

External Measurement of Student Achievement

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Grade

8

English

TEST INSTRUCTIONS

- Please make sure that you have a separate answer sheet booklet with this test paper.
- Please check that the answer sheet booklet has your details printed on it. If not, print your name, date of birth and your eSIS number (in English) in the area provided on your answer sheet booklet.
- Please check that the subject and grade number on your answer sheet booklet matches this question paper.
- This test has **35 QUESTIONS** in total.
- **30** of the questions are multiple choice and each question has four possible answers, only one is correct. Choose the correct answer from **A, B, C** or **D** options and shade this bubble on the English answer sheet booklet.
- Please use a pencil only to shade in the answer bubble of your choice on your answer sheet.
- If you make a mistake then rub out your answer completely and shade in the bubble of your new answer.
- **5** of the questions require you to write your answer in the space indicated on the English answer sheet booklet.
- All answers must be marked on your **ANSWER SHEET BOOKLET**.
- You are allowed **75 minutes** for this test.

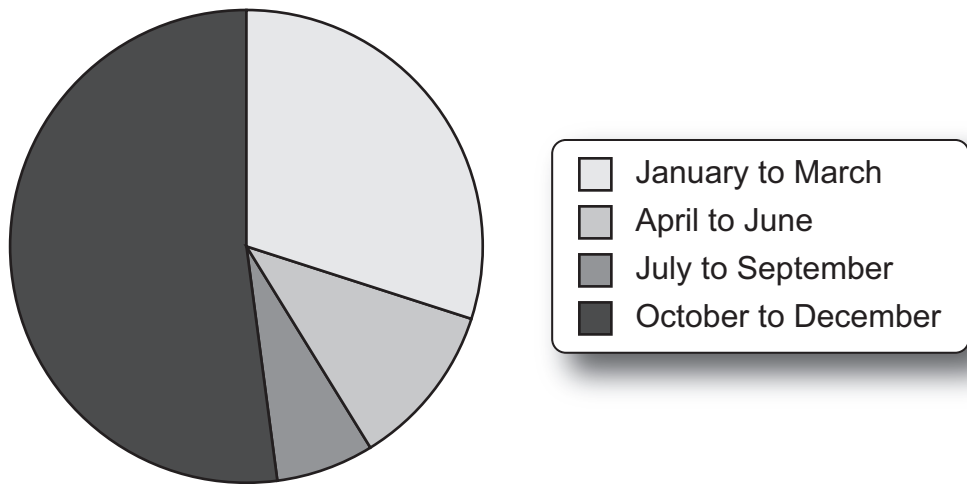


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Wildlife Park Ticket Sales



In which months did the park have the most ticket sales?

- A January to March
- B April to June
- C July to September
- D October to December

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What are these things mainly used for?

- A invention
- B decoration
- C entertainment
- D transportation

Science Lab Safety Rules

1. A teacher must be present when students are in the lab.

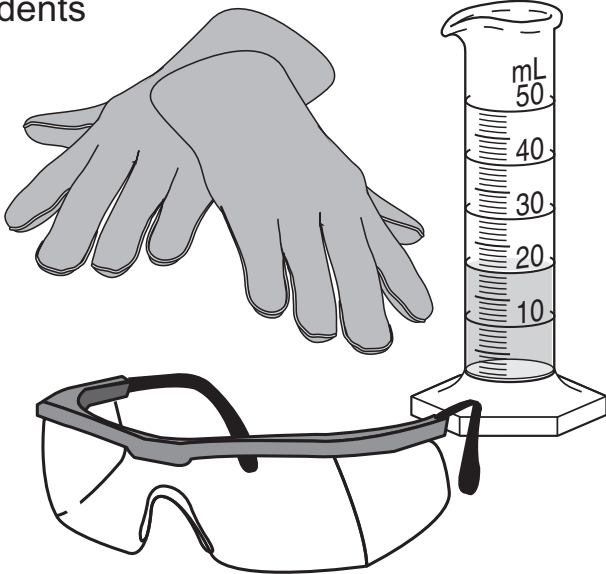
2. Always walk in the lab. Running is dangerous.

