

Take a Walk in Nature

Last year, I traveled to two cities. Barka is a small town, with a population of about 10,000 people, in the north of Oman situated on the coast. Barka is famous for fishing, and date palms surrounded the town. It also has an old Fort and a small market near the beach. London is a large city in the South of England situated on a river. London is famous for its buildings, parks, and gardens. It has a population of about 8 million people.

Barka is the perfect place for you if you love the ocean. You can swim, play tennis, eat delicious food and shop in the markets. It is usual for the locals to wait until night to enjoy the beach under the stars. While London is usually known for its landmarks and places to shop, Barka is a great place to explore nature and enjoy the mountains and green valleys. Provided you search for them, you can follow hiking paths through unspoiled mountains ranges and take in the spectacular views. Barka is usually hot, but I go to London for the cool weather.

It would be best to visit these places before they disappear due to the climate change and rising sea levels. Start with London as a pollution affects its environment more than in Barka. If London does not do something about this, its natural habitats will be destroyed, and animals and plants will die out. Another issue is London is that there are so many cars on the road and cars are a significant source of pollution. The carbon monoxide gas produced by cars causes global warming and damages the ozone layer.

However, both cities have environmental issues because of the chemicals that have been poured into waterways. Unlike London, Barka has problems with droughts in certain areas because of the lack of rain. In fact, the biggest issue in many cities in Oman is poor air quality. Air pollution is mainly caused by energy production, and industrial emissions and motor vehicles.

Read the text and answer by choosing a, b, c, or d.

1. According to the text what activity can one do in Barka and London?
 - a) go hiking.
 - b) go shopping.
 - c) visit the mountains.
 - d) eat at restaurants.
2. Which of the following is true about the author?
 - a) They think you should visit London first.
 - b) he / she is not entirely sure which city is better.
 - c) the author gives positive feedback on Barka only.
 - d) the author does not think it is necessary to visit both cities.
3. Which of the following is true about pollution in London.
 - a) It is threatening to human lives.
 - b) it is causing lower sea levels.
 - c) cars increase greenhouse gases.
 - d) the climate is becoming much cooler.
4. These two cities are
 - a) extremely similar.
 - b) located near the water.
 - c) the same size.
 - d) not well known.

5. In paragraph 2 the author suggests that.....
- a) People who like water sports should visit Barka.
 - b) Londoners wait until night-time to spend time outside.
 - c) London is best for those seeking nature.
 - d) the weather is too cold in Barka.
6. In paragraph 2 the author suggests that.....
- a) the weather is too warm in London.
 - b) London is not best for those seeking nature
 - c) the best way to meet tourists is go out before dark
 - d) people who like famous landmarks should visit Barka
7. Which environmental issue do both cities have.
- a) water shortages
 - b) water pollution
 - c) large numbers of cars
 - d) disappearance of animals

Would you consider exploring the world alone?

Solo travel has become increasingly popular as more people seek to explore the world and challenge themselves by embarking on adventures alone.

While solo travel can be a rewarding experience, safety is a concern. It is important to reach your destination and pay attention to your surroundings to stay safe. It is always a good idea to let someone know where you are going and to stay connected to that person. However, solo travel can be very empowering and life changing. It allows you to step outside your comfort zones and learn more about themselves. If you decide to travel alone it doesn't have to mean being alone all the time. Some sort of travelers find that they meet more people and have more meaningful interactions when they are traveling alone and some form lifelong friendships.

Solo travel it's not just for young people. It is a trend that spans all ages and backgrounds; all types of people are travelling alone. Because online booking platforms can make travel easier to plan, anyone can plan a trip without a travel agent. Some booking platforms can also offer online discounts. Numerous mobile apps will allow you to book activities or show key places and things to do at your destination. Social media groups are a great way to meet other travelers or locals at your destination.

