Read the text and answer the following questions or decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

**The Marine Corps**

The Marine Corps is pleased to have you join us at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., the oldest post of the Corps. The selection of the site for the Barracks was a matter of personal interest to President Thomas Jefferson. It was he who gave ﬁnal approval after searching out the location with the then-Marine Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Burrows. The white brick house at the north end of the parade ground has been the residence of the Commandant of the Marine Corps since 1806. It is said to be the oldest public building in continuous use in the nation’s Capital.

The Barracks, arranged in a quadrangle as it was when originally designed, is used for ofﬁces, maintenance facilities and quarters for troops and ofﬁcers. It has been the home of the United States Marines Band, "The President’s Own," since 1801. The legendary John Philip Sousa wrote many of his famous marches here while he was leader of the band.

Marines stationed at the Barracks perform a wide variety of duties: they provide security details for the President and various state dignitaries; operate the Corps’ correspondence school, the Marine Corps Institute, located in the nearby Washington Navy Yard; and appear in the Evening Parade and the War Memorial Sunset Parade, which is recommended for your attention. You will ﬁnd further details of this ceremony below.

Both the Barracks’ site and the Home of the Commandants are registered with the United States Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark. The Barracks is not only historical; it has been the home of men who have made history. From this simple square of buildings have marched men - "a few good men" - whose successors ﬁll the ranks of the Corps today. Men and women who stand ready to answer our nation’s call to meet the challenges all over the world and to once again etch indelibly our country’s name in the honour roll of free nations.

INFORMATION: Reservations for the Evening Parade and the War Memorial Sunset Parade may be obtained by writing the Marine Barracks Adjutant, 8th & "I" Sts., S.E. Washington, D. C. 20390 or by calling (202) 433-6060.

1. Who decided on the place where the Barracks should be built?

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2. What does the home of the Commandant of the Marine Corps look like?

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3. In Washington, D.C., there are only a few public buildings in permanent use

which are older than the Marine Commandant’s Residence. **T F**

4. The design of the Barracks has been changed. **T F**

5. The US. Marines Band has been stationed in the Barracks ﬁve years longer

than the Marine Commandants have. **T F**

6. J. P. Sousa was a famous writer who contributed to the fame of the U.S.

Marines Band. **T F**

7. The Marine Corps Institute is outside the Barracks. **T F**

8. The site of the Barracks will be registered as a historic monument. **T F**

9. The marines stationed in the Barracks are men as well as women. **T F**

10.Where can you book tickets for the parades ?

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