3. Safety goggles must always be worn to protect your eyes.

4. Wash your hands before and after all experiments.

5. Follow instructions carefully.

6. Put away all equipment and clean your work area when you've finished.



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The main purpose of these rules is to

A

have a successful experiment.

B

allow students to move freely.

C

avoid any accidents or problems.

D

teach students to wash their hands.
- 4

What type of sentence is “*Running is dangerous*” in rule 2?

A

a request

B

a warning

C

a command

D

an explanation
- 5

Which word is similar in meaning to the word goggles?

A

hat

B

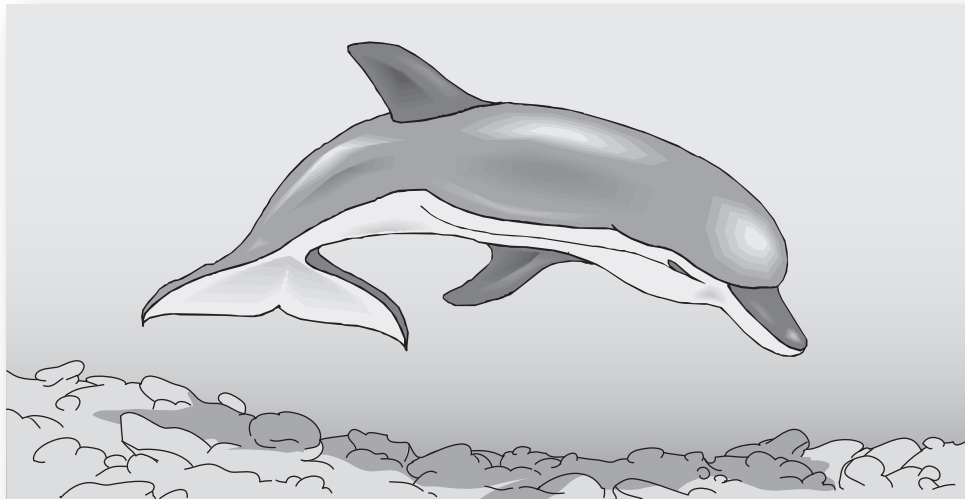
mask

C

scarf

D

glasses



Aquatic Life in the Arabian Gulf

The Arabian Gulf has an abundance of mammal and fish life. The Gulf’s waters are home to many types of marine life. Two types of marine mammals found in the Gulf are whales and dolphins. Mammals have live births in the water and feed their young with milk.

There are also many different types of fish in the Gulf, such as tuna and marlin. Sharks and rays can be seen in the open water. It is also the feeding and nursing ground of the female whale shark. The reefs are home to many surgeonfish, moray eels, butterfly fish, and clownfish.

- 6
- What are two types of mammals found in the Arabian Gulf?
- A

tuna and marlin

B

sharks and rays

C

eels and clownfish

D

whales and dolphins

- 31

Which words from the poem are similar in meaning?

A

 Soaring, Resting

B

 Connection, bond

C

 friendship, formed

D

 shield, scream
- 32

What does the word endurance mean in line 8 of the poem?
"My falcon and I are the strength and endurance in the roar"

A

 challenge

B

 allowance

C

 length of time

D

 power to continue
- 33

What is the poet expressing in line 7 of the poem?
"But scream 'Yallah' when it is time for you to soar."

A

 showing a feeling of freedom for the bird

B

 signaling the bird it is time to start flying

C

 allowing the bird to go back with its family

D

 showing a feeling of sadness for the bird's departure.
- 34

What is the main idea of the poem?

A

 Birds can assist humans.

B

 Birds and humans are fearful.

C

 Birds are dependent on humans.

D

 Birds and humans can rely on one another.
- 35

Read the following lines from the poem:
"Connection to my falcon separates us from fear,
And pain..."
Explain what these lines in the poem refer to.
Support your answer with one detail from the text.



