

Alrams Boys' School Cycle (2)

Grade 8- Access

Term 3

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End of Term sample

Dear Ahmad,

How are you doing? You (1) _____ me about my trip last week so let me tell you about it. I (2) _____ with my family to Jais Mountain in Ras Al Khaimah. It was a long trip. It took us 2 hours to reach the mountain and another 20 minutes to reach the top. Jais Mountain is (3) _____ highest mountain in the UAE. The weather was getting colder as we were going up. Finally, we reached the top! It was dry (4) _____ cloudy. We (5) _____ Ras Al Khaimah city from up there. Everything looked very small from where I was standing. It was amazing! We had lunch then (6) _____ some tea. Then it (7) _____ to rain, (8) _____ only for (9) _____ short time. At 6 p.m. we decided to go home (10) _____ have our dinner. It was getting cold and dark.

I can't wait to tell you about my next trip!

See you soon,

Abdullah

1- ask	asked	asking
2- went	go	gone
3- in	a	the
4- and	or	so
5- see	saw	seen
6- drink	drinking	drank
7- start	started	starting
8- because	or	but
9- a	the	an
10- because	and	so

The Janadriyah Festival

The Janadriyah National Festival 1-----in 1985. It is in Saudi Arabia.

It is a 2-----festival. This means it celebrates the 3----- of Saudi Arabia.

The festival 4-----two weeks. It usually starts 5----- February or March.

The festival starts with a huge camel race. There 6----- also horse races,

falconry and traditional poetry readings. A large book 7----- is part of the

festival. There is 8---- an enormous market at the festival. You can 9-----

jewellery and traditional 10----- at the market.

1- Start

started

starting

2- Unusual

dangerous

cultural

3- Traditions

houses

cars

4- Lasting

lasted

last

5- In

on

at

6- Am

is

are

7- Page

fair

crafts

8- Also

to

so

9- Buy

bought

buying

10-crafts

people

houses

Zayed's Travels

My name is Zayed. Many people call me an explorer because I love to 1.

_____ and I enjoy 2. _____ new places. To prepare me for my upcoming journeys, I always 3. _____ books about the places I want to visit.

Last year, during the holidays, I travelled to three countries. 4. _____ I 5.

_____ to Spain to visit my friends who were studying there. We 6. _____

some local museums and took a bus around the city to see the historical

monuments. We even learned some Spanish. 7. _____ we went to Egypt, to

visit historical cities, like Cairo to see the ancient pyramids. 8. _____, we went

to Oman. Here we went sea fishing and swam with dolphins. This was my

favourite place.

When I am travelling, I enjoy 9. _____ photographs to remind me of the

beautiful things I have seen. I also like 10. _____ to new people. This is how I

learn about other cultures, languages and traditions. I am really excited for my

next travelling adventure.

1.	A	travel	B	travelling	C	travelled
2.	A	discover	B	discovering	C	discovered
3.	A	to read	B	reading	C	read
4.	A	First	B	Next	C	Finally
5.	A	go	B	went	C	was going
6.	A	visit	B	visited	C	visiting
7.	A	Next	B	First	C	Finally
8.	A	First	B	Finally	C	Next
9.	A	taken	B	took	C	taking
10.	A	speaking	B	speak	C	spoke

The Unsinkable Ship

In April 1912, the *Titanic*, 1. _____ sail from the coast of Southampton, Great Britain on its maiden voyage to New York. At that time, it was the most expensive passenger liner ever built. On the morning of its departure, the newspapers

2. _____ the *Titanic* as '*the largest and most luxurious passenger liner of its time*'. The designers 3. _____ built the ship believed it was unsinkable. They built the ship without 4. _____ enough lifeboats for all passengers on board.

The ship was 5. _____ across the Atlantic Ocean at high speed when it 6. _____ an iceberg. Another ship, called *Carpathia* was 7. _____ nearby when it received a telegram 8. _____ read: "*We need immediate help!*". By the time *Carpathia* reached *Titanic*, the ship was gone.

The following day, the newspapers 9. _____ that 1,500 passengers had died and 700 had survived. Today ships are much safer because of what has 10. _____ learned from this great disaster.

1.	A	setted	B	setting	C	set
2.	A	describe	B	describes	C	described
3.	A	which	B	who	C	whose
4.	A	included	B	to include	C	including
5.	A	sailing	B	sailed	C	sail
6.	A	strike	B	striking	C	struck
7.	A	travelling	B	travel	C	travelled
8.	A	who	B	which	C	where
9.	A	reported	B	reporting	C	reports
10.	A	be	B	been	C	to

Mary Kingsley

Mary Kingsley is a famous scientific writer and explorer. She was from London, England. She was born there in 1862. She was the daughter of George Kingsley and Mary Bailey. Her father was a doctor.

Mary's first journey was to the Canary Islands. In 1895, she arrived on the west coast of Africa. Her plan was to travel up the Ogoouè River in Gabon. She wanted to study the way people lived in that part of the world. On 5th June, she left the port of Glass and travelled by boat to Ndjolè. When she was traveling she changed to a canoe because the boats couldn't travel further up the river. As she was going up the river, she stopped to collect fish. She collected 65 different types of fish. Three of them were named after her. In 1897, Mary wrote a book about her travels. It is called Travels in Africa. Mary was also a nurse. She helped ill people in South Africa but she got ill herself. Sadly, she died in 1900 in Cape Town at a very young age. She will always be remembered because she did things that no other woman her age had ever done before.

