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## Test Instructions

## تعليمات الاختبار

- Check that this question booklet has your correct details printed on it (eSIS number, name, date of birth, school name, class). If not, write the correct information neatly in the spaces provided.
- You are allowed **95 minutes** for this test.
- You **must** answer in English.

- الرجاء التأكد من أن كتيب الأسئلة هذا يتضمن المعلومات الصحيحة المتعلقة بك (رقم تعريف التلميذ eSIS، الاسم، تاريخ الولادة، اسم المدرسة، الصف). إن لم يكن كذلك، فاكتب المعلومات الصحيحة بشكل واضح في الفراغ المخصص لها.
- الزمن المسموح به للاختبار 95 دقيقة.
- يجب عليك أن تجيب باللغة الإنجليزية.

There are two types of question:

يتضمن هذا الاختبار نوعين من الأسئلة:

Type 1: Multiple choice (30 questions)

- Each question has four possible answers. Only one is correct.
- Use only a pencil to shade in the answer bubble of your choice.
- If you make a mistake then rub out your answer completely and shade in the bubble of your new answer.

- النوع الأول: أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد (30 سؤالاً)
- لكل سؤال أربعة إجابات محتملة. إجابة واحدة فقط منها صحيحة. الرجاء استخدام قلم الرصاص فقط لتظليل دوائر الإجابات التي تختارها.
- إذا أخطأت في إجابتك، فقم بمسح الإجابة بالكامل ثم ظلل دائرة إجابتك الجديدة.

Type 2: Open response (10 questions)

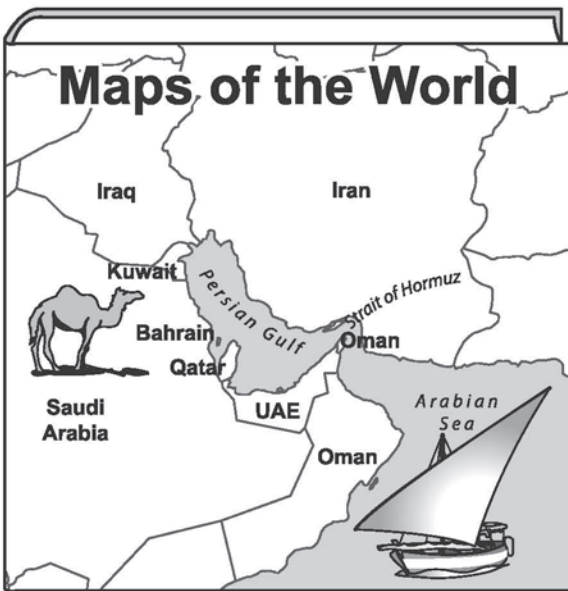
- Write your answers in the spaces provided within the test booklet.
- Do not write outside the answer spaces.

النوع الثاني: الأسئلة ذات الإجابات المفتوحة (10 أسئلة)

- اكتب إجاباتك في الفراغات المخصصة لها في كتيب الاختبار.
- لا تدون أية إجابة خارج الفراغ المخصص لها.



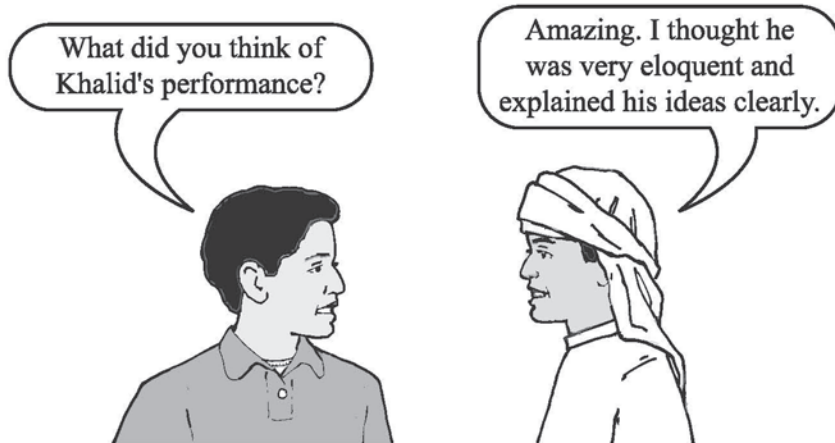
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What is this book about?

