correct alternative to get a coherent paragraph (4 marks) :

Bus tours are a great way to see the most sites in the least amount of time. Especially in a city as vast and intimidating **1-(such – as – such as)** New York, bus tours offer guests a way to get a taste of the Big Apple without having to deal **2-(by – on – with)** the stress of navigating these busy streets on your own. However, occasionally that means quantity **3-(in – over – for)** quality. So, which New York bus tour is best? New York Bus tours tend to have a reputation for **4-(being – doing – having)** less hospitable and less detail-oriented than walking tours. The cost of bus tours can also be astronomically higher. **5-(However – Therefore – Moreover)**, there are some companies that offer the transportation benefits of a bus tour combined with the high quality information guaranteed on a walking tour — Free Tours by Foot being one of them! — by ensuring that the guides lead guests **6-(out – of – off)** the bus. If you'd prefer the freedom that traditional bus tours provide, we've included a list of the most **7-(rare – unusual – popular)** companies in that area as well. These tours shuttle guests between designated **8-(runways – stops – signs)**, providing on-board commentary in between.

2) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (4 marks) :

The Seychelles consist of an archipelago of about 100 islands in the Indian Ocean northeast of Madagascar. The principal islands are Mahé, Praslin, and La Digue. The Seychelles **1-(be)** uninhabited when the British East India Company arrived on the archipelago in 1609. Thereafter, they became a **2-(favour)** pirate haven. The French claimed the islands in 1756 and administered them as part of the colony of Mauritius. The British **3-(gain)** control of the islands through the Treaty of Paris. The islands became **4-(self-govern)** in 1975 and independent on June 29, 1976. They **5-(remain)** a member of the Commonwealth of Nations so far. Their first president, James Mancham, **6-(overthrow)** in 1977 by the prime minister, France-Albert René. At first René created a **7-(Social)** state with a one-party system, but later he reintroduced a multiparty system as well as various reforms. To increase revenue, in 1996 the government quietly initiated an Economic Citizenship Program that **8-(provide)** foreigners with the opportunity to obtain a Seychelles passport upon payment of \$25,000.

3) Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the following box (4 marks) :

took – companies – on – competitor – into – stay – decades – most – of – for
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Make your reservations now. The space tourism industry is officially open for business, and tickets cost at least \$20 million for a one-week **1-** in space. Despite reluctance from NASA, Russia made American businessman Dennis Tito the world's first space tourist. Tito flew **2-** space aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket that arrived at the International Space Station on April 30, 2001. The second space tourist, South African businessman Mark Shuttle, **3-** off aboard the Russian Soyuz on April 25, 2002, also bound for the ISS. Greg Olsen, an American businessman, became tourist number three to the ISS in 2005. In 2006, Anousheh Ansari, a telecommunications entrepreneur, became the first female space tourist. She was also the first person **4-** Iranian descent to make it. Space tourism will be one of the **5-** lucrative industries in the 21st century. There are already several space tourism **6-** planning to build suborbital vehicles and orbital cities within the next two **7-** These companies have invested millions, believing that the space tourism industry is **8-** the verge of taking off.