

EOT 1 Practice - Part 8

A) Read the passage and choose the best answer a, b, or c.

Desert of Arabia

Throughout history, it was very difficult for people to inhabit Arabia since sandy desert makes up most of this difficult environment. The first Bedouins to live in the desert discovered sources of water in the sand dunes. In these areas, known as 'oases', they planted date gardens and built their homes, known as 'Arishah' or 'Khaimah' from the date palms. Since the sixteenth century, the Bani Yas tribe and other nomadic clans shared the surrounding areas. During the summer months, they wandered in search of grazing.

The Bedouins believe that the camel is a great gift. First, the animal was perfectly suited to the desert environment as it was able to go without water for long periods of time. Camels helped the local tribesmen to travel across the desert and carry their loads through regions where other means of transport were impossible.

In addition, the camel's milk and meat were a source of nourishment because of the vitamins they contained, and its hide and hair were used to make leather goods and clothing. For the tribesmen, camels were a sign of wealth, and they took great care of their well-being.

Questions

1- Without , oases would not have existed in the desert.

- a. Bedouins
- b. camels
- c. water

2- Date palms helped Bedouins build in the desert.

- a. transport
- b. shelters
- c. leather

3- In the dry season, was the main source of food for Bedouins animals.

- a. grazing
- b. desert
- c. dates

4- A camel is a great gift because it made possible in the desert.

- a. travel, food, and clothing
- b. water, desert, and loads
- c. grazing, dates, and tribes