



I. Reading Comprehension

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Part A. Reading 1

Read the selection below. Then answer the questions by circling a, b, c or d.

Khulood Salem, owner & baker of “K’s Cookies”, for quite some time now. We have decided to meet her to learn more about her business.

Q: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A: I’m Khulood Salem, 24 years old, from Abu Dhabi, and among many things I love, I’m passionate about FOOD.

Q: How did you get into the world of Food?

A: I simply love food and plus it runs in the family. We are good cooks, regardless of presentation, but when it comes to cooking, we are all in the kitchen. Our happy living room.

Q: Why Cookies? And how did that start the idea of a home business?

A: I bake really good cookies, and it is my comfort food. It started as a “I’m bored and have nothing to do” project. My sister came to me the other day and I was surfing the internet. I kept telling her about the booming cupcake businesses, but I’m not into baking cupcakes as I know it will turn out a disaster. She told me “How about cookies?!” and she dragged me to the kitchen to bake some cookies, mix different flavors and give them to people to test them.

Q: What’s the most popular cookies you sell?

A: Chocolate Chic, mainly. Well, everybody has a favorite. So, by the end of the day, it is one of the 14 flavors.

Q: What are your plans for “K’s Cookies”?

A: Inshallah, after we have our bakery running, we will work on having them at reach almost everywhere in Abu Dhabi and then start franchising the business. My goal is to open other branches in all the emirates.

Q: What advice would you like to give other Emiratis who want to be like you?

A: Dream Dream Dream and take action!

Questions:

1. The best title for this text is

- a. A young businesswoman
- b. Fashion designing
- c. Cultural heritage
- d. College Student

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2. You would probably find this text in
 - a. a dictionary
 - b. a magazine
 - c. a story
 - d. an encyclopedia

3. This type of text is called
 - a. a report
 - b. an opinion column
 - c. an essay
 - d. an interview

4. What is the purpose of meeting Khulood Salem?
 - a. to know about her family
 - b. to know more about her business
 - c. to write a report about her
 - d. to teach her how to bake cookies

5. Which sentence is **TRUE** about Khulood Salem?
 - a. She is 23 years old
 - b. She is from Dubai
 - c. She is passionate about food
 - d. She doesn't like cooking

6. The idea of baking cookies came to Khulood from
 - a. her sister
 - b. her best friend
 - c. her mother
 - d. her husband

7. How many flavors of cookies are there in K's Cookies' menu?
 - a. 4
 - b. 14
 - c. 24
 - d. 40

8. The word 'passionate' in line 3 means
 - a. being quiet
 - b. being shy
 - c. showing strong emotions
 - d. working hard

9. The word 'surfing' in line 9 means
 - a. sailing
 - b. online chatting
 - c. checking for information
 - d. webpage designing

10. The word 'business' in line 13 is a/an
 - a. noun
 - b. verb
 - c. adjective
 - d. adverb

11. The word 'popular' in line 13 is a/an
 - a. noun
 - b. verb
 - c. adjective
 - d. adverb

12. Khulood advised other Emiratis to
- a. dream without taking an action b. dream and work hard
c. try baking cupcakes d. try her cookies
13. Khulood and her family enjoy
14. Khulood and her sister gave the cookies to people to after mixing different flavors.
15. Khulood's goal is to

Part B. Reading 2

Read the selection below. Then answer the questions below:

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Sharjah Men's College students decided to celebrate the National Day by travelling deep into the desert. They carried no mobile phones and were completely cut off from all the luxury of city life. The group, which included eight UAE national students and two faculty members left the shores of Dibba on November 22 and returned to their college campus on the second of December.

Abdul Rahman Abdul Jalil Bukhalaf, a mechanical engineering student, decided to go on the trip to discover more about his cultural heritage. "I wanted to do what my grandfather used to do because it gives me pride. It was a nice experience. We went through different landforms and spent days in the desert, living through the sunrise and the sunset," he said.

During their journey, the group slaughtered sheep for food. "I was expecting it to be difficult but not this difficult," said Bukhalaf. Speaking about his parents' reaction, he said: "My parents were happy and proud, so I just did it."

However, on the whole the students were happy with their adventure. "Living in the desert is better than living in the city in my opinion," said Bukhalaf. "The air is fresh, the food is clean and healthy and it is just so relaxing but also hard work."

Regarding National Day, Bukhalaf added: "If we don't serve our country, who will?"

Circle the most suitable answer a, b, c or d:

16. The text is mainly about
- a. Bedouin tribesmen b. Cultural heritage
c. Slaughtering sheep d. Sharjah Men's College students' experience
17. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- a. Some college students celebrated the National Day in the desert.
b. Students and faculty members came back to the college on 22 November.
c. The number of people going on the trip is 10.
d. Both 'a' and 'c' are correct.