- Biology
- Geography
- World history
- Oceanography

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The two boys are **most likely** discussing Khalid's

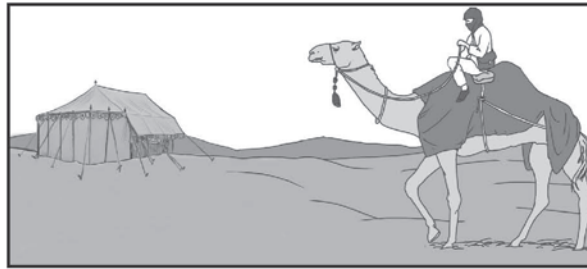
- Song.
- Speech.
- Football game.
- Swimming meet.

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Read the text below and answer questions 3–9.

## Camel Riding in the Desert



Last weekend I went with some friends to ride camels out in the desert. This was my very first time riding a camel. I was visiting in Abu Dhabi and had never had the opportunity to go trekking aboard a dromedary camel until now. I'm definitely glad I *finally* got the chance, though. It was a lot of fun and I can't wait to go out and do it again.

We left Abu Dhabi at sunrise and drove about two hours out to the desert near Al Ain. Once we arrived, we met our guide and he introduced us to our four-legged transportation. Each camel was easily 2 metres tall and 3 metres long. Our guide told us that each one weighs 500-600 kilograms which, when you think about it, is just about the same size as a small car!

To climb onto a camel's back, the animal has to first kneel down on the ground. It bends its front legs first and then kind of folds its back legs down. Once my camel knelt down, I climbed onto the scratchy, blue wool blanket that was covering its saddle. Then once I was properly seated, my camel stood up.

At first it felt a little strange sitting on the camel's humped back and it took some adjusting to find my balance. Then, when the camel started moving, I had to adjust all over again. The camel swayed when it walked and it almost felt like I was on a ship at sea. Maybe that's why they call this animal a 'ship of the desert'.

Once I got used to the unusual motion, I started looking around at the scenery. The sand was a burnt-orange colour that resembled the jar of paprika that we have in the kitchen at home. The sky was almost as blue as the deep ocean water I saw last year on our fishing voyage in the Gulf. We trudged up one massive sand dune after another with ease. The camel's big, wide feet definitely came in handy here by allowing us to glide atop the sand instead of sinking down into it.

After about an hour of riding, we arrived at our destination—a large canvas tent. It was dinnertime. An assortment of delicious dishes awaited, including vegetables, fruits, mezzes, breads, and cheeses. Everything tasted wonderful.

After we finished eating, we climbed atop the camels again and marched off single-file into the sunset. A photograph simply could not capture the beautiful memories I have in my mind of this wonderful day.



3 What do the word 'dromedary' and the phrase 'ship of the desert' have in common?

- They are both descriptive terms for a camel.
- They are both scratchy, like a wool blanket.
- They are both the same size as a canvas tent.
- They are both the colour of an orange kitchen spice.

4 What sense is affected **most** in this line from the text?

*'I climbed onto the scratchy, blue wool blanket that was covering its saddle.'*

- Sound
- Touch
- Smell
- Taste

5 In the text, what resembles the colour of paprika?

- The saddle blanket
- The canvas tent
- The camels
- The sand

6 What is the purpose of this text?

- To tell a story about a personal experience
- To persuade others to do something unusual
- To explain the history behind a cultural event
- To give instructions on how to do something properly

7 Predict what would happen if the author were invited to go on another camel ride.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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8 Give an example of the author's use of imagery in the text.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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9 Describe what the text reveals about UAE tourist activities.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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Read the text below and answer questions 10–13.

## The Arabian Leopard

The Arabian leopard is perhaps the most distinctive animal of the Arabian Peninsula. The back of the leopard is golden in colour with black markings while the rest of the body is coloured beige to greyish-white. Arabian leopards are smaller than their African and Asian cousins, but equally amazing.



Arabian leopards live mostly in the mountainous territories where a continuous source of water is available. Their food source consists mainly of tapir and mountain gazelle. Unfortunately, there are now less of these two sources of food available and the leopards often attack farm animals in order to survive.

The number of these 'large cats' roaming the Arabian mountains is declining. As few as 200 leopards remain in the Arabian mountains. The cause for this alarming trend is not exactly known, but the fact is that these animals may disappear.

The Arabian leopard is one of the most beautiful animals in the world. A conservation strategy is currently in effect highlighting the importance of this extraordinary animal.

10 Why do the Arabian leopards attack farm animals?

- They are encouraged by farmers.
- They prefer them to wild animals.
- Farm animals are their traditional food source.
- Their food sources are disappearing.