Soaring above the peaks of the mountains,
Resting on the cup of my hand,
Connection to my falcon separates us from fear,
And pain,
A bond of trust and friendship is formed.
I shield your eyes from the unknown
But scream 'Yallah' when it is time for you to soar.
My falcon and I are the strength and endurance in the roar
Of the sand,
Of our desert land.

- 29 What poetic device does the poet use by ending the last two lines with sand and land?
- A rhyme
 - B alliteration
 - C metaphor
 - D personification
- 30 What literary device is used in the second line of the poem?
"Resting on the cup of my hand"
- A simile
 - B allusion
 - C imagery
 - D personification

- 7 We can tell an animal is a marine mammal if it
- A looks like a fish.
 - B lives in the open water.
 - C feeds its young with milk.
 - D lays its eggs in a nursing ground.
- 8 What does the word abundance refer to in this sentence from the text?
"The Arabian Gulf has an abundance of mammal and fish life."
- A the huge size of these animals
 - B the long life of these animals
 - C the wide location of these animals
 - D the large range of different types of animals
- 9 According to this information, what do we know about marine life in the Arabian Gulf?
- A Many fish and mammals live together.
 - B New types of fish have moved to the Gulf.
 - C There are probably more mammals than fish.
 - D The mammals prefer to live close to the reefs.
- 10 What is the purpose of this text?
- A to describe an important problem
 - B to encourage readers to take action
 - C to provide brief information on a topic
 - D to tell an interesting story to the reader
- 11 Based on the text and your experience, compare marine life and desert life.
Support your answer with one detail from the text.

ABU DHABI EXPRESS NEWS

New Technology Facilities for Local Schools

It was announced today that all secondary schools in the area will receive new computer classrooms. The new technology wings are necessary in order to educate students with the most contemporary computer systems and programs.

Each school will have ten new classrooms with the most current forms of technology installed. Teachers and students are excited about the addition of these facilities. New laptops will also be made available to instructors and students to use as well.

- 12
- Where would this text most likely be found?
- A

 in a local paper
- B

 in a business letter
- C

 in a personal email
- D

 in a national magazine
- 13
- How many classrooms will each new facility have?
- A

 2
- B

 5
- C

 10
- D

 12

- 26
- Why does the advertisement mention *experienced coaches and famous players*?
- A

 to persuade only serious students to attend
- B

 to convince students to become professional
- C

 to encourage the most interested football fans to attend
- D

 to explain that the course will be taught by good instructors
- 27
- What does the word *complimentary* mean in the last sentence of the text?
- A

 free
- B

 new
- C

 polite
- D

 trial
- 28
- Identify the benefits of attending the summer course.
- Support your answer with one detail from the text.

FOOTBALL SUMMER COURSE

The Abu Dhabi Football Association is offering a summer course for players of all levels. Experienced coaches and famous players will teach the skills needed to become a better player. At the end of the course, participants will play in a team competition.

What: Football Summer Course
Who: Boys Ages 10–14
Where: Football Arena
When: 25–29 June
Time: 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Sunday through Thursday



All participants will be given a team shirt and a complimentary football signed by one of our guest professional players.

- 24
- The purpose of this text is to
- A

 teach basic football skills to players.
- B

 announce information on football training.
- C

 provide directions to the arena.
- D

 explain how to register for the course.

25

Who is the course for?

A

 any player regardless of their skill level

B

 new players only

C

 mainly professional players

D

 coaches

- 14
- What does the word contemporary mean in the first paragraph of the text?
- A

 new
- B

 exciting
- C

 expensive
- D

 fashionable

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What is the main reason why the new classrooms are important?

A

 to make each school look better

B

 to bring new technology to the students

C

 to allow more students to be in each school

D

 to stop teachers using old-fashioned methods

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Why is the word wings used to refer to the new classrooms at each school?

