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Objective: IELTS Reading

A) Please read the text below. When you are finished, answer questions 1-12.

Studying Overseas

An increasing number of students are thinking of going overseas to study for a degree. This week we focus on five English-speaking countries, examining what each has to offer and why you might choose to study there.

STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

Free-spirited Australia has been open to migration for many years and is today one of the world's top three destinations for international students. Australia's renowned cultural diversity, its high level of public safety and the vibrant atmosphere of its cities all help to make it easy for overseas visitors to feel at home. Academically speaking, most of the national, publicly funded universities are of similarly high standard. Moreover, Australian institutions have a particularly strong reputation for research into the environment and sport science.

STUDY IN THE UK

Many Students are attracted to Britain by its long history of literature, from Chaucer and Shakespeare to Bridget Jones and Harry Potter. Look beyond this, and you'll find a university system with one of the best reputations in the world. Universities in the UK have a record of achievement in business, law, the sciences, philosophy, linguistics and many other fields. Some UK institutions offer a foundation course (usually three months or one year in length) to prepare international students before they go on to do a full undergraduate degree; applying for one of these courses normally involves taking the IELTS exam.

STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

With its vast and beautiful open spaces and friendly city centres, New Zealand is a country where you can enjoy both the great outdoors and the conveniences and dynamism of modern city life. Low living costs and a high standard of living also make life here very appealing. New Zealand's highly respected educational programmes are based on the British system. A large part of a degree programme is practical; this gives graduates both the knowledge and the skills they need when entering the workplace.

STUDY IN THE USA

The population of the US is made up of people from every continent, joined together by a shared language and a core set of values. Of these values, liberty and freedom are probably the most important. American students are therefore expected to think independently and have responsibility for their own studies; classes are often informal and students are encouraged to express their opinion. With 50 States all offering a huge range of different types of institutions – from two-year community college courses to four-year undergraduate programs – deciding where to study in the US may appear confusing, so it is important to do your research.

STUDY IN CANADA

Studies conducted by the United Nations have repeatedly found Canada to be among the top three places in the world to live in. In addition, Canada's largest cities, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, have been recognized as world-class cities in which to live and work, for their cleanliness and safety and for their cultural activities and attractive lifestyle. A Canadian degree, diploma or certificate is well regarded in business, government and academic circles around the globe. Canada has two official languages – English and French. Studying and living in Canada could be your opportunity to learn both!

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Do the following statements agree with the information in the passage? Write

True	if the statement agrees with the information in the passage
False	if the statement disagrees with the information in the passage
Not Given	if there is no information on this

- 1 Australia is a dangerous country.
- 2 Most state universities in Australia are of comparable quality.
- 3 A degree from a UK university is highly regarded.
- 4 The British education system has a large practical element.
- 5 Canada has the top three universities in the world.
- 6 Students are attracted to Britain for it's long history.
- 7 UK institutions do not offer foundation courses.
- 8 It can be confusing trying to know what institution to attend in the US.
- 9 Britain is known as the land of Uncle Sam.
- 10 New Zealand has high living costs and a low standard of living.
- 11 Australia is one of the top three destinations for international travelers.
- 12 All Canadians speak English and French.

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ANSWER KEY