

**READING.** Read the text and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D. Justify your answers.

**The Mursi Tribe of Ethiopia.**

The Omo River Valley in southwest Ethiopia is one of the most remote yet culturally diverse places on the planet and is even believed by some to be the birthplace of human civilisation. Today, it is home to eight different ancient African tribes whose lifestyles haven't changed for centuries. The most fascinating of these tribes is the Mursi.

The Mursi Tribe numbers about 7,500 individuals. They live in the lower Omo Valley where the men herd cattle and grow crops. Livestock is their most valued possession and is also a measure of social status. Although the Mursi are more or less settled, they have to move twice a year due to unpredictable rainfall.

The Mursi people have few religious beliefs or ceremonies and don't practise many crafts. However, body decoration and alteration is an important part of their culture that they commonly practise. They are best known and most recognisable for the pottery or wooden lip plates worn by their women. At the age of 15 or 16 girls have their lower lips cut and a small clay plate inserted into it. Over the following years, larger plates are inserted into the lip causing it to stretch. The plate is a symbol to show the girl has reached womanhood and it is a source of great pride and self-esteem to the Mursi women. However, the women only wear the plates for a short time each day because they can be heavy and uncomfortable.

Both the men and women of the tribe use paint to decorate their bodies and faces. Men proudly show scars as a sign of their manhood and of how many enemies they have defeated. However, the only battles they fight these days are part of a tradition of ceremonial duelling (thagine). This is a very important aspect of the Mursi men's lives. Thagine is a form of martial art in which men take part in single combat using wooden poles called dongen and wear decorative and protective clothing. The winner is carried around by the men and then surrounded by young girls who lay goatskins on the ground for him to sit on and hold a cotton cloth above him, stretched on duelling poles, to provide shade and to symbolise a mother protecting her baby from the sun.

Unfortunately, the Mursi way of life is at risk of disappearing as their land is being taken away and they are being forced to move. Many Mursi are beginning to make a living from tourism while others have left the land to live in urban areas.

**1. The Mursi tribe is..**

A. the last remaining ancient tribe in the Omo Valley.

B. the oldest tribe of the Omo Valley.

☒ C. one of several ancient tribes of the Omo Valley.

D. the most culturally diverse tribe in the Omo Valley.

**2. The main reason the tribe moves twice a year is**

A. habit.

☒ B. the climate.

C. to avoid cattle thieves.

D. to follow their cattle.

**3. The Mursi are famous for**

A. their crafts.

B. their body paint.

☒ C. their women's appearance.

D. their pottery.

**4. Thagine is important to Mursi men because**

A. it allows them to meet girls.

B. it proves their manhood.

☒ C. it teaches them martial arts.

D. it makes them popular.

**LISTENING.** Listen, and for questions 1-5 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

**1 Lawrence was**

- A. of average height.
- ☒ B. shorter than average.
- C. taller than average.
- D. proud of his height.

**2 Lawrence was born in**

- A. 1808.
- B. 1818.
- C. 1880.
- ☒ D. 1888.

**3 At university, Lawrence studied**

- A. English.
- ☒ B. history.
- C. archaeology.
- D. Latin.

**4 In the army, Lawrence was considered**

- A. very disciplined.
- B. very respectful.
- ☒ C. very untidy.
- D. very fashionable.

**5 Lawrence died**

- ☒ A. in an accident.
- B. from an illness.
- C. while travelling.
- D. during a driving lesson

**WRITING.** You have joined a new youth centre with lots of activities but are having difficulty making new Friends. One member, in particular, is being very rude to you. Write an email to your English friend describing this person including their appearance and personality. At the end of the email ask how you could solve the problem. (120-150 words)

Hello, this morning I was in a youth centre doing activities among them I was playing football and I scored 5 goals, then we were playing table tennis and I played with a very competitive boy, he was really good but I won by 1 point, I was very happy but he insulted me for cheating I sincerely believe he was very arrogant, the boy was short and agile, he was dressed in a red sweatshirt and black trousers also had some trainers.

In the football match I made friends in my team, the selection of the team was random, the goalkeeper was very good, he stopped many shots, next day you have to come with me, the goalkeeper will come also to play with me in the team, I had a great time, I hope you come next time javier and then we eat hamburgers in a restaurant.

See you soon, javier