



**ADEC Examination  
2016-2017**

**Read the following instruction first:**

1. Write your data inside the frame before you start answering the exam.
2. Use a blue pen.
3. The exam paper contains (6) pages and consists of (25) questions.
4. Read each question well and give only one answer.
5. The mark between [ ] refers to the question's mark.
6. All given diagrams are approximately drawn.
7. For MC questions, circle the symbol of the correct answer, and if you would like to change your answer later, cross the wrong answer and circle the new one.
8. For open-ended questions, write your answer on the lines or in the space provided.

**Text 1:** 'Explore Al Saadiyat Island' (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. Who designed Zayed National Museum? [2]
  - A. Foster + Partners
  - B. Guggenheim
  - C. A Pritzker Prize winner
  - D. Hawkspill
  
2. On which day can visitors visit Manarat Al Saadiyat at 8:00 pm? [2]
  - A. Sunday
  - B. Monday
  - C. Wednesday
  - D. Friday
  
3. In the text, where is the best place to organize and attend an event? [2]

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4. Look at 'Saadiyat Beach'. [3]

'Since 2010, some 650 eggs have hatched successfully on Al Saadiyat Beach.'

What does this tell you?

  - A. Al Saadiyat Beach is a safe habitat for Hawkspill turtles.
  - B. The Hawkspill turtles are increasing by eighty percent.
  - C. The Hawkspill turtles are leaving Al Saadiyat island.
  - D. Al Saadiyat Beach is a bad habitat for the Hawkspill turtles.
  
5. What is the main purpose of the text? [3]
  - A. To instruct
  - B. To persuade
  - C. To advise
  - D. To entertain

**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 1**. [2]  
Name two places Namira travelled to.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Look at paragraph 1. [2]  
'I made a resolution to touch the heights of the skies...'  
Which word could best replace resolution here?
- A. statement
  - B. speech
  - C. point
  - D. decision
8. Look at paragraph 3. [2]  
What was the main purpose of Namira's 2-day training?
- A. To help her discover life on Mars.
  - B. To help her get used to motion sickness and gravitation.
  - C. To improve her chances of getting a better job.
  - D. To allow her to have fun aboard a spacecraft.
9. Look at paragraph 3. [2]  
'...she had forgotten a promise'  
What part of speech is 'promise'?
- A. adjective
  - B. noun
  - C. verb
  - D. adverb
10. Look at paragraph 5. [3]  
'...it was a suborbital flight.'  
What does this mean?
- A. Breaking the earth's orbit, floating and returning back.
  - B. Orbiting the earth at an altitude of 360-degree.
  - C. Tourist journey into the outer space.
  - D. An imitation of a spaceflight process.

11. Look at paragraph 6. [3]
- ‘.....But that must have been a bumpy ride.’
- What did Namira think of Alan Shepard’s journey to space?
- A. It was exciting and fun.
  - B. It provided a lot of entertainment.
  - C. It was safe and comfortable.
  - D. It caused discomfort to the passenger.

12. How did Namira feel after completing the journey to space? [3]
- A. She felt exhausted.
  - B. She felt strange.
  - C. She felt proud.
  - D. She felt doubtful.

**Text 3:** ‘Roller Coasters’ (Reading Exam Texts)

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

13. The first roller coaster experience began with which type of ride? [2]
- A. looping
  - B. sled
  - C. train
  - D. cart

14. Which country first introduced a looping roller coaster? [2]
- \_\_\_\_\_

15. Look at 1885. [2]
- ‘Early roller coasters relied only on gravity,..’
- What does ‘relied’ mean?
- A. leaned
  - B. depended
  - C. dropped
  - D. decreased

16. Look at 1996. [2]
- ‘These launched coasters are the fastest of all roller coasters,...’
- What part of speech is ‘launched’?
- A. adjective
  - B. adverb
  - C. noun
  - D. verb

17. As the roller coaster developed, it allowed... [3]  
A. riders to have more fun and feel happy.  
B. riders to enjoy more loops and faster speeds.  
C. countries to build more expensive roller coasters.  
D. countries to build bigger roller coasters.

18. Look at 1700s and 1996. [3]  
What is true of early roller coasters and roller coasters today?  
A. They are not fast.  
B. They are not fun.  
C. They are dangerous.  
D. They are popular.

19. What is the main aim of the text? [3]  
A. to persuade  
B. to argue  
C. to inform  
D. to describe

**Text 4:** 'Is There a Future for Flying Cars?' (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.**

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20. When will the UAE start using flying cars? [2]  
A. winter of 2030  
B. summer of 2025  
C. winter of 2020  
D. summer of 2017

21. Look at Abdullah, paragraph 4. [2]  
What are **two** ways in which flying cars are helpful?  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Look at Manal, paragraph 1. [2]  
'...and less congested roads means that we will be reducing our carbon footprint'.  
What word can best replace 'congested'?  
A. grouped  
B. crowded  
C. emptied  
D. cleared

23. '...a substantial amount of money'.

[2]

What part of speech is 'substantial'?

- A. noun
- B. verb
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

24. Which of the following statements would Manal and Abdullah agree with?

[3]

- A. Modern cities should invest in sustainable transportation.
- B. Modern cities must reduce the stress of drivers.
- C. Flying cars are a waste of time and energy.
- D. Flying cars cost less money than regular cars.

25. What does this text provide?

[3]

- A. an analysis of transportation options in the UAE
- B. a summary of everyday driving problems in the UAE
- C. the advice of experts on traffic problems
- D. the opinions of experts on the use of new technology