



Directions: In this part of the test, you will read two passages then answer questions based on each. Read the following, and then answer the questions.

1. The sport of falconry was introduced to Qatar through Bedouin tribes who used the birds as one of the tools for hunting preys. **They** discovered that it was much easier to allow the falcons to take down birds migrating across the Arabian Peninsula than it was to shoot them down themselves. This Bedouin method of falconry set the basis for the modern version of the sport practiced in Qatar.

2. Although, over the centuries, falconry has virtually **vanished** from the European continent, the sport lives on in the Middle East. In Qatar, you can still purchase falcons in downtown Doha at falcon souqs or through private dealers. The best falcons can cost thousands of dollars. They may even have their own Qatari passports to ensure they are not stolen. This also guarantees that the falcons cannot be taken out of the country without the owner's permission.

3. Once you have purchased, caught or trained your falcon, you proceed to enter a very competitive sport. Many Qataris spend much money on their falconry equipment, which can include radio monitors, 4x4 trucks, communication devices, and other high priced items. The reason for the high-tech equipment is to allow the hunters to arrive at the right time, so they may separate the animals and kill the prey according to the Islamic way.

4. But if you are considering participating in this ancient sport, remember that training birds takes a large amount of time, especially the ones that are caught in the wild. You also need to remember that keeping the bird on one's arm for several hours a day is certainly very painful.

5. The most popular prey is the Houbara, a large fast bird, which lives throughout the Middle East. That being said, the bird has been hunted to the point of being endangered in Qatar. So falconers must constantly travel the globe to search for new hunting grounds. It is said that the best hunting grounds are found in the Iraqi desert.

1. What is the MAIN IDEA of the text?

- A. The sport of falconry preys
- B. The life of falcons
- C. The habitat of falcons
- D. The falconry enemies

2. What does the underlined pronoun "they" in paragraph (1) refer to?

- A. birds
- B. preys
- C. tribes
- D. tools

3. Which of the following is TRUE about falconry equipment?

- A. It is risky.
- B. It is illegal.
- C. It is unusual.
- D. It is expensive.

4. Based on the text, why are falcons issued Qatari passports? Mention TWO reasons from the text.

Reason 1:	
Reason 2:	

5. According to the writer, why is training birds for falconry a hard job? Mention TWO reasons from the text.

Reason 1:	
Reason 2:	

Read the following paragraph, and then answer questions

New Zealand, a country in the south-west of the Pacific Ocean, is a long way from any other country and consists of two large islands. The closest country to the west, Australia, is about 2,000 kilometres away. The native people of New Zealand, who were living there before the Europeans arrived, are called Maoris. **They** arrived in New Zealand from Polynesia over 1 000 years before the Europeans. Otherwise, the inhabitants are called New Zealanders, or sometimes 'kiwis'. This is because the national symbol of the country is a large bird called the kiwi. New Zealand is not a crowded country. Its population is only just over 4 million, while Britain, for example, which is about the same size, has a population of over 60 million. An interesting historical fact is that in 1893 it became the first country in the world to give women the right to vote. **What's more**, the islands have an excellent climate for all sorts of outdoor activities, and many people go there to try 'extreme sports' such as bungee jumping. Moreover, many people think that New Zealand's famous national rugby team, the 'All Blacks', is the best in the world. The team gets its name from the fact that it plays in black shirts, shorts and socks.

1. What is the purpose of this text?

- A. to describe a famous bird in New Zealand
- B. to list some popular sports in New Zealand
- C. to inform the reader about the country of New Zealand
- D. to tell the reader about outdoor activities in New Zealand

2. Read the following.

They arrived in New Zealand from Polynesia over 1000 years before the Europeans.

What does the underlined pronoun refer to?

- A. the inhabitants of Australia
- B. the native people of New Zealand
- C. the first people who came from Europe
- D. the inhabitants of the capital of New Zealand

3. How big is New Zealand?

- A. It is smaller than Britain.
- B. It is bigger than Australia.
- C. It is nearly as big as Britain.
- D. It is the same size as Australia.

4. Read the following.

What's more, the islands have an excellent climate for all sorts of outdoor activities.

What is the function of the underlined phrase in the above sentence?

- A. to add an extra detail
- B. to introduce the main topic
- C. to sum up the writer's ideas
- D. to show contrast in the writer's ideas

5. Why is the national rugby team of New Zealand called the 'All Blacks'?

6. How is New Zealand a pioneer in promoting women's rights?

Reading / Part 2: Vocabulary

1. Read the following.

They made ain the company to decrease the number of workers

Which word BEST completes the above sentence?

- A. race
- B. game
- C. job cut
- D. installation

2. Read the following.

The money you get by the end of the month is a

Which word BEST completes the above sentence?

- A. gift
- B. wage
- C. reward
- D. salary

3. A period of time of 10 years is called

- A. century
- B. decade
- C. generation
- D. era

4. Read the following.

I always.....my work on time

Which of the following fills in the gap ?

- A. finish
- B. finishes
- C. is finishing
- D. has finished

5. Read the following:

Sara and Fatma to school everyday.

Which of the following fills in the gap?

- A. go
- B. goes
- C. going
- D. went

6. Read the following.

Players..... any goals yet.

Which of the following fills in the gap?

- A. don't score
- B. didn't score
- C. hasn't scored
- D. haven't scored

7. Read the following.

Jassim has lived in Doha ten years.

Which of the following fills in the gap?

- A. since
- B. for
- C. when
- D. until

8. Read the following.

I (do) the homework at the moment.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

9. Read the following.

My father (watch) the match now.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

10. Read the following.

Look, a boy (climb) the tree.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

11. Read the following.

We usually (go) to Sealine in winter.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

12. Read the following.

Mohamed always (study) at night.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

13. Read the following.

Water (not boil) at 50 degree.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

14. Read the following.

Water (freeze) -4 degree.

Correct the verb in brackets

Answer:

15. Read the following.

The rabbit is an animal that (feed) on grass.

Correct the verb in brackets

Writing / Part 2: Prompt

Directions:

In this section, you will respond to ONE writing prompt.

Choose only ONE topic:

Topic A

You have recently been to Al shamal. You enjoyed the view of everything there Write an article describe the place and weather.

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OR

Topic B

Write an announcement about a **sport event** which will take place in Lusail, next Friday. Your announcement should include the facilities and rewards of the race.

