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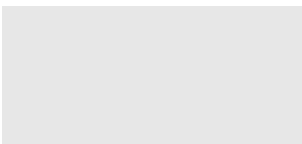
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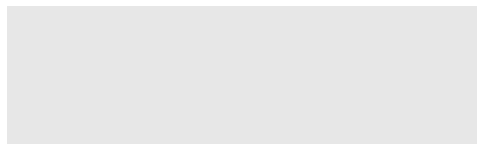
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TECHNOLOGY ON THE THAMES

Parts of London are beginning to look like a high-tech area, as old empty **warehouses** have been remodeled into new office spaces. London's increasing importance in the technology industry is partly the result of government efforts to reduce the city's dependence on financial services, which still dominate the local economy. Local authorities have invested more than \$80 million to renovate buildings and have attracted companies like Microsoft and IBM to East London.

Other cities in Europe, like Berlin, have growing tech scenes, but London has the benefit of its roots as a global financial center. In the last four years, the number of tech companies in East London has increased to around 1,400, according to British government statistics. The city also attracts more investment capital than European rivals like Paris and Stockholm.

Nevertheless, London's technology sector remains in its infancy compared with Silicon Valley. In the first half of 2013, the amount of money invested in tech companies in London was less than 10 percent of the investment directed to companies in California. But London is gaining attention as a competitor to cities outside Europe. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York recently said the main competition for New York was from London, not Silicon Valley, because of the British city's similar characteristics as a major center for culture and finance.

Text adapted from an article by Mark SCOTT. *The New York Times* (October 23, 2013)

warehouse: Large building where goods are kept.

Després de llegir el text, contesteu les preguntes seguint les instruccions que es donen en cada cas. Cada pregunta val un punt. En les qüestions d'elecció múltiple, es descomptaran 0,33 punts per error; en la resta, es descomptaran 0,05 punts per cada falta d'ortografia, de morfologia, de lèxic o de sintaxi. Si una falta es repeteix, només es descomptarà una vegada.

Después de leer el texto, conteste las preguntas siguiendo las instrucciones que se dan en cada caso. Todas las preguntas valen un punto. En las cuestiones de elección múltiple, se descontarán 0,33 puntos por error; en el resto, se descontarán 0,05 puntos por cada falta de ortografía, de morfología, de léxico o de sintaxis. Si una falta se repite, solo se descontará una vez.

Choose the correct answer (1-7).

- At present the most important sector in the local economy of London is
 - theatre and the arts.
 - tourism.
 - international finance.
 - technology.
- The city government in London is promoting East London as
 - an area for investment in technology companies.
 - inexpensive housing.
 - a new area for international banking.
 - an area for shipping on the Thames River.
- The Mayor of New York City recently said that
 - his city competes with London in several fields.
 - he wants to see the changes in East London.
 - New York City has more tech firms than California.
 - he preferred London over Paris or Stockholm.
- According to the text, one of the major benefits for tech companies in London is
 - a talented work force.
 - the fact that office space is very cheap.
 - the fact that money is available because London is an international financial centre.
 - the fact that London is a major cultural centre.

5. The number of tech companies in London
- a) has fallen in the last 4 years.
 - b) has risen in the last 4 years.
 - c) rivals the number of tech companies in Stockholm.
 - d) will decrease in the future because of the influence of the financial sector.
6. Officials from the London city government
- a) recently visited Silicon Valley to find out more about technology companies.
 - b) are interested in reaching an agreement with the Mayor of New York.
 - c) have asked Microsoft and IBM to employ more people.
 - d) want to diversify the city's economy.
7. Which of the following expressions can replace the word *nevertheless* in the sentence "Nevertheless, London's technology sector remains in its infancy compared with Silicon Valley" and maintain the original meaning?
- a) However.
 - b) Moreover.
 - c) Only.
 - d) Rather.

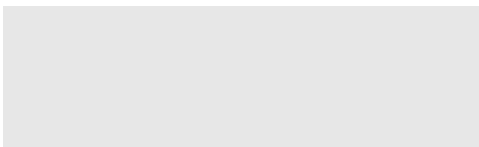
Rewrite the sentence as indicated.

8. Change the sentence "Old empty warehouses have been remodeled into new office spaces" from the passive voice to the active voice. Your sentence may include words not used in the original sentence.

Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; your answer should be between 40 and 60 words in length.)

9. What changes are taking place in East London? Why are they taking place?
10. How does the tech sector in London compare to that in other places? In your answer you should mention at least two other places, one in Europe and one in the United States.

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