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Writing samples

1.1 Read the text. Write your opinion about studying abroad.

Write at least 3–4 sentences.

Many students dream about studying abroad to explore new cultures and gain international experience. We talked to Omar from Ras Al Khaimah, who is studying in Canada. “It’s my first time living away from my family,” he says. “At first, it’s hard to manage everything alone, but you learn fast. You meet people from many countries, and that helps you understand the world better.”

Omar believes studying abroad makes students more independent and confident. “You have to cook, clean, and plan your day. No one reminds you what to do,” he explains. “When you speak English every day, you get better without even noticing.”

Sometimes Omar misses his home, but he doesn’t regret his decision. “I’m learning about myself and other people,” he smiles. “It’s the best decision I’ve ever made.”

Task Completion	Language Use	Organization	Total
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1.2 Read the text again. Now write a text in which you write about:

- where you would like to study abroad and why
- what challenges you might face living in another country
- what benefits studying abroad could bring to your future

Write at least 110 words.

Task Completion	Structure	Grammar	Vocabulary	Spelling and Punctuation	Total
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1.1 Read the text. Write your opinion about talking in class.

Write at least 3–4 sentences.

Many teachers tell students not to talk during lessons, but some believe that talking in class can help students learn better. We spoke to Leila, a Grade 9 student from Sharjah. She says, “I like when our teacher lets us share ideas. When I talk with my classmates, I understand more because we explain things to each other.”

Leila thinks talking in class helps students feel more confident. “If I speak about a topic, I remember it longer,” she explains. However, she also admits that it can be difficult to focus when everyone talks at once. “Sometimes it gets noisy, and no one listens,” she laughs.

Her teacher agrees that group discussions are useful, but only when students respect the rules. “Talking is good,” he says, “but listening is just as important.”

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1.2 Read the text again. Now write a text in which you write about:

- when you like to talk in class
- why it can be helpful or distracting
- what students should do to talk respectfully in lessons

Write at least 110 words.

Task Completion	Structure	Grammar	Vocabulary	Spelling and Punctuation	Total
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1.1 Read the text. Write your opinion about life in the past in the UAE.

Write at least 3–4 sentences.

Life in the UAE was very different in the past. People lived in small villages near the desert or the sea. Most families worked as farmers, fishermen, or pearl divers. There were no big shopping malls or cars. People traveled on camels or wooden boats called dhows. They lived in simple houses made from palm leaves or clay.

Fatma, a 75-year-old grandmother from Ras Al Khaimah, remembers those days. “We didn’t have electricity or running water,” she says. “But people helped each other, and we were happy.” Families often met in the evenings to share stories, drink Arabic coffee, and sit under the stars.

Today, the UAE has changed a lot, but many people still feel proud of their history. “The past teaches us to be thankful,” says Fatma. “We worked hard, and that made us strong.”

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1.2 Read the text again. Now write a text in which you write about:

- what life was like for Emirati families in the past
- how life today is different
- why it's important to remember the old traditions

Write at least 110 words.

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1.1 Read the text. Write your opinion about life in the future.

Write at least 3–4 sentences.

People around the world often wonder what life will be like in the future. Some believe cities will become smarter and cleaner. There will be self-driving cars, flying taxis, and robots that help people at home. Others think technology might make life too fast and stressful.

Mariam, a student from Abu Dhabi, says, “In the future, I imagine living in a green city powered by solar energy. Robots will do the hard work, and people will have more time for family.” Her grandfather disagrees. “Machines can never replace real human contact,” he says. “We must be careful not to forget kindness.”

Although nobody knows exactly what will happen, most people agree that science and creativity will continue to change our lives in amazing ways.

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1.2 Read the text again. Now write a text in which you write about:

- what kind of technology you think will exist in the future
- how daily life will be different from today
- what you hope life in the UAE will be like in 2050

Write at least 110 words.

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