

Reading comprehension

Read the following text then answer the questions below.

(A) There is a wide range of greetings around the world. These ranges from the common handshake to other strange rituals found in some countries, but people in different places shake hands in different ways. ((They)) shake hands as a sign of respect. Now, let's have a look at how people greet each other in different parts of the world.

(B) In the United States and Canada, for example, a simple handshake or nod is the norm. Shaking the person's right hand firmly while looking him or her in the eye is the usual method. However, handshakes aren't usually that long. It may last only for 2 or 3 seconds.

(C) In France, for example, handshakes are very quick. In Brazil, people take more time to shake hands. In both Brazil and France, it's ((common)) to shake hands with people when you arrive and leave.

(D) In many parts of Asia, handshakes are gentle and can last 10 seconds. Handshakes are common in China, but it is also appropriate to nod your head when you meet a person for the first time. In Thailand, taking a bow is referred to as the *Wai*, and the higher you place your hands, the more respect you're showing. In Japan, on the other hand, a deeper bow indicates a higher level of respect.

(E) Handshakes are known to spread a number of germs that cause diseases through direct skin-to-skin contact. During the COVID-19, several health organizations encourage people to use alternative ways of greeting instead of a handshake to prevent transmission of the virus. They suggested some options like fist bumping, elbow bumping, smiling, bowing, waving and putting hand over heart.

Choose the correct answer from a, b or c.

1-The text is mainly about:

- a- Greetings in Brazil
- b- How to greet people politely
- c- Greetings around the world

2- Handshaking is very fast in:

- a. Brazil
- b. France

c. China

3- The pronoun (They) in paragraph (A) refers to:

a- ways

b- countries

b- people

4- The word (common) in paragraph (C) means:

a- unusual

b- usual

c- impolite

5- The idea “*Encouraging people to stop shaking hands*” can be found in:

a- Paragraph C

b- Paragraph D

c- Paragraph E

6- During Covid -19, health organizations suggested some options instead of handshakes to:

a. stop transmission of the virus

b. respect people deeply

c. use other modern ways of greeting

Read the following sentences and decide whether they are True or False.

8-Shaking hands is a usual way of greeting around the world.

a- **True**

b- **False**

9- In both Canada and USA, shaking hands is always very long.

a- **True**

b- **False**

10-In China, it is common to nod when you meet a person for the first time.

a- **True**

b- **False**

Read the following sentences and make questions that match with each answer:

Social customs are shared throughout the Gulf Arab countries. An Islamic greeting (al-salam alaykom)is the most appropriate, and men follow this with a quick nose-to-nose touch while shaking hands. Women greet each other by kissing several times on both cheeks. Men normally do not shake hands with women in public. It is customary to ask about the health of a person and his or her family several times before beginning light conversation. Refreshments usually are served before serious matters are discussed. It is customary not to use first names but to say "father or mother of (oldest son)." Respect and courtesy are shown to elders, and in their presence young men are expected to listen more and speak less. Segregation is still evident in social life. Men are entertained in majlis (large living rooms, often with a separate entrance), while women entertain friends in the home. It is customary to take off one's shoes before entering a private house. Emiratis stand close to each other when interacting. It is acceptable for men or women to hold hands. The presence of many ethnic groups has led Emiratis to be tolerant of other social customs, yet they remain conscious of their own customs as markers of cultural identity. The UAE national day, 2 December, is the most important secular celebration. Cities are decorated with colored lights, and folklore troops perform in heritage villages. 1 January is a holiday but is not celebrated by nationals. Expatriate communities celebrate their own religious and secular holidays.

A) Answer the following questions:

1-What is the main idea of the text ?

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2-How do Emirati people greet each other ?

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3- Emirati culture is ?

- A. old
- B. modern
- C. traditional
- D. conservative but tolerant

4-Emirati society is ?

- A. close
- B. Separate
- C. Multicultural
- D. self-centered

5 –Which celebration in UAE is the most important ?

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6-What the opposite of the word courtesy ?

- A. politeness
- B. Rudeness
- C. selfishness

Sharing with Friends

My name is Sayed and I want to tell you about my friends, Akira and Itsuki. They live in Japan, but they speak English perfectly. Last month, they came to visit us in Sharjah, and our families had so much fun together. Their mother has a factory that makes material that clothes and accessories are made of and my mother designs and makes abayas. Their father and my father are both engineers. My father has a transportation technology company. Their father has an internet company. They met at a business meeting, but now they are very good friends. The adults enjoyed talking about work. Akira and Itsuki were very excited to learn about falconry, and I had fun teaching them. We also went to a park, and they met three of my friends from school. We all played football together. Itsuki is very good at sports, so our team won. On their last day in the UAE, Akira, Itsuki, their mother, and father all dressed in traditional Emirati clothes and we took a picture together.

