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## **Part One – Vocabulary**

**Instructions: Choose the correct word from the options to complete each sentence. Each sentence has two**

***Word Bank:*** well, badly, quickly, slowly, quietly, loudly, carefully, happily, Club, painting, chess, computer, reading, golfing, Chinese

***Culture and traditions of the UAE:*** pearl, to dive, divers, sunrise, sunset, rope, tradition, museum, fishing, desert, jewellery, culture, building

1. After school, I usually join the \_\_\_\_\_ to play chess, and I work \_\_\_\_\_ to improve my skills.

- A) club / quickly
- B) painting / loudly
- C) computer / badly

2. My sister loves \_\_\_\_\_ because she enjoys mixing colors, and she does it very \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A) chess / loudly
- B) painting / carefully
- C) golfing / quietly

3. The divers went into the \_\_\_\_\_ early in the morning to find a rare \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) desert / building
- B) museum / culture
- C) sea / pearl

4. We visited a \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the UAE.

- A) museum / traditions
- B) club / reading
- C) computer / fishing

5. Ali enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ with his friends after school, and he does it \_\_\_\_\_ because it helps him relax.

- A) cooking / quickly
- B) reading / quietly
- C) golfing / loudly

6. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ worked together using a strong (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to help them return safely to the boats after collecting pearls.

(1) a) divers    b) drivers    c) teachers

(2) a) rope    b) belt    c) stick

7. At (3) \_\_\_\_\_, fishermen started their work, and when the sky turned orange at (4) \_\_\_\_\_, they went back home to rest.

(3) a) sunrise    b) lunchtime    c) night

(4) a) sunset    b) winter    c) morning

8. The UAE' s (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is full of stories, music, and art that show old (6) \_\_\_\_\_ passed from one generation to another.

(5) a) culture    b) holiday    c) city

(6) a) traditions    b) games    c) books

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## **Part Two – Grammar - Past Simple Tense | Adverbial Linkers | Prepositions of Time and Place**

**Instructions:** Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) to complete each sentence.

Last weekend, my class \_\_\_\_\_ (1) to the Heritage Village in Abu Dhabi. It was our first school trip of the year, and everyone was very excited. We met \_\_\_\_\_ (2) 9 o' clock in front of the school gate, and the bus left soon after. The trip took about one hour, but it felt short because we sang songs and talked all the way.

When we arrived \_\_\_\_\_ (3) the village, our guide welcomed us and showed us traditional Emirati houses. The buildings were made of palm leaves and clay. \_\_\_\_\_ (4), we saw people making pottery and weaving baskets by hand. It was fascinating to see how life used to be before modern technology.

We had lunch \_\_\_\_\_ (5) the large tent near the beach. The teachers brought delicious food for everyone. After lunch, some students bought souvenirs, and others took photos of the sea. \_\_\_\_\_ (6), we visited the museum to learn more about pearl diving and desert life.

We returned home tired but happy. It \_\_\_\_\_ (7) a great day because we learned so much about the culture and traditions of the UAE.

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| (1) A) go      | B) went       | C) goes     |
| (2) A) at      | B) on         | C) in       |
| (3) A) on      | B) in         | C) at       |
| (4) A) However | B) Afterwards | C) Although |
| (5) A) on      | B) in         | C) under    |
| (6) A) Finally | B) Because    | C) So       |
| (7) A) was     | B) is         | C) were     |

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## **Part Three – Reading**

**Read the text and answer the questions.**

The UAE is famous for its modern buildings and creative designs, but many of these structures are also connected to nature. Architects in the country often think about how

people can live comfortably, even in hot weather. For example, some new buildings are designed to let the wind move freely through open spaces, helping to keep the air cool without using too much electricity.

In traditional Emirati houses, wind towers were used to bring fresh air into rooms. These towers collected the wind and sent it down into the house. Today, some new buildings use the same idea but with modern technology, such as sliding doors and sliding windows that open to let the breeze in.