11 Why does the Arabian leopard live mostly in the mountains?

- To hunt tapir and mountain gazelle
- To reproduce
- To access water
- To be able to roam



- 12 What does the author suggest to stop the Arabian leopard from disappearing?
- A conservation strategy
- Helping them reproduce
- A zoo placement programme
- Adding farm animals to their diet
- 13 What is the author's purpose in the text?
- To inform the reader about Arabian leopards
- To make the Arabian leopards seem likeable
- To make the Arabian leopards seem beautiful
- To inform the reader about Arabian mountains

Read the text below and answer questions 14–19.

### Water Park Visit

Noura and her friend, Amna will soon have a school holiday. Noura's mother has agreed to go with them to a water park in the UAE during the holiday. Noura wants to go to the Wild Waves Water Park, but Amna thinks the Chill Island Water Park sounds like more fun. The girls must consider several things before choosing one of the parks.

They will be bringing with them Amna's aunt, who uses a wheelchair, and Noura's younger sister. The girls must remember that Noura's mother does not like travelling long distances. Both girls prefer a large variety of water slides. They all enjoy eating in restaurants and would like to spend some time on a beach as well. Noura and Amna don't want the admission price to be too expensive.

To help them choose a park, the girls create a chart comparing the two parks. The girls have agreed to visit the water park that best fulfils their needs.

	Wild Waves Water Park (WW)	Chill Island Water Park (CI)
Price of Admission	AED 110	AED 135
Distance Away	65 km	241 km
Number of Slides	9	12
Restaurants	2	2
Children's Play Area	Yes	No
Beach	Yes	No
Disabled Accessible	Yes	Yes



- 14 Noura and Amna both enjoy all of the following activities **except**
- Eating in restaurants.
  - Playing at the beach.
  - Riding long distances.
  - Going down large slides.

- 15 Why did Noura and Amna create a chart about the water parks?
- To show it to Noura's mother
  - To compare the difference in the prices
  - To prevent a disagreement with Amna's aunt
  - To make a direct comparison between the parks

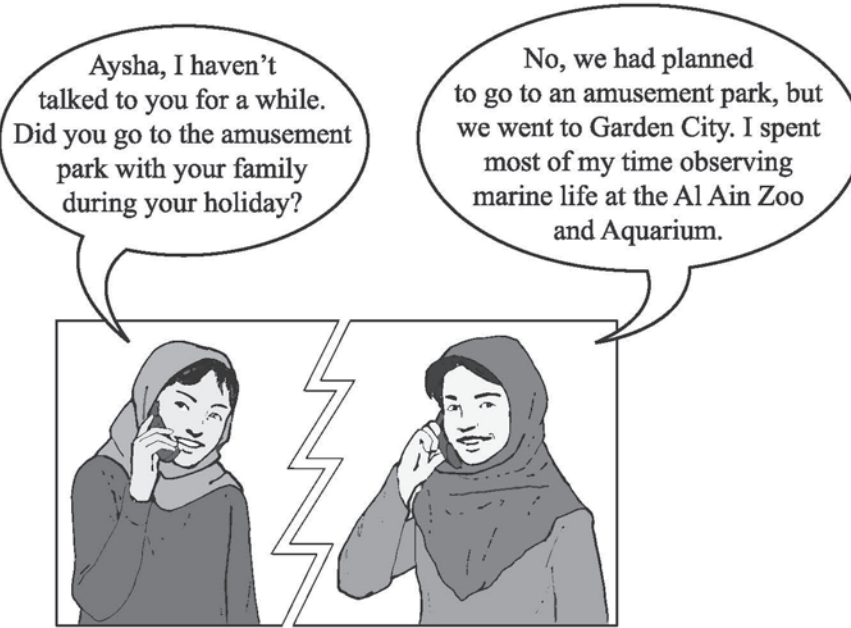
- 16 Which of the following was probably the **best** source of information about the water parks?
- Internet
  - Travel advertisement
  - Restaurant guide
  - Road map

- 17 What does the word 'consider' mean in this sentence from the text?  
*'The girls must consider several things before choosing one of the parks.'*
- To ask about       To think about       To forget about       To listen about

- 18 Describe why a chart is helpful when making a comparison of facts.  
Support your answer with one detail from the text.
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- 19 Describe how the girls will decide which water park to choose.  
Support your answer with one detail from the text.
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What did Aysha like **best** during her family holiday?

- The amusement park
- The aquarium
- The garden
- The zoo

Read the text below and answer questions 21–24.

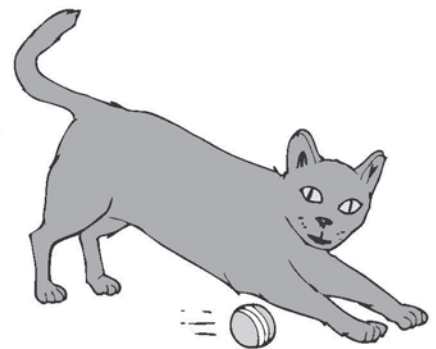
## Caring for Cats

Cats are wonderful companions and, when well-cared for, can live long, healthy lives. Nutritious food, daily exercise, and regular health care are all important for the well-being of cats.