1- Why did Mary Kingsley travel to Africa?

- a-She wanted to live there.
- b-She wanted to collect fish
- c-She wanted to study the life of people there.

2- Why did she change the boat into a canoe?

- Because the canoe was bigger than the boat.
- Because the river was not big enough for the boat.
- Because she didn't like the boat.

3- Mary Kingsley is a famous -----○

a- doctor○

b- explorer , scientist and a nurse○

c- explorer only

4- Where did she die?

a- In South Africa

b- In England

c- In Gabon

5- Why did people still remember her?

a-Because her father is a doctor

b- Because she collected some fish

c-Because she did amazing things to people

6- What happened in 1895?

a- Mary Kingsley was born.

b- Mary Kingsley started her first journey.

c- Mary Kingsley died.

7- What is true about Mary Kingsley?

a- She is American.

b-She wrote a book.

c- She doesn't like exploring new places.

Hey Ahmad,

I am happy you are coming to visit us in Dubai next weekend because there are many festivals happening. There will be a food festival and a film festival but, how about we go to the art festival? It is on Friday afternoon. They are going to have artists teaching painting and drawing, however I am going just to see the art. On Friday evening, my father will take us to dinner. I know you enjoy eating food from different countries like China and India. There is a new Japanese restaurant near my home. Why don't we eat there? On Saturday, we are going to Fujairah. We will go on a boat. However, we won't be going swimming. It is too cold. We are going to go fishing! After fishing, we are going to a traditional market. You should bring some money. They will have traditional food, arts, and crafts. Maybe you can buy your mom some traditional jewellery!

Your friend,

Saif

1. Which festival does Saif suggest they go to?

- A a food festival
- B a film festival
- C an art festival

2. Why does Saif want to go to the festival?

- A just to see the art
- B because it is on Friday
- C to learn painting and drawing

3. Where does Saif suggest they go Friday evening?

- A to an art festival
- B to China and India
- C a Japanese restaurant

4. Why will the boys go to Fujairah?

- A to go swimming
- B because it is cold
- C to go fishing

5. Why did Saif write this email to Ahmad?

- A He wants to thank him for coming to visit him last weekend.
- B He wants to tell Ahmad what they will do when he visits.
- C He wants to be sure Ahmad buys his mom some traditional jewellery.

Space Explorations

The space age began in the 1940s when the first rockets went to space. In 1961, the first man went into space. They experienced zero gravity.

In 1966, the first spacecraft landed on the moon. It took photographs. Then, in 1969, the first man landed and walked on the moon.

Since then, spacecraft have gone to Mars. This is the closest planet to Earth. We now know more about Mars than ever before.

In 1986, the age of space stations began. Astronauts can live in space stations for a long time. There are astronauts living in space stations above our heads right now!

The International Space Station (ISS) is the biggest. It cost \$100 billion to build. It costs \$82 million for each astronaut to get to the ISS and back to Earth again.

Complete with words from the text:

- 1- When people went into space, they experienced -----
- 2- The first spacecraft landed on the moon and took-----
- 3-----is the closest planet to Earth.
- 4- ISS stands for -----
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Ibn Jubayr

Ibn Jubayr left Granada in Spain in February 1183. He first travelled to Morocco then he took a boat all the way to Egypt. He travelled to Cairo and took a boat along the river Nile. After that, he travelled by camel to the coast and sailed across the Red Sea. He arrived in Jeddah. Finally, from Jeddah, he travelled by camel and finally arrived in Mecca on 2nd August.

1- He crossed the -----to Jeddah.

- a- Black Sea
- b- Red Sea
- c- Mediterranean Sea

2- Which countries did he visit? 3 answers

- a- Iraq
- b- Syria
- c- Jordan
- d- Egypt

3- How did Ibn Jubayr travel from Jeddah to Mecca?

- a- by boat
- b- by train
- c- by camel

4- When did he arrived in Mecca?

- a- 2nd August
- b- 3rd August
- c- in 1183

ocean - sank - belongings- iceberg- wreck- disaster –

passengers - launched - found- explore - biggest

The Titanic was -----in 1912. It was the biggest ship in the -----

It ----- on its first trip after it hit an -----in April 1912. It was a

terrible ----- . More than 1500 ----- died. The wreck of the

Titanic was ----- in 1985. In 1986, three people went to the bottom of

the Atlantic Ocean to ----- the wreck. They used a robot with cameras

to take pictures of the ship. Many more people have also explored the -----

since then. They found objects like jewellery, a whistle, silver, letters and other

personal ----- . People often ask what we should do with these things.

Should they stay at the bottom of the ocean or should we show them to the

world in museums?

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Match the dates with the events:

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| • The first spacecraft landed on the moon. | 1986 |
| • The first man walked on the moon. | 1940s |
| • The age of space stations began. | 1961 |