

- 38 What is the theme of these words from the poem?
*"And I become one with my father's father
And his father
And all the fathers who came before them."*
- A** isolation
B tradition
C exclusion
D organization
- 39 What is the repetition in this line meant to imitate?
"A voice rising in song, in praise, in thanks,"
- A** the divers
B the waves
C the fathers
D the drumbeats
- 40 Explain how the author uses the sense of touch in the text.
Support your answer with one detail from the text.

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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 **40 QUESTIONS** in total.
- **35** 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.
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- You are allowed **80 minutes** for this test.



Who is this parking space for?

- A** drivers of small cars only
- B** people parking for a short time
- C** police and emergency vehicles
- D** people with mobility problems

Which sense relates most to these two lines?
"Splash!
BaDum! BaDum! BaDum!"

- A** hearing
- B** smell
- C** touch
- D** sight

What do the words *that special place* in the last stanza refer back to at the beginning of the poem?

- A** *my drawer*
- B** *my family*
- C** *a wave*
- D** *the sea*

*"That which my grandfather once held in his tired, worn hands upon those waters,
The pearl I am now holding in my own, soft hands upon the shores of those waters,"*
The lines from the poem suggest a sense of

- A** sorrow about missed opportunities.
- B** connection to times past.
- C** formality in relationships.
- D** caution about the future.

Which word does *carried* modify?
"My grandfather's voice returns to me, carried on a wave,"

- A** me
- B** wave
- C** voice
- D** grandfather

The first and last stanzas both

- A** express sadness.
- B** mention family history.
- C** describe the sense of touch.
- D** refer to grandfather's stories.

Pearl Diving

I take my grandfather’s gift from my drawer.
I admire this gift of one perfect, pale pearl.
I feel the touch of warmth, smoothness, and
I contemplate the history of my family.

My grandfather’s voice returns to me, carried on a wave,
Telling the stories of the sea that surrounds us
And the divers seeking the reward.

Splash!

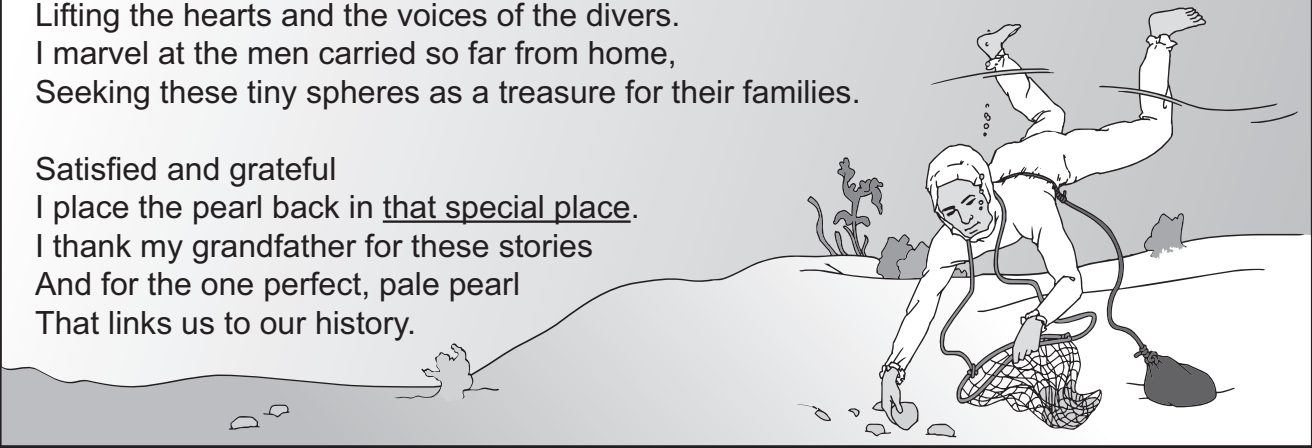
I close my eyes and tightly grasp
That which my grandfather once held in his tired, worn hands upon those waters,
The pearl I am now holding in my own, soft hands upon the shores of those waters,
And I become one with my father’s father
And his father
And all the fathers who came before them.

