Part 1: Writing an Email About Travel Services (15 minutes)

Introduction

Explain the key components of a professional email for travel services:

- 1. Subject Line: Be clear and specific (e.g., Inquiry about Adventure Tours in Ecuador).
- 2. Greeting: Use formal language (Dear Mr./Ms. [Last Name] or Dear Travel Agent).
- 3. **Body**:
 - Introduction: State who you are and the purpose of the email.
 - Details: Include specifics about the service you are inquiring about or offering (dates, preferences, number of travelers, etc.).
 - Polite Request: Ask for further details, pricing, or confirmation.
- 4. **Closing**: Use a polite closing phrase (*Best regards*, *Sincerely*) and include your contact information.

Example Email

Subject: Inquiry About Adventure Packages in Ecuador

Dear Travel Agent,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Maria Torres, and I am interested in booking a 7day adventure tour in Ecuador for a group of 4 people. Could you please provide details about your available packages, including activities such as hiking, zip-lining, and kayaking?

We are planning to travel from March 15 to March 22. Kindly share the pricing, accommodation options, and any other relevant information.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response.

Best regards, Maria Torres maria.torres@example.com

Activity:

Students will draft an email either inquiring about or offering travel services. Share their drafts in pairs for feedback.

Part 2: Types of Accommodation (15 minutes)

Teaching Section

Discuss common types of accommodations travelers may choose:

- 1. Hotels: Standardized services with various star ratings.
- 2. **Resorts**: High-end accommodations with entertainment, dining, and recreational facilities.
- 3. Hostels: Budget-friendly shared accommodations, popular with backpackers.
- 4. Vacation Rentals: Private homes or apartments rented short-term.
- 5. Boutique Hotels: Small, stylish hotels with unique designs and personalized services.
- 6. Eco-Lodges: Environmentally friendly lodges, often in natural settings.

Activity:

Students match descriptions with types of accommodations. For example: "Offers shared dormitories and low prices for travelers" \rightarrow Hostel.

Part 3: Popular Adventure Sports in the World and Ecuador (15 minutes)

Worldwide Adventure Sports

- 1. Bungee Jumping
- 2. Skydiving
- 3. Scuba Diving
- 4. White-water Rafting
- 5. Rock Climbing
- 6. Paragliding
- 7. Skiing
- 8. Snowboarding

Adventure Sports in Ecuador

- 1. Canyoning in Baños
- 2. Surfing in Montañita
- 3. Zip-lining in Mindo
- 4. Hiking in the Andes
- 5. Mountain Biking on Cotopaxi
- 6. Snorkeling in the Galápagos
- 7. Kayaking in the Amazon

Activity:

Students create a short itinerary for an adventurous traveler in Ecuador, including at least three sports.

Part 4: Exam (15 minutes)

Instructions: Answer the following questions.

Section 1: Email Writing (5 Questions)

- 1. What should a subject line include in a travel service email?
- 2. Write an appropriate greeting for a professional email.
- 3. What information must you include in the body of an email?
- 4. What is a polite closing phrase in an email?
- 5. Draft a subject line for an email inquiring about accommodations in Quito.

Section 2: Types of Accommodation (5 Questions)

- 6. Name two budget-friendly types of accommodation.
- 7. What type of accommodation focuses on eco-friendly practices?
- 8. Which type of accommodation is best for a luxury stay?
- 9. Match: "Small, stylish, and unique lodging" → [Options: Hotel, Resort, Boutique Hotel].
- 10. Name one type of accommodation suitable for groups.

Section 3: Adventure Sports (5 Questions)

- 11. List two popular adventure sports worldwide.
- 12. Name two adventure sports you can do in Ecuador.
- 13. Where in Ecuador can you go canyoning?
- 14. What is snorkeling, and where can you do it in Ecuador?
- 15. Why might an adventurer choose Mindo as a destination?