

Read the article and choose the correct option.

1 What is the main idea of the article

- a Parisians are starting to appreciate the Seine for the first time.
- b The Seine is an essential part of the character of Paris.
- c The Seine is more popular with tourists than with local people.

2 Which statement is true?

- a It's not easy to get access to the river itself.
- b The river looks different at different times of the year.
- c The Seine is a place to live, work and enjoy water sports.

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

3 According to the first paragraph ...

- a Parisians are emotionally connected to the Cathedral of Notre Dame.
- b people can use the river to work out their location in Paris.
- c the compass tells people how far different places are from Paris.

4 What suggests that Claude Tharreau fell in love with his houseboat?

- a he first saw it on a Sunday
- b he was looking for a boat without basic utilities
- c the speed with which he bought it

5 What does the article suggest about houseboats?

- a There are only a handful in use on the Seine.

- b They are an alternative place to live for some people.
- c They are cheaper than apartments.

6 The beach on the banks of the Seine ...

- a was the idea of Georges Pompidou.
- b is a major project to organise.
- c takes a month to set up.

7 Which statement is true?

- a The article compares the beach on the Seine to a seaside resort.
- b The beach can accommodate 450 people at a time.
- c The roads along the Seine are closed during the summer months.

8 Which statement is true?

- a The police chief doesn't know how to swim.
- b There's a special group of police who look after the river.
- c You can pay to do different sports activities in the river.

9 What would happen if you didn't assist someone in difficulty?

- a Nothing: that's the job of the police.
- b You could be fined for jumping in the river.
- c You could be fined or go to jail.

10 According to the final paragraph, Monet and Matisse ...

- a found a new way of painting the Seine.
- b found the river too complicated to paint.
- c painted the river as a grey ribbon.