I imagine the drums slowly beating,

BaDum! BaDum! BaDum!

I hear the steady voice of the nahham joining the drumbeat,
A voice rising in song, in praise, in thanks,
Lifting the hearts and the voices of the divers.
I marvel at the men carried so far from home,
Seeking these tiny spheres as a treasure for their families.

Satisfied and grateful
I place the pearl back in that special place.
I thank my grandfather for these stories
And for the one perfect, pale pearl
That links us to our history.



32 The pearl is a symbol which connects the diver to

- A the sea.
- B the past.
- C future wealth.
- D a sense of rhythm.

School Clubs Schedule

Club	Day
Art	Monday
Karate	Tuesday
Ecology	Wednesday
Safari Trip	Thursday

Which school club meets on Thursday?

- A Art
- B Karate
- C Safari Trip
- D Ecology

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Football Coaching Clinic

Be sure to sign your son up for the upcoming Football Coaching Clinic in Sharjah next month. This event is sponsored by the Emirates Football Association (EFA) for beginning players. All Sharjah boys from 8–16 years are invited to register. Five specially trained coaches from Al Ain will spend two days teaching the techniques and theoretical aspects of football.



Space is limited, so don't let your son miss out on this opportunity to learn the elements of kicking, dribbling and passing. Judges from Dubai will award prizes to the best players. Distinguished guests from Abu Dhabi will attend the closing ceremony.

The next clinic will include captaincy skills.

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- 27 The purpose of this text is to
- A promote tourism.

B teach driving skills.

C encourage participation.

D describe the coral reefs.
- 28 What does the word they refer to in this sentence from the text?
"Coral reefs may look like rocks, but they are actually tiny living organisms called polyps."
- A coral reefs

B rocks

C living organisms

D polyps
- 29 In the last paragraph, how is the word awesome used?
- A formally

B colloquially

C figuratively

D technically
- 30 What skills will volunteers learn on this expedition?
- A diving and commercial fishing

B litter collection and conservation

C expedition organisation and participation

D sea creature identification and habitat health
- 31 Identify two advantages of volunteering on the *Conserve The Reefs Expedition*.
Support your answer with one detail from the text.

Conserve the Reefs Expedition

Are you ready for an exciting adventure as a conservation volunteer on the Musandam Peninsula of Oman? Then mark your calendar for 10–16 October and join the Conserve the Reefs Expedition. This is your chance to help protect the beautiful underwater world of the Oman coral reefs. Coral reefs may look like rocks, but they are actually tiny living organisms called polyps. These organisms are very fragile and die easily from litter, global warming, and commercial fishing.

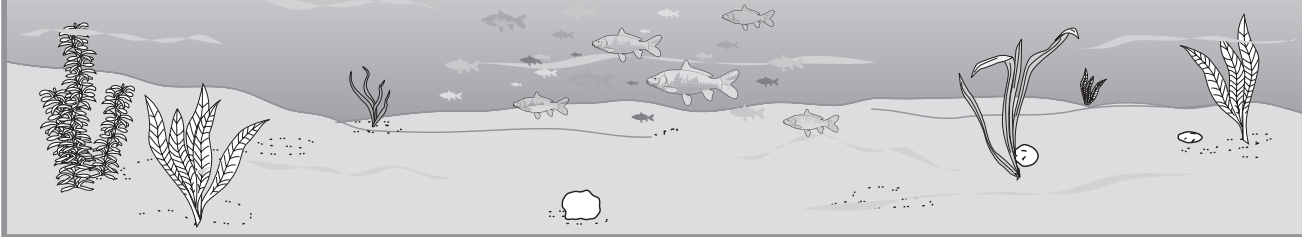


On this volunteer expedition, you will learn to identify the different creatures that live in this underwater world. Trainers will talk about safety, the equipment used, the goals of the research, and your participation. You will also be trained to check the health of the coral reefs. Participants must be qualified SCUBA divers.