Next year, my family will go to Japan and we will see our friends. I don't know what they will teach us about Japanese culture, but I hope we can take a picture with everyone wearing kimonos. Read a text about Sayed and his Japanese friends.

For questions 6 - 10, choose the correct answer A, B or C

6. Who has a factory?

- A Sayed's father
- B Akira's and Itsuki's father
- C Akira's and Itsuki's mother

7. Sayed was _____ his friends.

- A teaching falconry to
- B learning football with
- C playing sports against

8. Sayed's father met Akira's and Itsuki's father _____

- A in the technology company
- B at a work meeting
- C over the internet

9. What does Sayed hope to do in Japan?

- A wear a kimono
- B learn about Japan
- C learn to speak Japanese

10. The text is mainly talking about _____.

- A friends playing together
- B people that like travelling
- C families sharing their culture

A Trip to Dubai

Last weekend, Fatima's family went to Dubai for two days. It was very hot and humid. There was a lot of traffic! The weather report gave a warning of extreme weather. There was going to be a sandstorm. Sandstorms are dangerous so they stayed in the hotel all day. The next day, they went to many places. First, they took a taxi to one of the most famous landmarks in the world - the Burj Khalifa. It is the tallest building in the world. You can't walk up the stairs so they took the lift to the top. It's a bit scary and you have to be brave! They saw famous buildings. They thought the view was wonderful from the top of Burj Khalifa. Afterwards, they went to the Dubai Wildlife Park. They saw a lot of animals there. They saw lions, monkeys, elephants and giraffes. At the end of the day, they took a bus to the beach. They had dinner on the beach and saw some turtles in the water. They are the most beautiful creatures. The family had a wonderful time in Dubai. Mark(s): 33/3 Part 1. Read about a trip to Dubai.

For questions 1 - 5, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Why did the family stay inside the hotel on the first day?
 - A There was a sandstorm
 - B It was too hot and humid.
 - C There was dangerous traffic.

2. What did the family think of the view at the top of Burj Khalifa?
 - A It was scary.
 - B It was famous
 - C It was amazing.

3. Where did the family see turtles?

A in the water

B at the park

C on the beach sand

4. Where are all the places the family went?

A Dubai Wildlife Park and the Burj Khalifa

B the Burj Khalifa, the wildlife park and the beach

C the tallest building in the world

5. What is the writer describing?

A A boring weekend in Dubai.

B A dangerous weekend in Dubai.

C An enjoyable weekend in Dubai.

Read the following sentences and make questions that match with each answer:

Every summer many people, girls and women as well as boys and men, try to swim from England to France or from France to England. The distance at the nearest points is only about twenty miles, but because of the strong currents the distance that must be swum is usually twice as far. The first man to succeed in swimming across the Channel was Captain Webb, an Englishman. This was in August 1875. He landed in France 21 hours 45 minutes after entering the water at Dover. Since then there have been many successful swims and the time has been shortened. One French swimmer crossed in 11 hours and 5 minutes. 1. Swimming the Channel is not as easy as it might seem _____.

- A) as the distance between the two counties is far too much.
- B) and it always takes more or less 20 hours.
- C) and only two people have managed to do it so far.
- D) for there are very strong currents.

2. The first time anyone swam across the Channel _____.

- A) was in the last century.
- B) was when England and France organized a swimming competition.
- C) no one really believed him.
- D) he was helped by favorable currents

3. The time Captain Webb needed to swim across the Channel _____. A) was unbelievably short.

- B) has since been nearly reduced to half
- C) still remains a record.
- D) was thought to be far too long.

Read the following sentences and make questions that match with each answer:

A new discovery of a dinosaur fossil in Antarctica has confirmed the idea that dinosaurs lived not only in the Northern Hemisphere but in the Southern Hemisphere as well. Up until this discovery, scientists had found dinosaur remains on every continent except Antarctica. This new discovery now confirms the idea that dinosaurs were distributed worldwide. If the dinosaur fossil is shown to be related to other dinosaurs of the same period in South America, it will also support the idea that South America and Antarctica were once linked together.

1. It is only recently that _____.

A) important scientific studies about the Southern Hemisphere have been carried out.

B) scientists have been seriously interested in fossils.

C) a dinosaur fossil has been discovered in Antarctica.

D) some new facts about the Northern Hemisphere have come to light. 2. One can understand from the passage that _____.

A) dinosaurs, at one time in the past, lived in both hemispheres.

