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Question 1

The German National Tourist Board (GNTB) has developed a number of marketing themes for the years 2008 to 2012, to help segment the market, as shown in Fig. 1.

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Fig. 1

(a) (i) Give three examples of target markets that the German National Tourist Board (GNTB) has identified through the themes shown in Fig. 1.

Example 1

Example 2

Example 3  [3]

(ii) Define the term ‘market segment’.

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(iii) Identify the form of segmentation used by the GNTB between 2008 and 2011.

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(b) Describe each of the following promotional methods, used by organisations such as the GNTB:

- direct mailshots to overseas embassies;
- participation in trade fairs, such as the World Travel Market;
- press conferences.

[6]
(c) The GNTB uses a wide range of promotional methods to raise awareness of Germany as a travel destination. The main printed media used is a travel brochure.

Compare **printed** brochures with **electronic** brochures (e-brochures) as forms of promotional material when communicating with customers.
(d) Evaluate the factors that tourism providers such as the GNTB must consider when producing effective promotional materials to promote a specific destination or event.

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Question 2

Refer to Fig. 2, information about the hotel industry in China.

According to the World Tourism Organisation, China is set to be the world's largest tourist destination by the year 2020.

The hotel industry in China has carried out a PEST analysis in order to review accommodation provision for visitors. The results of the analysis are given below.

1. With a well-developed hotel infrastructure, China now offers a wide range of hotel products to serve all segments of the travel market.

2. Chinese-owned hotels have faced strong competition from established international chains and, as a result, have often been unprofitable.

3. Political tension still exists with neighbouring Taiwan.

4. More professional training programmes have been created to meet the needs of inexperienced hotel managers.

5. Hotel reform in China has encouraged brand development and provides excellent investment opportunities.

6. Hotels have benefited from developing wider product portfolios, to include fast-food restaurants, branded teahouses etc.

7. China may have an overprovision of hotels, if construction programmes continue.

8. The world economic situation may lead to fewer travellers choosing long-haul destinations such as China as a holiday destination.

Fig. 2
(a) Using the statement numbers in Fig. 2, complete the PEST table below, choosing only one statement under each heading.

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(b) Tourism products pass through various stages of the product life cycle.

(i) Name the first and last stages in the cycle.

First stage ................................................................. [2]

Last stage .................................................................

(ii) Describe the market characteristics of these two stages.

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(iii) State at which stage of the product life cycle you would place China as a tourist destination. Justify your answer.

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(c) 'Look at Modern China in Tianjin' is the tourism brand launched by the Tianjin municipal government in China.

(i) Define the term ‘tourism brand’.

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(ii) Give **two** examples of how a travel organisation might create a brand image.

Example 1

                             [2]

Example 2
(d) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of branding tourist destinations, such as 'Look at Modern China in Tianjin', in China.
Question 3

Refer to Fig. 3, a list of locational factors for choosing Qatar as a business tourism destination.

The Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) market has been identified as a growth sector for Qatar. With its central location in the Gulf, Qatar is well-positioned to host MICE events of any size.

The Doha Convention Bureau has the role of promoting Doha, Qatar’s capital, for conventions and exhibitions, as well as coordinating, planning and monitoring all business events in Qatar.

The following is the list of locational factors that the Convention Bureau uses to promote business tourism to Qatar.

1. New world-class conference hall for 4000 delegates planned. ✓
2. The country is served by a national airline.
3. It has first-class luxurious hotels with excellent sports facilities.
4. The Qatar International Exhibition Centre is located in Doha and is within a 15 minute drive of all major hotels; onsite facilities include meeting rooms, a business centre, a travel bureau, car hire facilities, and banking services.
5. Qatar offers an exciting range of restaurants, including Middle Eastern, Chinese, Indian and Italian cuisine.
6. The country has good transportation infrastructure.
7. Business travellers can experience Arabian traditions.
8. There are opportunities to shop in large shopping complexes or at the stalls of the traditional souqs (market places).
9. Business travellers can take part in exciting desert safaris or cruise on a traditional dhow (sailing boat). ✓

Fig. 3
(a) Under which of the following locational factors does each statement from Fig.3 belong? Write each statement number in the box under the correct heading. The first and last statements have been completed for you. Each statement should only be used once.

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Locational Factors for Qatar as a Business Tourism Destination

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(b) Explain two roles that organisations such as the Doha Convention Bureau play in the marketing process.

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(c) The tourism product in Qatar is limited at present and visits to the country are often offered as a part of a multi-centre holiday. An example of this type of holiday is given in Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 shows an advertisement for a multi-centre holiday.

**Doha and Kerala**

The seven night multi-centre holiday includes:
- one night Doha - 5* Ritz Carlton Doha
- six nights Kerala - 3* Plus Uday Samudra Hotel
- return international flights
- prices based on two adults sharing

**Fig. 4**

(i) Explain what is meant by the term ‘multi-centre holiday’.

(ii) Explain two reasons for the likely appeal to customers of a holiday such as the one advertised in Fig. 4.
(iii) Explain how tourism providers in a country such as Qatar could develop a product/service mix to attract a wider range of customers.
Question 4

Refer to Fig. 5, information about online travel sales.

Online travel agents such as Expedia and travel service suppliers appeal to different types of travellers. Infrequent leisure travellers prefer online travel agents. Frequent leisure and business travellers, who focus on schedules, convenience and specific suppliers, tend to book directly with suppliers to avoid paying intermediaries’ service fees. Suppliers save money from direct bookings and thus encourage online bookings with ‘lowest-price’ guarantees.

A recent survey of 2000 Internet users aged 18 years and over found that:

- nearly half (47.2 %) of respondents say the Internet will be their main travel resource
- two-thirds (66.9 %) of respondents will conduct travel research as well as make an online travel booking
- one third (33.1 %) will use the web only as a source of information.

As household income increases so does the likelihood that a respondent will use the Internet to carry out travel research and to make travel arrangements.

Fig. 5
(a)  (i) Identify two different types of online travel service providers referred to in Fig. 5.

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(ii) Name the market research technique carried out with Internet users, mentioned in Fig. 5.

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(iii) Identify and explain two reasons why frequent travellers prefer to use the direct services of travel suppliers’ websites to make their travel bookings.

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(b) Many travel products are also ‘perishable services’; for example car rental.

(i) Explain the term ‘perishable service’.

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(iii) Explain two pricing policies that suppliers are most likely to use for perishable travel services.

Pricing policy 1

Explanation


Pricing policy 2

Explanation


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(c) There are internal and external influences on the final price a customer pays for a travel product.

Evaluate the range of factors that determine pricing policies for travel suppliers.

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