A website

1 Read the website. What kind of films can you see at the Dubai film festival?

2 Read the website again. Match the sentences below with the films A–D. You can use the films more than once.

1 The story involves a difficult journey.

2 The main characters aren't happy with their lives.

3 The film has a historic theme.

4 A chance meeting is central to the action.

5 The director did something special.

3 Answer the questions about the text.

1 How many years has the film festival been running?

2 What activities can you participate in at the festival?

3 What can you do after watching *Journeyman and the City of Pilgrims*?

4 What gives the film *Al Mummia* atmosphere?

5 Is it always possible to get a stand-by ticket to see a film?

4 Answer the questions with your own ideas.

1 What is your favourite film? Can you describe the story and the main characters?

2 Is going to the cinema a popular pastime in your country? How often do you go?

3 What types of film (e.g. drama, comedy, action etc.) do you like most / least? Why?



Dubai film festival

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The Dubai International Film Festival is coming up soon! Book your seats now for some great films from around the globe. We're showing 177 films over the seven days of the festival. We're expecting thousands of cinema-goers to attend this spectacular 11th annual edition of the DIFF.

The festival also offers the chance to attend special events such as workshops and seminars, and you can enjoy post-screening Q and A sessions with top film professionals. You might even catch a glimpse of an A-list film star or two!

Short film screenings for Ramadan



Enjoy some great film shorts from Canada, the UAE, KSA, Qatar, Kuwait, Tunisia, and the Philippines. Meet the director of *Journeyman and the City of Pilgrims* after the screening to discuss the film!

All screenings take place on Wednesday, 9th July at 9.30 p.m.

A Bobby

It's the first day back at school for eight-year-old Fares and he is allowed to walk alone to class. Fares encounters a stray dog on his way, and gives him a name. Bobby and Fares become best of friends – until Fares takes the dog home!

B Journeyman and the City of Pilgrims

Jalal Bin Thaneya is director and star of this film. He documents his journey with touching honesty as he walks 2000 km from the United Arab Emirates to Mecca. While he walks, he thinks about life and humanity, and he also overcomes several challenges on his way to the holy city.

Don't miss! Arab Cinema Classics

We will be screening our film experts' top picks, including:

C Al Mummia (The Mummy)

This film is thought to be one of the greatest Egyptian films. It's a tale of tomb robbers in 19th century Egypt, but it's also about a country trying to find its cultural identity. The director, Chadi Abdel Salam, filmed at dawn and dusk so the dramatic lighting, combined with a haunting sound track, gives the film a great atmosphere.

D Al-Makhdu'un (The Dupes)

This film is directed by the Egyptian Tewfik Saleh and is based on the short novel by Palestinian writer Ghassan Kanafani. It is set in Iraq, although it was actually filmed in Syria. The story follows three poor Palestinian men who set off on a journey across the desert to try to get to Kuwait, where they hope to make new and better lives for themselves.

Don't forget!

- Take your seat 15 minutes before the film starts (there will be no admission once the film has begun).
- Pick up a film guide at any of our city box offices.
- Check out our website for updates, changes to scheduling and much more.
- If you can't get a ticket online, come 15 minutes before the screening, and purchase a stand-by ticket. But be quick – when they're gone, they're gone!

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