A comfortable and modern dhow will be your home for six days. It includes a complete kitchen, toilet and showers, an air-conditioned living room, and electricity. You will share a cabin with another volunteer.

Expeditions are organized separately for girls and boys.

The point of departure is Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Don't miss this awesome adventure as you dive to protect the environment! **Sign up here.**



3 Who is the main audience for this news report?

- A guests
- B judges
- C coaches
- D parents

4 Where will the coaching clinic take place?

- A Dubai
- B Al Ain
- C Sharjah
- D Abu Dhabi

5 What activity is NOT included in this clinic?

- A captaincy
- B kicking
- C passing
- D dribbling

Cell phones are just about everywhere you can imagine. Do they really deliver all the tools promised by advertisers? We are asking people on the street today what they think about them.



SAIF

I love my cell phone! I got a free account for downloading music anywhere in the world. Now that I'm registered, I can download album art and the free ringtone of the week.



ALI

Cell phones are really fantastic, but sometimes my account for downloading music gets disconnected when logging in.



ABDULLAH

I've had problems with static and noise on my cell phone. Sometimes I cannot hear voices or music clearly.



HAMDAN

I'm lost without my cell phone! It carries my music, my photos, my videos, my contacts, and my email, all in the palm of my hand!



RASHID

Prices are higher per tune, depending on the credit card and account you use. It can become an expensive hobby.



NASSER

I'm debating whether to get one or not. For some of my friends it's very user-friendly, but others have difficulty using it.

6 What is Nasser's attitude about using cell phones?

- A favourable
- B negative
- C uncertain
- D excited

23 What is Jarir referring to when he uses the phrase *falcon 'passports'*?

- A visa
- B travel
- C examination
- D registration

24 How does Jarir generally describe the relationship between the falcons and their owners?

- A caring
- B reserved
- C dismissively
- D careless

25 "To top off the tour, I had lunch in a *khaima*, a traditional Arabic tent." In this context, what does the phrase *To top off* mean?

- A to cover all aspects
- B to make a good time even better
- C to remove any doubts that he had
- D to tie up unfinished business

26 Compare a falcon hospital to a hospital for people. Support your answer with one detail from the text.

Subject: Touring the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital

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Dear Rashid,

You will not believe what an exciting time I had touring the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital, where injured or sick falcons are treated. I was invited by my uncle, who works there. The three-hour tour started with a visit to the museum. I saw several displays of special tools and equipment used with falcons. This gave me a good idea of the traditional heritage of falconry. Then I saw how falcon 'passports' are made, that is, how the falcons are uniquely registered. Later, I saw the examination room where falcons get 'manicures and pedicures' or feather repair.

The part I loved most was the visit to the hospital garden where a falcon sat on my arm! I was so excited that I almost forgot to get pictures taken! I also watched several falcons flying freely in the large free-flight aviary.

To top off the tour, I had lunch in a khaima, a traditional Arabic tent. The food was abundant and delicious!

Can you imagine this? The Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital has already received more than 35,000 avian patients since 1999, when the doors first opened! I also found out that falcons are treated like another member of the family. They receive the same love and care as children. Falcons are fed a whole quail daily. There are also visiting hours for the falcons as they recover. During these visits, the falcons actually recognize their owners!

After this great experience, I have decided that I want to become an avian veterinary surgeon and later go back to the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital for training. It's an amazing opportunity to work with these majestic birds!

I will send more pictures soon.

Your friend,
Jarir



- 21 The phrase, 'manicures and pedicures', is within inverted commas in the text to
- A define a technical term.

B identify a literal meaning.

C indicate a special meaning.

D express the writer's opinion.
- 22 The main purpose of this e-mail is to
- A encourage people to work at the hospital.

B tell about one person's experiences.

C give instructions about how to care for falcons.

D advertise the Abu Dhabi falcon hospital.

- 7 Both Ali and Abdullah
- A have had their music accounts suspended.

B have had difficulties with their cell phone.

C have recently opened new credit card accounts.

