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I. Reading

Text 1

Read the text below and answer the questions by circling a, b, c or d.

- paragraph 1 The Deira Clock Tower, sometimes called the Dubai Clock Tower, is a roundabout that is located in the heart of Dubai. It was built in 1962 to mark the discovery of oil in the region.
- paragraph 2 The Deira Clock Tower stands at the gateway of Maktoum Bridge, and was the first **permanent** structure to straddle Dubai Creek, providing a vital link between Bur Dubai and Deira. Maktoum Bridge was officially opened in 1963, enabling goods to move quickly from the customs wharf, or landing stage in Bur Dubai to the Deira dhow wharf, for transportation by traditional dhow to the Gulf States and India.
- paragraph 3 This clock tower is one of Dubai's oldest monuments and was built by Overseas AST. Company. However, during 1972, the monument started to crack and corrode because the local builder had used unwashed beach sand for the concrete. In addition, the steel reinforcements used to build the tower had corroded as concrete had not been used in the original construction. It was then restored in the same year. Experts said at the time that the structure of the famous monument was weak and needed **reconstruction** for strengthening purposes.
- paragraph 4 Unbelievably, the clock faces have only been replaced once in its significant history. All four clock faces were replaced with Omega models, incorporating GPS devices for accuracy. This also removes the need to manually change the hands on the clock.
- paragraph 5 No doubt, the tower itself has been one of the oldest witnesses to **change** in Dubai. Today, the clock tower is used as a landmark, directing visitors and residents around what has become one of the busiest areas in the emirate.

Questions:

- This text is mainly about the _____.
 - history of a monument
 - location of a bridge
 - corrosion of steel
 - discovery of oil

2. The opposite of the word **permanent** in paragraph 2 is _____.
 - a. fixed
 - b. concrete
 - c. timeless
 - d. temporary
3. In the early 1960's, efficient transportation between Bur Dubai and Deira was important to the development of _____ in the region.
 - a. tourism
 - b. trade
 - c. roads
 - d. monuments
4. According to the text, because _____ the Deira Clock Tower had to be repaired.
 - a. of its age
 - b. of its location
 - c. steel had been used
 - d. beach sand had been used
5. The root of the word **reconstruction** in paragraph 3 is _____.
 - a. construct
 - b. reconstruct
 - c. constructed
 - d. construction
6. The fact that the clock faces have been replaced once _____ the writer.
 - a. angers
 - b. alarms
 - c. surprises
 - d. amuses
7. The word **change** in paragraph 5 is a / an _____.
 - a. noun
 - b. verb
 - c. adverb
 - d. adjective

Complete the following table using information from the text.

Key facts about the Deira Clock Tower	
Also known as	- Dubai Clock Tower
Constructed in	8. _____
Constructed by	9. _____
Repaired in	10. _____

Text 2

Read the text below and answer the questions by circling a, b, c or d.

- paragraph 1 Many people face a dilemma when making a purchase, as they do not know if they should pay with cash or by credit card. Even though they are both popular means of payment, there are clear differences between them.
- paragraph 2 Paying with cash ensures that you have the money to cover the cost of the purchase. When you pay with cash you are using money that you **currently** have and you are not postponing the payment. Also, many people tend to spend less when paying with cash. This is because it is harder to waste money when handing over cash than it is when simply swiping a credit card. In addition, there is no interest charge associated when paying with cash.
- paragraph 3 However, money is bulky to carry around. In many countries it is also unsafe to carry too much cash as you will be an easy target for robbers. Lost cash, except in **rare** cases, is lost for good. This is not the case with credit cards. If a credit card is lost or stolen, the card holder can cancel its validity with the bank.
- paragraph 4 Credit cards also allow you to put off the payment of a purchase. Credit cards are therefore a more practical alternative if you are short on cash but need to make an urgent purchase. However, you must be aware that you will face serious consequences if you do not pay your monthly credit card bill on time.
- paragraph 5 On the other hand, cash might be used all over the globe, but in the form of different currencies. Changing your money into the currency of another country when you visit is always problematic. Credit cards, however, overcome this problem as the same cards are universally accepted.
- paragraph 6 When **purchasing** a product, it is therefore up to the consumer to choose the most appropriate type of payment, based on their own particular financial circumstances.

Questions:

11. The writer's main aim was to _____.
a. encourage people to use cash in all situations
b. raise awareness about two methods of payment
c. ensure that people spend money
d. overcome unnecessary delays
12. According to the text, people who pay with cash tend to _____.
a. spend less
b. waste money
c. lose interest
d. steal money
13. The word **currently** in paragraph 2 is a / an _____.
a. verb
b. noun
c. adverb
d. adjective

Writing

Sentence Writing

Write two simple and three complex / compound sentences about the picture below.



1. (Simple Sentence)

2. (Simple Sentence)

3. (Compound/Complex Sentence)

4. (Compound/Complex Sentence)

5. (Compound/Complex Sentence)

Essay Writing

Write an essay of *about 200 words* comparing **farm animals** to **household pets**.

The following points may be useful:

- Reasons for keeping them
- Types of animals
- Where they live
- Food

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