A

 The classrooms are built to look like part of a bird.

B

 The classrooms are built on top of the older part of the building.

C

 The classrooms are designed to allow students to move about easily.

D

 The classrooms are a new part of the school that extends out from the old part.

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The main purpose of this text is to

A

 encourage the reader to visit a local school.

B

 explain new computer technology to the reader.

C

 inform the reader about an important change at schools.

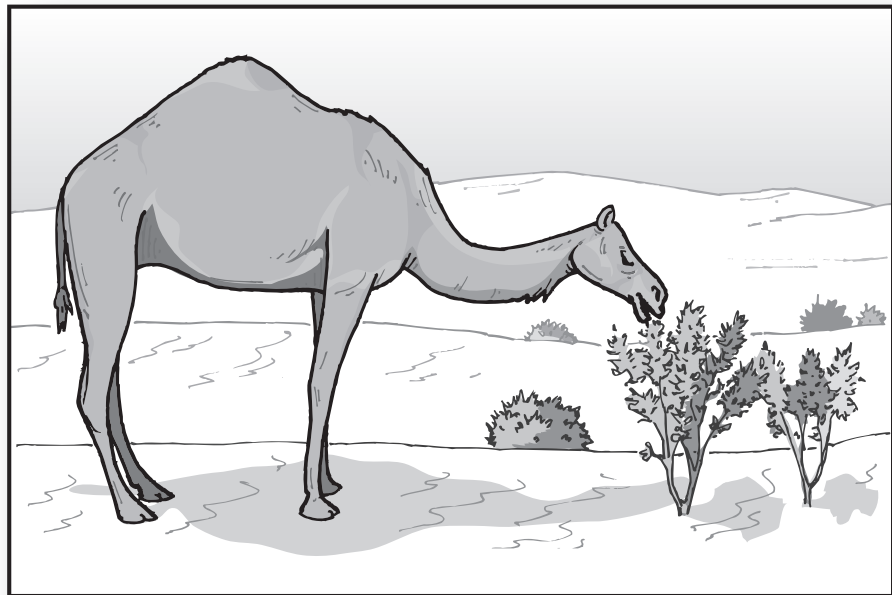
D

 express the importance of the student laptops to the reader.

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Describe what the new classrooms will provide to the schools.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.



Camels in the United Arab Emirates

For a very long time, camels played a critical role in the deserts of the UAE. They provided the people of the desert with a means of transportation, food, and materials. In the past, camels were part of a family. They would carry heavy loads for a family. The hide was often used to make bags and other tools.

Although camels are still important culturally, the role of the camel has changed as life in the UAE has changed. Camels are no longer a primary means of transportation. They are still used for food, though. Typically, a camel can produce several litres of milk per day. Like other types of milk, camel milk is a good source of protein and vitamins. In addition, it doesn't cause the problems that other types of milk can. It is easier to digest than milk from other animals.

Camels also provide a great form of entertainment. Camel racing is a very popular sport. There are fifteen camel racing tracks in the UAE. Most races are on Thursdays and Saturdays during the winter months. There are thousands of racing camels in the UAE today.

- 19 How are camels a great form of entertainment?
- A People enjoy camel racing.

B People like to drink camel milk.

C People have fun living with camels.

D People are amused by camels' behaviour.
- 20 How does camel milk differ from other types of milk?
- A It is difficult to find.

B It is easier to digest.

C It has protein and vitamins.

D It causes problems for some people.
- 21 What is one way that the role of camels has changed in the UAE?
- A They are no longer used for racing.

B They have less cultural importance.

C They are no longer used as a food source.

D They are less often used for transportation.
- 22 What does the phrase played a critical role mean in the first sentence of the text?
"For a very long time, camels played a critical role in the deserts of the UAE."
- A carried many supplies

B were common throughout the country

C served an important purpose

D were thought to be a nuisance
- 23 Compare the traditional role of camels in the UAE to their modern role.
Support your answer with one detail from the text.