B) dinosaurs were in fact, more commonly found in the Southern Hemisphere.

C) scientists had long since realized that dinosaurs had actually lived in Antarctica.

D) the dinosaur fossil, discovered in Antarctica, was significantly different from those found in other continents.

3. It is hoped that the discovery of the dinosaur fossil in Antarctica _____.

A) would contribute significantly to our knowledge of the Northern Hemisphere.

B) will throw further light on the existence of dinosaurs in the past.

C) would lead to further similar discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere.

D) could answer the question whether South America and Antarctica were originally connected

Reading Comprehension

1. Charlize Carter, 21, is an online shopping assistant at a supermarket branch in Wales. Her day begins with a 3:00 a.m. wake-up call. She jumps in her car and drives 5 minutes to her workplace. She works six days a week, from 4 a.m. to midday.

2. Charlize started working at her local supermarket in January 2020, as a cashier. But soon she was asked to switch to online shopping. Her duties include picking up items from supermarket shelves for delivery. Then she places the products in a box that will be packed up and delivered to a customer's front door.

3. When the supermarket opens at 8:30 a.m., shoppers start coming in at 8:30. Then, Charlize tries to avoid them as much as possible to collect the online customer's orders and getting them ready for delivery.

4. She doesn't wear any protective equipment, though — only cashiers are given face masks. "Since I come into contact with more than 200 people every day, I can't only think of myself," she told manager. "I have to think about the walk-in customers and their family members as well."

5. Her job continues for eight hours, but she enjoys her job. She has gained more skills, and in recent times, her line of work has become an essential service.

A. Choose the correct answer from a, b, or c according the above passage.

1- The text is mainly about Charlize's _____

- A. face mask b. job c. picking up items

2- The underlined word "***them***" in paragraph 3 refers to _____

- a. Charlize b. orders c. shoppers

3- Charlize starts her work at _____.

- a. 4:00 am b. 3:00 am c. 4:00 pm

B. Based on the information in the passage, write True, False or Not Given against each sentence below:

4- It takes only five minutes for Charlize to arrive her work. _____.

- a- True b-False c Not Given**

5- Charlize gets training every month to develop her skills. _____ .

- a- True b-False c Not Given**

6- The shoppers can't enter the shop at 8:30 in the morning. _____.

- a- True b-False c Not Given**

C. Match each paragraph with its suitable title. (One title is extra; you should not use it)

A. Changes in the girl's position at work

B. The girl's work is very boring

C. Charlize avoiding the shoppers

D. Charlize's working hours

E. The girl's fears from contact with customers

7- Paragraph (1) _____

A-Title A

b- Title C

c- Title D

8- Paragraph (2) _____

a- Title A

b- Title C

c- Title D

9- paragraph (3) _____

a- Title A

b- Title C

c- Title D

10 Paragraph (4) _____

a- Title A

b- Title B

c- Title E

I-Reading Comprehension

A- Read the passage then answer the following questions: (5 Marks)

The Gift of Giving

My name is Khaled Al Mansouri. I am twelve years old and I live in Dubai. I have two brothers and three sisters.

One of the most important dates for my family is Eid Al Fitr, at the end of Ramadan. On this day, we have a special meal and my brothers, sisters and I wear new clothes. We also visit our relatives and friends. Everyone is happy and adults give us sweets or money. This year for Eid Al Fitr, I received delicious sweets and 50 dirahms.

Eid Al Adha is another important celebration. This year was very special because some relatives from Abu Dhabi came to visit us. It was really exciting to meet our cousins, aunts and uncles. We had a meal together and we shared some of it with the poor.

A- Answer the following questions : (1 M each) 1-

How many brothers and sisters has Khaled got?

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..... 2- What are the most important dates for Khaled`s family?

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..... 3- Why was Eid Al Adha special for Kaled`s family this year? -

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B- Mark the following sentences True (T) or False (F) : (1 M each)

4- Khaled got 50 dirhams for Eid Al Adha this year. ()

5- Eid Al Fitr comes at the end of the Month of Ramadan () C-

Read the following exposition text and answer the question

My Free Time Activity

Hello, my name is Mohammed I am in grade six at Hemaya School in Dubai. My favorite activity is playing football. I like this sport because it makes me strong and fit. I always play football in my free time. I play it in a playground. I like playing it with my friends as it will be a lot of fun.

C- Choose the correct answer:

1- The boy`s name is

(Ali – Mohammed – Omar)

2- He is in grade

(five – Three – six)

3- His favorite activity in free time is.....

(football – basketball – tennis)

4- He plays football in a

(park – school – playground)

5- Playing football with friends is

(fun – boring – terrible)

