

READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY.

The Dilmun Burial Mounds are formed by 21 archaeological **sites** in the western part of Bahrain. The **origins** of the mounds date back thousands of years. They were constructed by the Dilmun **civilisation** over a period of 450 years, approximately between 2200 and 1750 BCE, making it one of the largest cemeteries in the ancient world. At the time, Bahrain was a prosperous trade hub with different social classes. Archaeologists **believe** that the burial sites were originally constructed as cylindrical low towers, and the different sizes of the mounds indicate the different social status with the grandest of them all being the royal mounds.

The mounds are composed of a central stone chamber with a low ring-wall and are covered by earth and gravel.

Studying the ruins is helpful in learning more about this advanced civilisation and their descendants. Researchers have found **skulls** and **skeletons** of **adults**, along with some items such as pottery, ivory objects and copper weapons in the chambers.

In the same mounds, scientists **discovered** smaller **bones** of babies outside the ring wall.

Since January 2018, the Dilmun Burial Mounds Management Plan has worked to preserve the area and to allow research to **continue**. This means the mounds are protected, and future generations will continue to learn more about their **ancestors** and the Dilmun civilisation.



Stamp seal showing hunters and goats



Pottery jar and coins

NOW ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Dilmun Burial Mounds are formed by archaeological sites in Bahrain.
(a) twenty one (b) thirty one (c) forty one
2. The mounds date back to of years ago.
(a) hundred (b) thousands (c) millions
3. The burials were constructed as towers.
(a) squared (b) cylindrical (c) round
4. Dilmun Burial Mounds are one of the largest cemeteries in the modern world.
(a) true (b) false
5. Researchers have found only skulls and skeletons in the chambers.
(a) true (b) false
6. The Management Plan of Dilmun Burial Mounds decided to allow researchers to continue.
(a) true (b) false
7. (Ancestors) are persons
(a) related to you who lived a long time ago (b) who you know very well.
8. Another word for (discover) is
(a) reveal (b) unknown
9. Why is studying the ruins helpful?
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10. When has the Dilmun Burial Mounds Management Plan worked to preserve the area?
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