D cannot hear voices clearly on their cell phone.
- 8 What does Hamdan mean in this sentence from the text?
"I'm lost without my cell phone!"
- A He cannot function without his cell phone.

B He needs his cell phone to give him directions.

C He carries his cell phone wherever he goes.

D He is annoyed when his cell phone disappears.
- 9 Which of these statements from the text is a fact?
- A I love my cell phone!

B Cell phones are really fantastic ...

C Prices are higher per tune ...

D I'm lost without my cell phone!
- 10 Hamdan uses the expression *all in the palm of my hand* when describing his cell phone. This means he thinks it is
- A useless.

B invisible.

C appealing.

D accessible.
- 11 Who would most likely agree that cell phones deliver all the tools promised by advertisers?
- A Rashid and Ali

B Nasser and Saif

C Abdullah and Ali

D Saif and Hamdan
- 12 Describe one way cell phones support your lifestyle. Compare your experience to one person's comments from the text.
- Support your answer with one detail from the text.

New Species in the Desert

The Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve (DDCR) has discovered six new species in the desert areas of the UAE. While conducting a regular survey of the inhabitants and plants in the reserve, six new species were discovered: two varieties of birds, one reptile, two insects and one plant. These new desert inhabitants are more commonly found in wetlands and hay fields. According to the DDCR, these new migrating species have located a ‘rest stop’ during their annual journey.

Description of Species

The Bluethroat bird is a small, brown songbird. The male can be easily identified by his blue throat with a red centre, while the female ‘wears a blue necklace’ around her white throat.

The Eastern Imperial Eagle is similar to the Golden Eagle, but it is smaller and not as powerful. It measures 80 centimetres in length and 200 centimetres from one wing tip to the other.

The Leaf-toed Gecko is active at night and prefers rocky habitats. For this reason, the Gecko can only be found in the United Arab Emirates in the rocky area of Qarn Nazwa.

The Black Pennant Dragonfly and the Mediterranean Pierrot are the two new insect species. The Dragonfly is very small, but with an unusually large head. The wings shine like silver and they are clear enough to see through. There is one distinguishing mark on the outer wing— it looks like the equal sign! The Pierrot is a small butterfly with shiny blue and lilac outer wings and it feeds on the Sidr tree.

The Gisekia Pharnaceoides plant is an annual species, and has only been found in the northern Emirates. The stems are reddish-violet and the leaves have tiny, pink dots.

It is hoped that more new species will be discovered in the DDCR, one of the greatest conservation areas in the region.

13 Which species feeds on the Sidr tree?

- A the Mediterranean Pierrot
- B the Eastern Imperial Eagle
- C the Leaf-toed Gecko
- D the Black Pennant Dragonfly

14 What information about the Eastern Imperial Eagle is found in the text?

- A It prefers rocky habitats.
- B It is similar to the Golden Eagle.
- C It is more powerful than the Bluethroat bird.
- D It has one distinguishing mark on the outer wing.

15 What phrase helps to describe the Gisekia Pharnaceoides plant?

- A shiny blue and lilac
- B shine like silver
- C tiny, pink dots
- D small, brown

16 Why is the phrase ‘rest stop’ within inverted commas in this sentence?
"According to the DDCR, these new migrating species have located a ‘rest stop’ during their annual voyage."

- A to define a literal meaning
- B to indicate a special meaning
- C to distinguish a technical term
- D to show the writer’s preference

17 What example of figurative language is used in this sentence from the text?
"The wings shine like silver."

- A simile
- B analogy
- C metaphor
- D personification

18 The main purpose of this text is to

- A discuss the desert areas of the UAE.
- B compare the new desert species.
- C describe the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve.
- D inform about new discoveries in the desert.

19 What does the phrase ‘wears a blue necklace’ mean in this sentence?
"...while the female ‘wears a blue necklace’ around her white throat."
The female bird

- A has a blue neck.
- B is attracted to the colour blue.
- C has a blue stripe around the throat.
- D is wearing a blue necklace.

20 Explain the importance of a desert conservation reserve.

Support your answer with one detail from the text.