### Nutrition and Exercise

Good nutrition and regular exercise are essential for a strong, healthy cat. Food for cats should have a good balance of vitamins, minerals, fats, and protein. Cats should not be overfed or given food prepared for humans. An average-sized adult cat weighing 4 kilograms should consume about 320 calories per day. Fresh water should always be available to cats for proper hydration.

Cats sleep much of the time, but they still need exercise to stay agile and fit. Small balls, long pieces of yarn, and small toy mice are exciting for cats to bat around and chase. Owners should play with their cats every day.





## Grooming

Cats groom themselves daily using their tongues, but they still require regular brushing. Brushing keeps a cat's fur shiny and smooth. There are many types of combs and brushes designed for both long-haired and short-haired breeds of cats.

Occasionally cats, especially those who spend time outdoors, may get fleas. Fleas are tiny insects that can cause an unpleasant rash on a cat's skin. In this case, a cat will need a bath using special soap and possibly a skin ointment. Fleas can be prevented by having a cat wear a special collar around the neck or by monthly oral medication.



## Medical Care

Medical check-ups with a veterinary surgeon should be scheduled annually so that any illnesses can be identified and treated quickly. During a check-up, a veterinary surgeon will look inside the ears, nose, and mouth of a cat. The cat will have its temperature taken with a thermometer and be weighed on a scale—just like when a human visits a doctor! Cats should also receive vaccinations to prevent common feline diseases.

Remember, a healthy cat is a happy cat!

- 21 Where on cats can flea bites cause a rash?
- Whiskers       Claws       Paws       Skin
- 22 What does the word 'its' refer to in this sentence from the text?
- 'The cat will have its temperature taken with a thermometer and be weighed on a scale—just like when a human visits a doctor!'*
- Cat       Doctor       Scale       Thermometer
- 23 Based on the information in the text, who would **most likely** read this text?
- A person who already has a pet
- A person who is allergic to cats
- A person thinking about getting a cat
- A person working at an animal shelter
- 24 What strategy does the writer use to organise this text?
- Topic       Comparison       Sequential order       Cause and effect



Read the text below and answer questions 25–29.

## Al-Rangina (Sweet Dates in Butter Sauce)

Serves 4–6

Dates are a good source of vitamins and minerals. In addition to being sweet and full of flavour, dates are thought to relieve swelling in the body and help with digestion problems. Abu Dhabi grows the most dates in the UAE, with about 16 million date palms under cultivation. Dates from Abu Dhabi are exported to Japan, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Al-Rangina is a dessert made with dates that is sure to please your guests.

### Ingredients:

- 12 ounces of whole dates, pits removed
- 12 ounces of butter
- 10 ounces of flour
- 2 teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of cardamom powder
- 1/2 cup milk

Melt the butter over medium heat. Add the flour and stir constantly to avoid burning. The flour should turn golden-brown. Add the cinnamon and cardamom powder. While stirring, slowly add the milk until the mixture is a thin sauce. Remove from heat. Arrange dates on a serving tray and pour the slightly cooled sauce over the dates. Serve with mint tea or coffee.

- 25 Why must the mixture be stirred constantly?
- To melt the butter
  - To dissolve the salt
  - To lower the temperature
  - To avoid burning the flour
- 26 How are the ingredients in the list **mainly** organised?
- In random order
  - In order of their use
  - In alphabetical order
  - In order of importance



27 What is the meaning of the word 'cultivation' in the text?

- Being picked
- Being grown
- Being dried
- Being sold

28 Identify the audience for this text.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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29 Explain why dates are good for your health.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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Read the text below and answer questions 30–33.

## The Recycling Beetle

A small beetle lived deep in an underground cave in the Arabian Desert. One cool desert morning he was going about his daily routine of searching for food when he came across a large scorpion.

‘Who goes there?’ asked the scorpion.

The beetle stopped dead in its tracks. He had heard of the scorpion’s reputation as a killer.

‘Just a humble beetle on its way to collect some treasures, sir,’ replied the beetle.

‘You are a waste collector,’ said the scorpion with disdain.

‘That is not how I see it,’ said the beetle.

‘Every morning I wake up and think of the fabulous “treasures” other creatures may have left for me. Then I think of ways to recycle all these leftovers,’ added the beetle.