18. The word 'luxury' in line 2 means
- a. enjoyment
 - b. fear
 - c. sadness
 - d. heritage
19. The word 'decided' in line 5 is a/an
- a. Adjective
 - b. Adverb
 - c. Noun
 - d. Verb
20. Why did Bukhalaf decide to go on the trip?
- a. To have fun with his friends.
 - b. Because there are certificates for the students who will go on this trip.
 - c. To know more about the beliefs, customs, and traditions of UAE people.
 - d. To become a famous student in Sharjah Men's College.
21. What did the group of students and faculty members use the sheep for?
- a. To get food
 - b. To get milk
 - c. To take its wool
 - d. To sell it in the market
22. Which sentence is NOT TRUE about Abdul Rahman Bukhalaf?
- a. He is a mechanical engineering student.
 - b. He prefers living in the desert.
 - c. He found slaughtering sheep too difficult.
 - d. He wants to serve his country.
23. The word 'heritage' in line 6 means
- a. things that will happen in the future
 - b. practices from the past
 - c. things that might not happen at all
 - d. both 'b' and 'c' are correct
24. The word 'opinion' in line 13 means
- a. happy moments
 - b. personal belief
 - c. fresh air
 - d. bad habits
25. The word 'adventure' in line 12 is a/an
- a. noun
 - b. adjective
 - c. verb
 - d. adverb
26. In which paragraph would the following sentence fit?
"Life in the desert is much healthier than life in the city."
- a. paragraph 1
 - b. paragraph 2
 - c. paragraph 3
 - d. paragraph 4
27. The root of the word 'reaction' is
- a. react
 - b. reacted
 - c. reactive
 - d. reactionary

Bukhalaf prefers living in the city because		
28. _____	29. _____	30. _____

II. Writing

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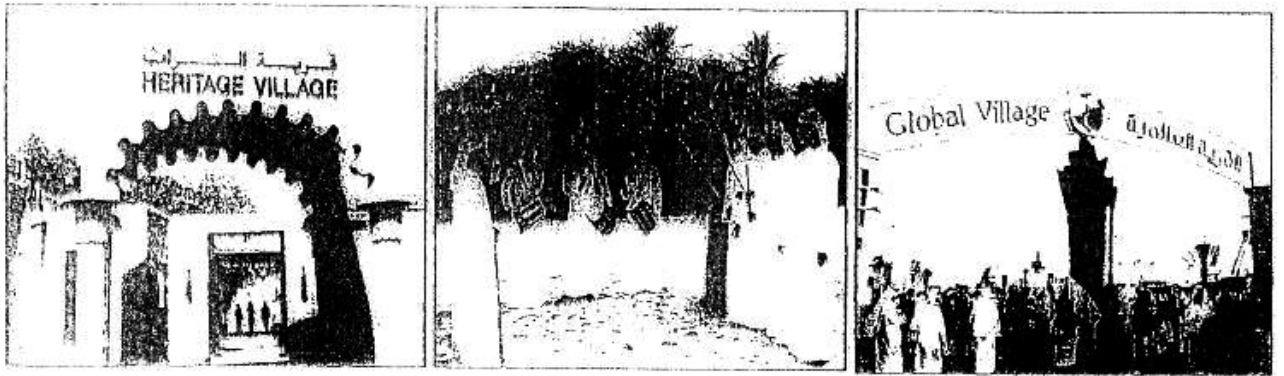
Part C. Writing Sentences

Directions (5 sentences, each sentence worth 3 points ~ total of 15 points)

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Write THREE simple sentences and TWO compound sentences describing the following pictures.

You may use connectives such as : and, but, so, ... etc.



1. (simple) _____

2. (simple) _____

3. (simple) _____

4. (compound) _____

5. (compound) _____

Part D. Writing Composition (worth 25 points)

Directions: Write a composition of 100-150 words on the following topic:
Proud to be Emirati!

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Imagine yourself traveling to a foreign country to complete your studies and there you have met different people from different countries. They asked you about your country 'UAE', what will you tell them to show that you are proud to be Emirati?

You may cover these points:

- Customs and traditions
- UAE Visionary leaders
- Tourism & business

تخيل أنك سافرت للدراسة خارج الدولة لإكمال تعليمك الدراسي، وهناك قايبت عدة أشخاص من مختلف دول العالم. فتم سؤالك عن دولتك "الإمارات العربية المتحدة"، فماذا ستقول لهم لتعبر عن فخرك بالانتماء إلى دولة الإمارات. بإمكانك الكتابة في النقاط التالية:

- العادات والتقاليد
- قادة الإمارات ذوي الرؤى البعيدة
- السياحة والأعمال

Good Luck ☺