Solo travel is not always easy and can be challenging to navigate new places and cultures while constantly planning ahead. If anything goes wrong, you will have no one to turn to. You won't have anyone to share the new sites and experiences with. Also, if you take many pictures while on a trip your solo trip will have less photos with you and them. You can ask someone to take your picture sometimes, but you probably won't be able to do this for the whole trip. Another aspect of solo travelling is getting used to doing many things alone like eating meals or sightseeing.

Read the text and answer by choosing a, b, c, or d.

1. What should a solo traveler do to stay safe on a trip?
 - a) remain in touch with fellow travelers.
 - b) ask other travelers about your destination.
 - c) avoid talking to people while moving about.
 - d) let someone know where you are traveling.

2. People choose to travel by themselves because they.....
 - a) Enjoy being alone.
 - b) like to test their abilities.
 - c) can discover the world more.
 - d) like to sightsee without distractions.

3. What is true about solo travelling?
 - a) It may lead to long term relationships.
 - b) it is a trend among younger travelers.
 - c) solo travelers are alone the whole time.
 - d) solo travelers normally meet many more people.

4. One benefit to travelling alone is that it
 - a) Inspires people to spend vacation alone.
 - b) allows people to get to know themselves.
 - c) provides more opportunities to meet people.
 - d) encourages people to stay in their comfort zone.

5. According to the text how can technology help solo travelers?
 - a) Mobile apps can help to save money.
 - b) Social media makes planning very simple.
 - c) social media can be used to research locations.
 - d) mobile apps can show things to do and places to go.

6. What is one disadvantage of being solo traveler?
 - a) Being alone for many activities.
 - b) having more photos than usual.
 - c) the lower cost of traveling needs.
 - d) having to depend on many others.

7. What is the purpose of this text?
 - a) to persuade people to travel alone.
 - b) to help solo travelers to save more money.
 - c) to discuss pros and cons of traveling alone.
 - d) to inform people of safety issues of solo travelling.

Grammar and Vocabulary

1. I really..... Go to the museum tomorrow. It is the last day of the exhibition. I can't miss it.
a. Could b. Must c. Might d. mustn't
2. Based on customer's, the airline decided to make the seats larger.
a. feedback b. accent c. context d. rhyme
3. During the winter months in the UAE, It's coming in the mornings.
a. fog b. clouds c. thunder d. droughts
4. We had many..... In Morocco like desert roaming and hiking to a waterfall.
a. landings b. landmarks c. adventures d. adventurous
5. It is important to listen to the safety and emergency information just before
a. Take off b. Kickback c. far-flung d. long haul
6. The amateur actor's sounds like he is from Australia.
a. accent b. rhyme c. context d. feedback
7. Because of the increasing global temperatures Have become more common.
a. fog b. drought c. thunder d. droughts
8. Western Morocco has many famous Especially in Marrakesh.
a. landing b. adventure c. landmarks d. adventurous
9. Traveling to the United states from the UAE requires a..... flight.
a. Take off b. Kickback c. far flung d. long haul
10. These marble floors are very They cost more then wooden floors.
a. modern b. creative c. expensive d. contemporary
11. You do not need to travel To get from the UAE to Saudi Arabia.
a. exotic b. abroad c. vacation d. overseas
12. Al Maktoum International Airport before the Expo 2020 site.
a. Was built b. was build c. were built d. were build
13. I..... come to the gallery with you this afternoon but I'm not sure if I can yet as I am busy.
a. might not b. must c. might d. mustn't

14. I..... Spanish at the moment because I want to live in Spain in the future.
a. will have studied b. am studying c. studies d. studied

15. The camel Won the race is now famous.
a. who b. that c. when d. where

16. Falcons are significant to the UAE culture and horses are
a. too b. really c. rather d. extremely

17. studied, we would have failed our exams.
a. I wish b. if only c. if we hadn't d. wish we hadn't

18. The stories..... in the early 1900's.
a. Is written b. was wrote c. was written d. were written