

Reading Exam 10 Advance

Choose the correct heading (A-F) for each paragraph. There is one extra heading that you do not need.

Places Worth Visiting

1.

The UAE is a young nation, but its land is rich in history and tradition. Throughout the centuries the local tribes and visitors, leaders and traders shaped the country into what it is now. One of the best ways of learning about this history is by seeing some of the places that witnessed important historical events.

2.

Hatta is an ancient village in the emirate of Dubai. It used to be one of the largest settlements in the area, thanks to its location by an oasis in the mountains. Hatta Heritage Village is an open-air museum that shows what life used to be like in that part of the country before the creation of the UAE. Visitors can see traditional houses made from local materials, a mosque, the ruler's house and two towers.

3.

Kalba Fort was built around 1624. It is one of many forts built by the Portuguese during the centuries of their presence in the area. The remains of these forts can be still seen across the seven emirates as well as in Oman. Kalba Fort is not a ruin like many other forts from this era because it was captured by the local tribes and rebuilt. The fort is now open to visitors.

4.

Al Ain Palace Museum was opened to the public in 2001. Sheikh Zayed and his family used to live there. The palace was built in the Bedouin style in 1937 and it now shows what daily life was like in a ruler's house in the 1950s and 60s.

5.

It was the first ever skyscraper in Dubai. Dubai World Trade Centre, originally named Sheikh Rashid Tower used to be the only tall building in the centre of Dubai. It is 39 storeys tall and it was built in 1979. It is still a symbol of the ambitious beginnings of modern Dubai, even though it is now surrounded by newer buildings that are often bigger and taller.

Ancient Reminder Of Foreign Visitors

The First Of Many

The Leader's Home

A Reason To Visit Historical Places

The Visitors' Favourite

Traditional Buildings in an Old Village

II. Read the text and answer the questions. For each question (6 – 10), choose the correct answer

A, B or C.

My Graduation Project

My name is Ali Rashid and I am a student in a film college. Before I graduate next year, I am going to make a film describing the life of my grandfather, Mustafa. He has had a long and interesting life which witnessed the birth of our nation and rise of his hometown from a small fishing settlement, to an impressive, modern city.

Films like this have to follow certain rules to be successful. I already have an interesting story – the story of my grandfather's life. A good documentary needs to have a question to answer and I think my film will tell how life in our city has changed in the last 50 years. I also need to decide how long it should be, but this can wait until I have finished the filming.

I am really excited about this project. My grandfather has had such an amazing life! He was born in the desert near Dubai, into a family that had become poor because of the crash of the pearling industry. He was 19 when the seven emirates united and soon he started working in the oil industry. Later on, he worked as an advisor to a road building company. He has a big and happy family now and is an example to all of us.

One of the most important things to do when making a film based on facts is to make sure the information that I have is accurate. I hope this will be easy for me as my grandfather has already told me about the important events in his life. I am also going to interview my grandfather's older brother, Ali Ibraheem, and our neighbour, Mr Rashid, who used to work with my grandfather. Additionally, I will do some research in our local library and the Internet.

6. What is Ali planning to create? _____

- a) A news programme
- b) An advert
- c) A biography

7. Ali is still not sure about _____

- a) Which city will be described
- b) Who he wants to portray
- c) the length of the project

8. We know that Mustafa's family _____ before he was born.

- a) were always poor
- b) had less money
- c) were richer

9.To get all the right information, Ali is going to _____

- a) decide who to interview
- b) speak to his grandfather again
- c) search online

10.This text mostly describes _____

- a) The things that Ali has already planned
- b) how Ali is going to film the project
- c) the possible problems creating a project

III. Read the text and answer the questions. For each question (11 – 15), choose the correct answer True, False or Not given.

A Festival Photo

My name is Ahmad. I am a volunteer at a film festival, where I get to work with very interesting people. Today, for example, I have met some of the people behind one of the greatest film productions of this year. Here is the picture I have with all of them:

The person on the left that looks like a businessman is Mr Faisal Ali. He is in control of everything needed to make the whole film and, most importantly, the money. I think Mr Faisal is very happy that his film has become such a big box office hit.

Next to Mr Faisal in the picture is Mr Omar, the scriptwriter. He told me that he used to write slogans for advertising agencies at the start of his career, but now he writes the words for feature films, of course. It is thanks to Mr Omar's creativity, that this film is such a charming, bittersweet story.

The tall person, between Mr Omar and me, is my cousin, Jamal. He was in the film too! He didn't have a big part, though. He didn't even say anything in the film, but you can see him in the background of that intense scene in the mall. He was one of the shoppers in the bookstore.

And finally, you will probably recognise the person on the right. Yes, it is the famous Omar Saif. Most people have seen Mr Saif in one of his films where he played the main character, who is usually an amazing hero. In this movie his character is a teacher, who saves the lives of his students, but I can't tell you anything else...

11. Ahmad earns money by working at a film festival.

12. Faisal Ali has produced a lot of hit films.

13. Mr. Omar still writes advertisement slogans.

14. Jamal was an extra in the film.

15. Jamal was an extra in the film.