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Emirati Wedding Traditions

1. A flexible and stylish event

A wedding celebration in the UAE is always a luxurious event whether it is held at a large venue with hundreds of guests or in a much smaller setting with only close family and friends. Emirati weddings are a combination of local traditions and modern-day ceremonies. Each family will plan the wedding according to their own customs and preferences.

2. The first stage

Marriage traditions start when the future groom talks to his mother about his feelings. Then, the groom's mother will contact the mother of the intended bride to ask if her daughter will accept the marriage proposal. If the answer is yes, the next step is to arrange the dowry which the groom will pay to his bride-to-be. In the past, the dowry could be a huge amount of money but nowadays it is limited to no more than 20,000 dirhams.

3. Presents and preparations

In Islamic culture, the marriage begins when the contract is signed by the bride and groom. After this, as the bride starts to prepare for the wedding, the groom and his family will lavish gifts on her. These gifts can include expensive perfume, gold jewellery, silk and other rich materials. Some brides may use the silk to create a gorgeous wedding dress. In the past, brides used to wear green for their wedding but these days the dresses are white.

4. Music and elaborate patterns

A few days before the ceremony, the bride will have a henna party, called a henna night, with her female friends and relatives. This popular event includes music, dance and delicious food. During the evening while the guests dance and celebrate, a henna artist will decorate the bride's hands and feet with the most intricate and beautiful designs.

5. Traditional dishes

It is said that nobody will ever leave an Emirati wedding feeling hungry. When the guests arrive, they are served Arabic coffee, tea and dates. Dishes such as lamb, biryani and salona - a traditional stew - are all part of the celebrations as well as local desserts like lougaimat, which are fried dough balls covered in syrup. These are just some of the customs a guest will experience at a traditional Emirati wedding.

Read the text and answer the question.

Saeed's Career

Saeed has been working in the travel industry for seven years and during that time he has visited a lot of destinations. It all started when Saeed was sixteen years old and he went on holiday with his family to Nepal. While he was there, he started a travel blog, so that he could share the adventure with his friends. After that, whenever he visited somewhere new, he would always post information about the interesting attractions and landmarks he discovered. Saeed's travel website became so popular that, three years later, he decided to start work as a full-time travel blogger.

Saeed visits new places four or five times a year. He rarely goes back to the same regions, no matter how much he enjoyed his experiences there. He claims people would stop following his blog if he didn't travel to different destinations. His online followers have made their own wish list of places they want to visit because they have read about them on his blog. Every once in a while, usually in the summer, he chooses a destination which is closer to home. In his opinion, people don't have to go abroad to have exotic adventures, there's always something interesting to see and do in their local area.

It's no surprise that Saeed is described as adventurous by his family and friends. In addition to travelling to different places, he always wants to try out new activities at some of the destinations. In the past he has done sandboarding and now plans to try mountain biking and skydiving. His most recent adventure sport was white water rafting and he says it was the most exciting thing he has ever done. He explains that you ride in a boat down a river with the waves crashing around you and how you have to use paddles to control the boat and stop it turning over. He says it's a dangerous sport as you will be moving down the river very fast. However, it is a fun experience and should not be missed.

Saeed believes the reason he likes to travel is because he grew up in a small, isolated town which meant he always wanted to know more about the world outside.

1. Saeed's first blog was _____.

- a. seven years ago
- b. very popular
- c. **about Nepal**

2. Saeed _____ goes to four or more destinations every year.

- a. rarely
- b. **normally**
- c. Occasionally

3. Saeed thinks that people should _____.

- a. always travel overseas
- b. **explore their own area**
- c. have a wish list

4. If Saeed hadn't been adventurous, he would miss trying _____.

- a. white water rafting
- b. mountain biking
- c. sky boarding

5. What is the main purpose of the text?

- a. To introduce a platform for adventure sports
- b. To discuss jobs in the travel industry
- c. To describe the life of a blogger

A Popular Organisation

LgNTEK is a company that produces virtual reality headsets. Computing experts and software engineers from all over the world mainly want to work at the UAE branch of this organisation because of its distinctive management style. It is because of this that the company receives more than a thousand job applications every day. The office building has several quiet rooms where the employees can go to relax. These rooms have interesting names such as 'artisan', 'heritage' and 'dhow journey' and these spaces create a relaxed and comfortable working environment.

The company culture includes several perks for the employees. These include a free breakfast and free drinks and snacks throughout the working day. Additionally, new parents receive paid maternity and paternity leave. The company is about to introduce a plan which means the employees can spend some time each week working on their own personal projects. The company ethos is that, if workers are happy, they will be more productive in their job.

Although the perks are important to the staff, one of the best things about working for LgNTEK is the large variety of fascinating jobs, such as a research engineer and 3D artist. All of the employees are able to participate in a new and exciting field of electronic engineering. Virtual reality (VR) is a computing idea that is years ahead of the technology that is available today. In order for someone to experience VR, they will need to wear a headset which creates a 3D virtual environment. In this way the user can experience the sights and sounds of a place, just as if they were real. However, there is still more work for the company to do on researching how to stimulate a user's sense of taste and smell.

Most people associate VR with video gaming but this technology has many other benefits to society. For example, airline companies use VR for flight simulation to train pilots. This technology can also be used by medical students, which is a safer way to train new doctors. Additionally, VR is used in education and learning. Students are able to interact with each other in a three-dimensional environment and it is even possible for them to go on a virtual school trip to a museum.

1.LgNTek's employment culture makes the company popular.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given

2. The company perk that staff like the best is the free meals.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given

3. There is a limited number of interesting jobs at LgNTek.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given

4. These days, a VR user is less likely to experience sound than smell.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given

5. VR technology has many positive uses for the community.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given