

### Reading Passage 3

The city of Venice, Italy, is truly one-of-a-kind. Located in the northeastern part of the country, it is made up of 118 small islands, all separated by canals and linked by over 400 bridges.

Venice is world-renowned for its beautiful architecture and artwork. One notable feature is the gondolas that glide gracefully across the city's canals. The city's history stretches back over a thousand years, and it has been an important location for art and commerce throughout its existence.

One of the most recognized landmarks in Venice is the St. Mark's Square, the city's main public square known for its bustling activity and stunning architecture. The Doge's Palace, an impressive Gothic building, and the grand St. Mark's Basilica are among the key attractions in the square.

However, Venice faces an existential threat from climate change. Rising sea levels and sinking land are leading to an increasing frequency of flooding, known as 'aqua alta'. Efforts are ongoing to mitigate these issues, but the future of this unique city remains uncertain.

#### Exercise 1: Summary Completion

Complete the following summary of the paragraphs 2 and 3 using NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the passage for each answer.

Venice is admired globally for its remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. A prominent feature of the city is its gondolas that smoothly travel across the \_\_\_\_\_. St. Mark's Square, the primary public square of Venice, is famous for its lively \_\_\_\_\_ and eye-catching \_\_\_\_\_. Key attractions in the square include the Doge's Palace, a striking \_\_\_\_\_ building, and the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica.

## Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct letter A, B, C, or D.

1. What is one issue Venice is currently facing?

- A. Overpopulation
- B. Lack of art
- C. Climate change
- D. Decreasing number of gondolas

2. What is 'aqua alta'?

- A. A famous artwork
- B. A type of boat
- C. An architectural style
- D. A term for flooding

3. Why is Venice considered unique?

- A. It is the largest city in Italy.
- B. It has over a hundred small islands connected by bridges.
- C. It has the most gondolas in the world.
- D. It is the only city in the world with a public square.