‘It’s all rubbish!’ yelled the scorpion.

‘No, it’s not,’ the beetle replied quietly. ‘Many things can be used a second time. I try to give all natural and man-made treasures a second chance. For example, fallen leaves from the Ghaf tree could make a comfortable cushion for my underground cave,’ said the beetle.

‘Aaaah! I see,’ nodded the scorpion.

‘Yes, Mr. Scorpion. If all creatures on this earth were to do as I do, nature would have many second chances and the natural world would be in better shape than it is now. We must all recycle our resources in order to survive,’ explained the beetle.

‘Beetle, I think you are a better creature than I,’ the scorpion concluded.

The beetle smiled and went on his way—rolling his recyclable treasures one push at a time.





- 30 What was the beetle doing at the beginning of the text?
- Searching for food
  - Cleaning out his cave
  - Helping another beetle
  - Finding someone to talk to
- 31 Why did the beetle stop when he saw the scorpion?
- He wanted to talk to him.
  - He was aware of his reputation.
  - He had to pick up some leaves.
  - He had forgotten something at the cave.
- 32 How would you describe the beetle's attitude?
- Angry
  - Negative
  - Confident
  - Indifferent
- 33 How will the scorpion probably act next time he sees the beetle?
- Angrily
  - Disdainfully
  - Respectfully
  - Dismissively



Read the text below and answer questions 34–40.

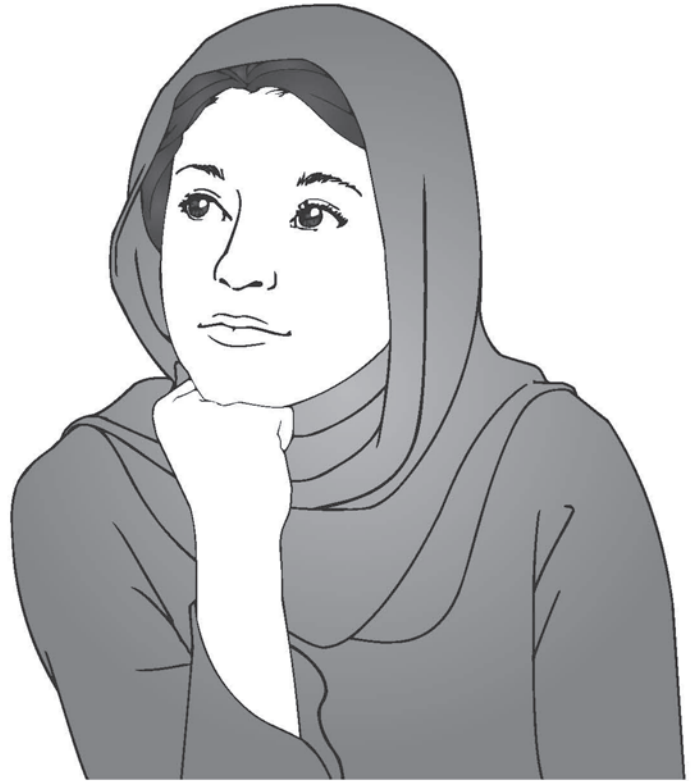
## Waiting for Inspiration

Head resting in hand, I ponder  
Waiting for words to inspire  
The writing of the next winner  
Of the Prince of Poets Festival.

What topic should I consider?  
Thoughts rush at me like a river,  
The stars, a camel, the desert.  
How do I choose one that is special?

What structure should I engineer?  
Should it be one that I admire?  
A sonnet or pentameter?  
Maybe a *qasida ghazalia*?

Suddenly, I have my answer,  
It will be the best to enter.  
I know now what to formulate  
For the Prince of Poets Festival.



34 Which line from the poem would be **most** confusing for a person unfamiliar with UAE culture?

- 'Waiting for words to inspire'
- 'Thoughts rush at me like a river,'
- 'Maybe a qasida ghazalia?'
- 'For the Prince of Poets Festival.'

35 Which sense relates **least** to this line from the poem?

'Thoughts rush at me like a river,'

- Sight
- Taste
- Touch
- Sound



36

What is the poet's main goal in this poem?

- She wants to inspire another poet.
- She wants to become an engineer.
- She wants to go to a festival.
- She wants to win a contest.

37

What detail can be learned from the picture that is **not** found in the poem?

- The poet is a girl.
- The poet is intelligent.
- The poet is trying to write.
- The poet is worried about something.

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Predict what the poet would **most likely** have written about in the next stanza.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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Explain why the author **most likely** used questions throughout the poem.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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Describe how you can relate to the poet's experience in this poem.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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