



مدرسة المنارة الخاصة - الشامخة

AL-MANARA PRIVATE SCHOOL - SHAMKHA

# Reading Exam

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 2019/2020**

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Choose the correct heading (A-F) for each paragraph. There is one extra heading that you do not need

### A Graduation Speech

1.

Saeed has been asked to give a public speech at a very special event – his brother’s graduation. He has watched famous speeches from the past and read a lot of books about how to give a speech. His favourite film is, ‘The UAE’s Speech’ and he has wanted to give speeches since he was little.

2.

However, Saeed has given a few public speeches before. The first time Saeed spoke publicly was two years ago during a school project. He and his classmates did a project on their summer holidays and Saeed was the presenter. Since then, he has made several important announcements in class meetings and in front of his school.

3.

When trying to think of what the topic of the speech would be, Saeed spoke to different members of the family. He chose to write about how hard his brother has worked to finish University and that he and his family are proud of him. He also spoke to his brother to see what he would like to have in the speech.



4.

After writing his speech, Saeed realised that his speech was too long, and he needed to include more information about his brother. He thought it might be a little boring, so he added a few jokes. He decided to write the speech again to make sure it was perfect!

5.

Saeed hopes he enjoys the event. He can now remember all the words but sometimes he forgets to smile. He gets serious when he tries to get something perfect, especially as he is feeling a little nervous about going on stage.

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### 1. A Childhood Dream

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### 2. Speeches in The Past

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### 3. What the Speech Will Be About

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#### 4. Problems with The Speech

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#### 5. Nervous About the Big Day

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When Salim visited Indonesia, he decided to walk to the top of a volcano with a group of tourists. They left their hotel at midnight so it wouldn't be too hot outside. They reached the top of the mountain as the sun was rising, it was quiet and relaxing. After a short while, they all decided to go back down. Thirty minutes into the walk, Salim sat down to have a rest. When he got up, he realized everyone had gone. He hoped he could follow them down the mountain, so he began walking down alone. However, after walking for two hours, he realised he had gone the wrong way and he needed to walk back to the top. This was difficult because he could not see where he had come from. He was lost. Instead of panicking, Salim tried to use his phone to call for help, but there was no service.

Salim spent the rest of that day trying to find a way out, but it was impossible because he was in the middle of thick rainforest on the side of the volcano. That night, he sat down and looked in his bag. He had some water and a first aid kit, but he had to ration his water because he didn't know how long he would be there for. He also wished he had brought a compass with him so he would know where he was going. Salim looked for a way out for three days and on the fourth day, he met some farmers in the rainforest. They did not expect to see anyone there. They talked to Salim and walked him to the nearest village. Salim was so happy to finally get some help.



**Salim started the walk with the group at midnight \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. to watch the sunrise
- b. to make sure they completed the walk
- c. so the weather would be nice and cool



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Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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**Salim got separated from the group because**

\_\_\_\_\_.

a. he took a break

b. he left two hours after them

c. they didn't reach the top of the mountain



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Correct

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- c. they didn't reach the top of the mountain



Salim realised he should have brought a \_\_\_\_\_.

a. first-aid kit

b. water bottle

c. compass



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a. first-aid kit

b. water bottle

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**The farmers \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. were looking for Salim



b. took Salim to a nearby village



c. were happy to see Salim





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Correct

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**Which of the following is the best title for the text?**

- a. Stuck on a Volcano
- b. Hiking with Friends
- c. A Fun Trip to Indonesia



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## Omar and His Friends go to Spain

Last summer, I went to Spain and it was a really bad holiday! My friends and I had problems from the start. The airport was very busy, so we almost missed our flight. On the plane, the flight attendants helped everyone to find their seats and served us our lunch. The flight was only 3 hours long and it went by very quickly.

When we arrived, we took a taxi to our hotel which took around 20 minutes. We were quite tired and wanted to rest then later have something to eat. We checked in to our hotel and went up to our rooms. I was surprised to see that the rooms were small, and they had no view. I called the manager to ask if we could change rooms,

but he didn't answer any of my questions and was quite rude!

After resting for a few hours, my friends and I went down to the restaurant in the hotel. We read online that this restaurant is amazing, so we were very excited to eat there, however, we were quite disappointed. I ordered a seafood pasta and my friends all got a pizza. They said their pizza was cold and they didn't enjoy it, but my pasta was quite good!

The next few days, we tried to do a lot of sightseeing and fun activities. Unfortunately, we didn't get to go to the beach as our hotel was too far away from it. We're planning our next holiday now and I think we'll go to New York!



**Omar and his friends didn't have a good time in Spain.**

a. True

b. False

c. Not given



Omar and his friends didn't have a good time in Spain.

Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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- a. True
- b. False
- c. Not given



**The flight attendants were tired.**

a. True



b. False



c. Not given





The flight attendants were tired.

Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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- a. True
- b. False
- c. Not given



**The hotel manager was very friendly.**

- a. True
- b. False
- c. Not given



The hotel manager was very friendly.

Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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a. True

b. False

c. Not given



**Omar enjoyed his pasta.**

- a. True
- b. False
- c. Not given



Omar enjoyed his pasta.

Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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a. True

b. False

c. Not given



**The friends are planning their next trip to Spain.**

a. True

b. False

c. Not given



The friends are planning their next trip to Spain.

Mark(s): 1/1

Correct

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- a. True
- b. False
- c. Not given