

ER12

English Reading: Grade 12 Mock

90 Minutes

ADEC Examinations 2017

- **Required - Reading Exam Texts Booklet**

- **Read these instructions first:**
 1. Complete the box above
 2. Write in blue or black pen
 3. The paper consists of four sections
 4. Attempt every question and read each one carefully
 5. A non-attempt scores zero (0)

Text 1: 'Al Ain Palace Museum' [Reading Exam Texts]

Read the text and answer the questions below by circling A, B, C, or D, or write your answer in the space provided.

1. When was the palace museum opened to the public? [2]
A. 1937
B. 1998
C. 2001
D. the present

2. On which days can you visit the palace at 2pm? [2]
A. Monday and Friday
B. Tuesday and Thursday
C. Wednesday and Friday
D. Sunday and Monday

3. In the text, where is the best place to get a coffee at the museum? [2]

4. Look at the start of the text. [3]
'Celebrate the architecture of the past and enjoy the hospitality of the present.'
What does this tell you about Al Ain?
A. It is a welcoming city with strong cultural traditions.
B. You can stay the night in the palace rooms.
C. It is a city where you can eat, drink and relax.
D. You can stay cool in well-designed buildings.

5. What is the main purpose of the text? [3]
A. To retell events from the Sheikh Zayed's life.
B. To discuss the past and celebrate the future.
C. To persuade you to visit the palace museum.
D. To give instructions about how to find the museum.

Text 2: 'Reem's Gift' [Reading Exam Texts]

Read the text and answer the questions below by circling A, B, C, or D, or write your answer in the space provided.

6. Look at paragraph 2. [2]
What are the two activities Reem enjoys doing in the garden?
1. _____
2. _____

7. Look at paragraph 3. [2]
Why does Reem close her eyes?
A. because she likes painting with her eyes closed
B. because she feels relaxed under the shade of the tree
C. because it helps her to imagine pictures, sounds, and smells
D. because her mother wants to teach her to read
8. Look at paragraph 4. [2]
'...pictured the red sands...'
What part of speech is 'pictured'?
A. adjective
B. noun
C. verb
D. adverb
9. Look at paragraph 6. [2]
'...his heart brimming with pride...'
Which word could best replace 'pride' here?
A. modesty
B. pain
C. sadness
D. delight
10. Look at paragraph 1. [3]
'...Reem was lively, astute, and loved to learn.'
What does this tell you about Reem?
A. She is intelligent and enthusiastic.
B. She is foolish and uncaring.
C. She is impatient and unconcerned.
D. She is happy and affectionate.
11. How does Reem's father feel at the end of the story? [3]
A. Satisfied with his profession as a tailor.
B. Unhappy that Reem is painting pictures.
C. Fulfilled by Reem's achievements.
D. Worried about Reem's first day at school.
12. Look at paragraph 3. [3]
'...; the images were food...' is an example of which literary feature?
A. personification
B. a metaphor
C. a simile
D. alliteration

Text 3: 'Sheikh Salih Bin Kalut Al Rashidai Al Kathiri' [Reading Exam Texts]

Read the text and answer the questions below by circling A, B, C, or D, or write your answer in the space provided.

13. Look at paragraph 1. [2]
Why is Sheikh Salih famous?
A. He was friends with Wilfred Thesiger.
B. He walked across the Empty Quarter.
C. He seldom argued with others.
D. He walked from London to Vienna.
14. How many steps did it take for Sheikh Salih to complete his journey? [2]

15. Look at paragraph 3. [2]
'He inspired confidence...'
What part of speech is 'inspired'?
A. adjective
B. noun
C. verb
D. adverb
16. Look at 'Fact Checker'. [2]
'...most inhospitable places on earth.'
Which word could best replace 'inhospitable' here?
A. friendly
B. hostile
C. hospitable
D. offensive
17. Look at 'Fact Checker'. [3]
'Temperatures...climb above 50 degrees Celsius...and drop below zero degrees...'
What does this tell you about the Empty Quarter?
A. The range of temperatures in the desert is wide.
B. Sheikh Salih travelled in the coolest part of the day.
C. Sheikh Salih rested in the hottest part of the day.
D. The range of temperatures in the desert is small.

18. Look at the image in 'Fact Checker'.

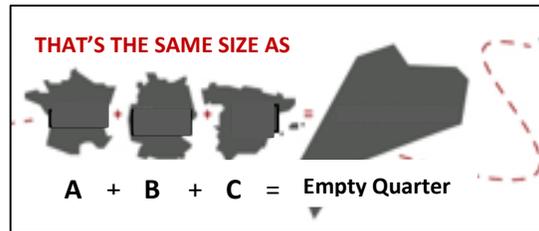
[3]

'That's the same size as

A + B + C = Empty Quarter'

Which countries are A + B + C?

- A. France, Belgium, Netherlands
- B. Doha, UAE, Oman
- C. London, Vienna, Austria
- D. The Arabian Peninsula



19. What type of text is this?

[3]

- A. a discussion about life in the past
- B. a recount of an expedition
- C. a review of a film
- D. information about an explorer

Text 4: 'How to Train a Falcon' [Reading Exam Texts]

Read the text and answer the questions below by circling A, B, C, or D, or write your answer in the space provided.

20. In the text, what should you do first before taking a falcon outside?

[2]

- A. Find the falcon.
- B. Keep the falcon fit.
- C. Get the falcon used to you.
- D. Tie a leash to the falcon's leg.

21. Look at step 2.

What can you offer a falcon to encourage it to return to your hand?

[2]

22. Look at the introduction.

[2]

Which of these words could best replace 'thrilling'?

- A. booming
- B. upsetting
- C. shocking
- D. exciting

23. Look at step 3. [2]
'...jump back onto your glove...'
What part of speech is 'onto'?
- A. preposition
 - B. verb
 - C. adverb
 - D. adjective
24. What do steps 3 and 4 have in common? [3]
- A. They inform you how to use a lure.
 - B. They advise you how to tie a leash to a glove.
 - C. They explain how a falcon keeps fit.
 - D. They describe how to throw a lure on the ground.
25. What type of text is this? [3]
- A. a book review
 - B. an adventure story
 - C. a discursive essay
 - D. a how to guide

Question/s	Maximum	Marker	Reviewer
1-5	12		
6-12	17		
13-19	17		
20-25	14		
TOTAL	60	60	60

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