



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

# Grade 8 Term 2

## Reading and Writing

### Sample

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mark Sheet

	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Out of</b>
Reading		10
Writing		16

## Part 1

Read the text and answer the questions **True** or **False**. There is one example.

### Emirati Theatre

Emirati drama and theatrical performances really began in the 1950s and Arab immigrants from the surrounding area played an important role in their development. The present ruler of Sharjah, HH Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, was one of the first Emirati playwrights.

There are two main categories of Emirati drama. The first of these is popular drama, which is written in the Emirati dialect and is therefore difficult for non-Emiratis to understand. Most texts in this category are written as scripts and performed on stage to local audiences.

The second category of drama could be described as 'intellectual drama': it explores a particular set of ideas or themes. HH Sheikh Sultan Al Qasimi, mentioned above, writes mainly historical plays and fiction. Most, if not all, of his writings have been translated into English and a few other languages. Many of his plays have been performed on stage during the Sharjah Theatre Festival that takes place annually.

Monodrama is an interesting type of drama because it involves only one actor. This actor gives a dramatic monologue – a type of story about themselves. So, in other words, it's like a solo show. Of course, this type of drama is really part of the history of story-telling that we have in the Arab world.

**Example:** Arab immigrants helped develop Emirati drama.

True

False

1 Popular and intellectual dramas are the two types of Emirati dramas.

True

False

2 Popular Emirati dramas are easily understood by everyone.

True

False

3 HH Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi has written historical plays.

True

False

4 His plays have been translated into more than 20 different languages.

True

False

5 Monodramas are performed by many actors at a time.

True

False

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## Part 2

Read the flyer and the email and complete the notes. Write ONE word in each space. There is one example.

Dubai Zoo presents a special guest:

Dr. Meera Khalifa will talk about the Amazon Rainforest and the new species she has discovered.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00-12:00

1:00-3:00

Tickets: 40 dirhams or 25 dirhams for students

The talk is free.

Dear Hessa,

What are you doing on Saturday? If you are free, you should come to the zoo with me. Dr. Khalifa is a scientist who explores the Amazon Rainforest and she's giving a talk about her latest expedition this week! My family and I watched a documentary about her last month. She travels by boat down the Amazon River and studies the animals she sees. She's even discovered seven new species!

There are many villages and towns along the banks of the Amazon and people still rely on the river to make their living. It can be dangerous though, because there are huge crocodiles that live in the water and sometimes they attack!

Dr. Khalifa also talks about how important it is to protect the rainforest because it makes more than 20% of the world's oxygen. She tells people about the damage caused by deforestation, where people cut down the trees to grow crops.

She is going to give the talk twice, but I think we should go to the first one. Because it's earlier, it might not be as crowded. Let's meet at the zoo entrance one hour before the talk. Then we can find some good seats!

Cheers,

Mazna

Notes about the Presentation:

**Example:** Presenter: Dr. Khalifa

**6** Job: \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Need to protect: \_\_\_\_\_

**9** Damage caused by: \_\_\_\_\_

**10** Go to the talk at: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think you would enjoy taking all of your lessons online? Write two or three paragraphs.

You should say:

- what your opinion of online learning is
- the advantages and disadvantages of studying online
- how you think this will improve in the future

**Write 100-120 words.**

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