

Reading Test - CA 2 - Term 1 - 2024/2025

Maze:

Read the following text . Then choose the correct word to fill in each blank.

The UAE is not just associated with its majestic cities and towering skyscrapers, (1) ----- it also boasts stunning (2) -----landscapes that show the country's unique beauty. The vast deserts are perhaps (3)----- iconic, with rolling sand dunes that shift colors with the sun. These deserts, especially in places like Liwa and Al Ain, (4) ----- breathtaking views and thrilling adventures, from camel rides to sandboarding. (5) ----- night, the clear skies make them perfect for stargazing, revealing a mesmerizing canopy of stars.

Beyond the desert, the UAE is home to rugged mountains, (6) ----- the Hajar range in Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah. These mountains provide cool, scenic escapes, with natural springs, and hidden oases, making them popular (7) ----- hiking and camping. The wadis, or dry riverbeds, often come alive after rainfall, creating temporary streams and lush vegetation.

The UAE's coastline (8)----- along the Arabian Gulf, (9)---- stunning beaches, mangroves, and coral reefs thrive. The mangroves in Abu Dhabi and Umm Al Quwain are rich ecosystems that host diverse wildlife, including flamingos and fish. The coral reefs provide (10)----- underwater worlds, ideal for snorkeling and diving lovers. The UAE's natural beauty invites both locals and tourists to explore and enjoy.

1. A. and
B. but
C. moreover

2. A. nature
B. naturing
C. natural

3. A. the most
B. the more
C. the less

4. A. offer
B. offers
C. offering

5. A. in
B. at
C. on

6. A. such as
B. whereas
C. since

7. A. in
B. for
C. to

8. A. stretching
B. stretch
C. stretches

9. A. where
B. which
C. that

10. A. colour
B. colouring
C. colourful

Text 2

Read the text and answer the questions below

Adventure in the desert

Rashed and his friends, Hamad and Sara, were thrilled as they set off on an adventure in the UAE desert. The burning sun hung high in the sky as they loaded their jeep with supplies: water, food, tents, and a map. They had been dreaming of this trip for months and couldn't wait to explore the vast, golden dunes and discover the hidden wonders of the desert.

As they drove deeper into the desert, Rashed noticed a herd of camels moving gracefully across the sands. "Look!" he exclaimed, pointing out the window. Hamad, who had never seen camels up close, was amazed by their majestic appearance. After a while, they reached a spot where they decided to set up camp. They quickly pitched their tent, secured it against the wind, and began preparing for the night.

Just as the sun started to set, painting the sky in shades of orange and pink, they heard a strange sound. "Did you hear that?" Sara whispered, her eyes wide with curiosity. They followed the sound to find a small, curious fox moving around their campsite. Hamad tossed it a piece of bread, and they watched as the fox took the treat and disappeared into the dunes.

As darkness fell, they gathered around a campfire, sharing stories and roasting marshmallows. Suddenly, they noticed a glimmer in the distance. "What's that light?" Rashed asked, pointing toward a faint glow on the horizon. Intrigued, they decided to investigate. Grabbing their flashlights, they trekked toward the mysterious light, wondering what awaited them.

After walking for about half an hour, they reached an old, abandoned fort hidden among the dunes. The fort's walls were covered in ancient carvings, and they could feel the history within its walls. They explored each room, feeling like true adventurers uncovering secrets of the past. In one room, they found an old chest with intricate designs. Inside, they discovered a collection of antique coins and artifacts.

Excited about their discovery, they carefully collected the coins as souvenirs. They took one last look around the fort, then made their way back to camp. They couldn't believe their luck. What had started as a simple camping trip turned into a real-life adventure they'd never forget. The desert had revealed its hidden treasures that would completely change their life, and they knew they would remember this memory forever.

1. Why did Amir, Hamad, and Sara decide to go to the desert?

- a) To explore the vast desert and experience a new adventure.
- b) To find ancient artifacts and treasures.
- c) To photograph camels and other desert animals.

2. What did they take with them in the trip?

- a) Flashlights
- b) A compass
- c) A camera

3. How did the group react upon seeing the fox near their campsite?

- a) They tried to scare it away.
- b) They ignored it and continued their activities.
- c) They watched it with curiosity and fed it a piece of bread.

4. Why did they decide to investigate the mysterious light they saw in the distance?

- a) They were frightened and wanted to find out if it is something dangerous.
- b) They were curious and wanted to explore further.
- c) They were looking for other travelers in the desert.

5. What animal did they not see in the desert?

- a) Fox
- b) Snake
- c) Camel

6. . What do you think they will do with the treasure they had found in the fort?

- a) They will take it to the national museum to display there.
- b) They will take it to the police and tell them what happened.
- c) They will keep it for themselves.

7. Which of the following best describes how the children felt at the end of the story?

- a) They were amazed and grateful for the adventure.
- b) They were exhausted and ready to return home.
- c) They were scared of the desert at night.

8. What might the chest of coins and artifacts indicate in the story?

- a) The harsh life of the desert
- b) The richness of the Bedouins in the UAE
- c) The cultural and historical richness of the UAE desert.

9. What did they do after leaving the fort?

- a) Looked for more forts
- b) Returned to the camp
- c) Called for help

10. How did the children's feeling change from the beginning to the end of the story?

- a) Relaxed then scared
- b) Excited then happy
- c) Bored then excited