

5 Careers and vocations

Lessons 3–4 **A world of opportunity**

- What career would you like to have in the future?
- What qualifications and personal qualities do you need to achieve this?

READING**KEYWORDS:**

career(n) **مهنة** (job/profession) personal strengths(n) **قوتكم الشخصية** a person's strong points

qualifications(n) **مؤهلات** areas of interest(n) **مجالات اهتمام**

personal qualities (n) **الصفات الشخصية** (character/personality)

youth forum(n) **منتدى شباب** (place for young people to meet and discuss ideas or look for a job)

vocational opportunities(n) **الفرص المهنية** (job opportunities)

optimism (n) **تفاؤل** (hopeful/positive) transition(v) **انتقال** (to change)

provide(v) **توفر معلومات** to give (information)

tours (n) **الجولات المصحوبة بمرشدين** showing people around a place

READING

The Mubadala Youth Forum: inspiring a new generation of professionals

1 The Mubadala Youth Forum helps students find out about education and career opportunities open to young UAE students in and around Abu Dhabi. It is an event that is full of energy and **optimism**. Hundreds of Emirati university students attend, all ready to plan their future working lives.

2 The **forum** provides students with advice and ideas from leading government, business and community leaders. The Mubadala organisation also organises tours, which enable students to find out about the many **vocational** opportunities that are open to them.

3 'It is really incredible – you don't realise just how many types of career paths are available in a **sector** like renewable energy,' said one 15-year-old **attendee** as he finished his tour of Masdar City; a city which is working to build the world's most sustainable urban development.



4 The annual forum offers students the chance to explore their personal strengths and areas of interest. In addition, there is information on how to gain practical skills that will help them in their **transition** from school or university to the world of work. The forum is successfully encouraging students to explore science, technology, engineering and maths – subjects which are of great importance for many of the Emirate's new industries.

Task 1 Read the text and answer the questions (CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER)

1. The Mubadala Youth Forum is:
 - a. a place where young people meet for coffee
 - b. a place where young people can get information about job opportunities
 - c. a place where young people go to study
2. The Mubadala Youth Forum is open to:
 - a. all students from all Emirates in the U.A.E
 - b. all students in Dubai
 - c. all students from Abu Dhabi only

3. The Mubadala Youth Forum helps students by:
 - a. giving career advice, ideas from different organisations and companies
 - b. giving books to read about careers and jobs
 - c. giving coffee and a nice day out in Abu Dhabi

4. The Mubadala Youth Forum also give students:
 - a. guided tours around Abu Dhabi's museums
 - b. guided tours to find out about vocational opportunities
 - c. guided tours around Abu Dhabi's malls

5. According to the reading, an example of the career paths available is in:
 - a. retail (shopping)
 - b. aviation (plane industry)
 - c. petroleum (oil industry)
 - d. the renewable energy sector

6. The Mubadala Youth Forum also helps students:
 - to understand what careers they might be interested in T/F

7. The Mubadala Youth Forum also helps students:
 - to understand their strengths or strong points T/F

8. The Mubadala Youth Forum helps students to explore which subjects?
 - a. English, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Social Studies
 - b. Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths,
 - c. Geography, History, Arabic, Social Studies