Modern structures like the Burj Khalifa or the Museum of the Future also try to connect people with their surroundings. The Museum of the Future, for example, uses a special shape that represents the Earth, the sky, and the unknown. Its design invites visitors to imagine what life might be like in the future.

The UAE is also a place where people are always moving — by car, boat, or even by plane. The country's busy cities are full of people who want to travel and explore new places. Yet, many architects are finding ways to make spaces calm and peaceful, using gardens, water, and light. They want buildings that make people feel at home, even when life moves as fast as a wheel.

1. What is one way Emirati architects make buildings comfortable in hot weather?

- A. By using heavy walls to block the sun
- B. By allowing wind to move through open spaces
- C. By painting buildings bright colors

2. What were traditional wind towers used for?

- A. To store food
- B. To bring fresh air into houses
- C. To collect rainwater

3. What do sliding doors and sliding windows help with in modern buildings?

- A. Keeping insects out
- B. Letting in the breeze
- C. Blocking sunlight completely

4. What does the Museum of the Future's design represent?

- A. The desert and the sea
  - B. The Earth, the sky, and the unknown
  - C. The past, the present, and the future
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5. The word connect in paragraph 3 most likely means:
- A. To join or link things together
  - B. To cut things apart
  - C. To make something look beautiful
6. The phrase “life moves as fast as a wheel” suggests that:
- A. Life in the UAE is calm and slow
  - B. People in the UAE are always active and busy
  - C. Wheels are used in every building
7. What can we infer about modern UAE architecture from the text?
- A. It ignores traditional designs
  - B. It combines modern technology with traditional ideas
  - C. It focuses only on tall buildings
8. What is the main idea of the passage?
- A. The UAE only builds tall skyscrapers
  - B. The UAE’ s buildings are both modern and inspired by nature and tradition
  - C. The UAE’ s buildings are made only for tourists
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## **Part Four – Reading**

Read the text and answer questions 1-7 below by circling the best answer – A, B, or C.

The culture of the UAE is a mix of **traditional** values and **modern** life. Although the country has developed quickly, Emiratis still keep many customs that show **respect** for others and love for their community.

In the past, **education** took place in small schools called *kuttab*. A teacher, often an **elderly** man, taught children how to read and write. He also helped them learn poems and stories about famous heroes and **leaders**. Today, schools are modern and have technology, but students are still taught to value their culture and to feel **comfortable** with who they are. Emiratis enjoy many traditional celebrations. At a **wedding**, guests wear elegant clothes, listen to drums, and **chant** poems that express joy and **happiness** for the new couple. During a **festival**, people gather to dance, share food, and listen to a **poet** recite beautiful lines about family and love.

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Even though life has changed, the UAE continues to honor its past. The mix of old and new traditions shows that the country's heart remains the same — one of pride, kindness, and respect for all.

1. What does the passage mainly describe?

- A. The food and fashion of the UAE
- B. The culture and traditions of the UAE in old and modern times
- C. How technology has replaced traditional customs

2. In the past, what was the main goal of education in the UAE?

- A. To teach children how to use computers
- B. To teach children about heroes and values
- C. To teach students only foreign languages

3. The word **elderly** in paragraph 2 most likely means:

- A. Very young
- B. Old and experienced
- C. Busy and modern

4. What usually happens at a **wedding** in the UAE?

- A. Guests wear casual clothes and stay silent
- B. Guests dance, chant, and celebrate with happiness
- C. Only the bride and groom attend

5. The word **chant** most nearly means:

- A. To sing or say words in a rhythm
- B. To write something quickly
- C. To dance slowly

6. How are modern schools in the UAE similar to old *kuttab* schools?

- A. They both teach respect and cultural values
- B. They are both very small buildings
- C. They only teach poetry

7. What can we infer about Emirati people from the text?

- A. They do not care about their traditions anymore

B. They believe traditions should disappear in the future

C. They try to balance modern life with their traditional culture

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