Reading Ex. > A Dreaming City: Dubai

A. Thousands of tourists dream about travelling to the splendorous city of Dubai due to its beauty, majesty, and luxury. Complete the following exercise using the words in the box.

City Spotlight: Dubai

business	merchants	creatures	port	malls	skyscrapers	trade



Dubai has been an important (1) _____ city for long time. Ships and (2) _____ stop there to (3) _____ goods and do (4) _____. Dubai has some of the world's highest (5) _____ such as the *Burj Khalifa* with 163 floors. This fantastic city is also home to one of the world's largest (6) _____, which contains not only more than 1,200 shops, 22 cinema screens, hundreds of restaurants, but also the second world's biggest aquarium with more than 33,000 living sea (7) _____.

B. Read the following article. Choose the best answer for each question.



Dubai is like no other place on Earth. It is the world capital of living large –a city of big businesses, luxury hotels, skyscrapers, and huge shopping malls. In the early 20th century, Dubai was a trading port. People from different regions of the world often stopped in Dubai to do business. But it was still a small city, and most people lived as fishermen, merchants or by raising animals. Then in 1966, oil was discovered. In time, this brought a lot of money into the region, and soon Dubai began to change.

Today Dubai is one of the world's most influential business centers. In fact, each year most of the city's annual earnings come from business, not oil. The city is also a global trading port. Recently, Dubai has become a popular ***spot*** for tourists. Year after year millions from all over the world come to relax on its beaches and go shopping in the meantime.

Dubai is also one of the world's fastest growing cities. Construction is everywhere. Buildings (*some of the tallest on Earth*) are built in months. The city also has several man-made islands. One of these, the *Palm Jumeirah*, is shaped like a palm tree and is particularly beautiful.

The city is still an amazing mix of people from different backgrounds, individuals from 150 countries live and work in Dubai, and foreigners now outnumber Dubai natives eight to one!

Many people welcome the city's growth. But in increasing number of Dubai natives have concerns about the speed of change. As Mohammad Al Abbar, a Dubai businessman, says, '*We must always remember where we came from. Our kids must know we worked very, very hard to get where we are now, and there's lot more work to do.*'

1. What is the main idea of the article?

a. Dubai is the most influential port.
b. Dubai is growing as fast as expected.
c. Dubai is a unique place in the world.
d. Businesses and tourism are important for Dubai.



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2. Before the mid-1960s, people from Dubai ____

a. brought money to their region.
b. were businesspeople.
c. depended on trading and livestock or fishing.
d. in poor living conditions.

3. Which sentence about Dubai is NOT true?

a. Dubai makes money mostly from oil.
b. Numerous foreigners work in Dubai.
c. Dubai gets large numbers of tourists every year.
d. Dubai has created artificial tourist places.

4. What is the closest synonym for *spot* in paragraph 2?

a. position **b.** location **c.** home **d.** attraction

5. According to the text, *Palm Jumeirah* is ____.

a. an island **b.** a tree **c.** a building **d.** a beach

6. What does Mr. Al Abbar mean when he says, *'We must always remember where we came from'*?

a. They must not forget their ancestors.
b. People must be happy with their past.
c. People must commemorate their history.
d. They must think of their past.

C. Based on the text, complete the sentences using <u>ONE WORD OR A NUMBER</u> in each line.

Tourist Attractions

- Dubai is seen as a city of living (7) _____.
- People may (8) _____ on the seaside or go (9) _____.

Economy

- In (10) _____ Dubai started to receive large amounts of money.
- Today, the city earns most of its money from (11) _____.



Growth

- Dubai is one of the (12) _____ growing cities in the world.
- Constructions can be built in (13) _____ in Dubai.

Population

- People from over (14) _____ nations have a job in Dubai. For every one Dubai native, there are nearly (15) _____ foreigners.

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