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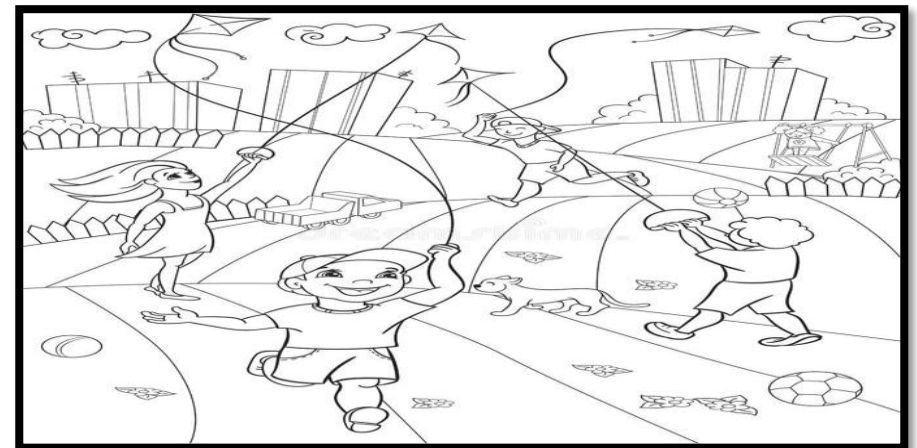
**Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

Every summer in Lancashire, England, many kite enthusiasts from around the world would gather for the St. Annes International Kite Festival. On the open field along the scenic St. Annes beach, kites of different shapes and sizes will fly and perform in front of an audience consisting of locals and tourists. Besides watching those kites dancing around in the wind high up in the sky, a significant draw of the kite festival is the interesting kite designs that can be spotted. They range from marine animals such as octopuses to famous cartoon characters such as Spiderman. Some of those kites are very huge, making one feel as though the animal or character has come alive while being flown.

Lancashire is not the only place in the world that has a kite festival. From Asia to America, many cities organize kite festivals for hobby lists to exchange ideas. Such events also help to boost tourist arrivals. Some of the largest kite festivals in the world include the Berkeley Kite Festival in the United States and the Satun Kite Festival in Thailand where visitors can expect to see not less than a hundred kites. Like other festivals, kite festivals include music and performances on the side, as well as food and beverage stalls, to make them more entertaining and enjoyable for visitors. Such kite festivals are also a heaven for photographers who will be able to snap photographs of the different kites on display.

Another feature of international kite festivals is the breaking of records. There are many kite-flying records to be broken, such as flying the biggest kite, achieving the highest altitude, flying a kite the longest, etc. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest kite ever flown was over 950 square metres, i.e. the size of several apartment units! In 2000, a kite enthusiast in Canada flew a kite up to a height of over 4 kilometers, which is nearly half the cruising altitude of most planes. As for the record for keeping a kite flying in the air, it belongs to a group of Americans who keep their kite flying for a whopping 180 hours and 17 minutes! That translates to slightly more than a week.

While kite-flying as a leisure activity generally does not pose much safety risk to kite-fliers and their surroundings, a particular problem arises when kites are flown where there are low-flying aircraft which is taking off or landing, the kite may get stuck into the aircraft's engine. When that happens, the engine of the aircraft will not be able to function, and with the aircraft still in mid-air, a disaster will almost certainly happen. As such, many authorities have designated certain areas in their jurisdiction within which flying kites is forbidden. It is extremely dangerous to fly kites in those areas.



**Answer the following questions based on the passage.**

1. Name the two groups of people, other than kite lovers, that kite festivals attract.

<b>Group 1</b>	
<b>Group 2</b>	

2. What is the main reason that makes St. Annes International Kite Festival attractive?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How are kite festivals similar to other types of festivals?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How is the flying of kites near airports regulated?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Paragraph 3 mentions three categories of kite-flying records. For each category, write down the corresponding current record.

<b>Record category</b>	<b>Record</b>
Largest kite	
Highest altitude flown	
Longest duration of flight	

6. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right.

<b>Word(s) from the passage</b>	<b>What the word(s) refer(s) to</b>
draw (paragraph 1)	
them (paragraph 2)	

7. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

<b>Statement</b>	<b>True/False</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>There are only three kite festivals in the world.</b>		
<b>Breaking records is the main purpose of kite festivals.</b>		