



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

# Grade 11 Term 2

## End of Term

### Sample Test

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## Part 1

Read the text and answer questions 1-7 below by circling the best answer – A, B, C or D.

Driving is the usual way of getting around the Emirates. There are good quality motorways and there is an efficient, modern network of roads in the cities. However, with increased traffic congestion, many Dubai residents are looking for other means of transport. The most common form of public transport is the taxi. They are found all over Dubai and are safe, quite inexpensive and convenient, except during the rush hour when you are likely to be stuck in a traffic jam.

For a less stressful journey, using Dubai's fast and efficient network of public transport is a sensible option. There is the fully automated metro rail network, which has been a great success since it opened in 2009, with tens of thousands of residents using it for their daily commute. Connecting the metro to the Dubai tram route in 2014 was one of the first steps to the expansion and integration of the public transport system. There are also plans to link the metro with the UAE's planned national railway network, Etihad Rail, which will carry both passengers and freight throughout the Emirates.

Then, there are the buses that run frequently throughout Dubai and connect it with the six other Emirates. Travelling by bus is becoming increasingly popular as routes and schedules are improved. They are clean, comfortable, air conditioned and cheap. Away from land there are water buses, taxis and the traditional *abra*. Crossing the Dubai Creek in a wooden *abra* or a new electric water bus is a safe and relaxing way to travel. If you want to navigate the Arabian Sea or would just prefer to travel without other people, then an air-conditioned water taxi is perfect.

Choosing the best way to travel in Dubai is becoming easier every year as the government continues to improve the public transport system. And for those wishing to travel out of Dubai to other cities, an even more exciting development is coming for the future! The government has just announced plans for a new 'hyperloop' system. This is an extremely fast train – it can travel up to 1,200 km/hr – which will link Dubai to Abu Dhabi as well as to other major cities in the Gulf region. This will cut down on travel time a lot – it is thought it will only take 12 minutes to get from Dubai to Abu Dhabi. So, perhaps soon, we will be getting on a train and arriving in Muscat or Riyadh in just under an hour!

1. **Choose the best title for the text.**
  - A An Inexpensive Way to Travel
  - B The New Train System
  - C Every Means of Transport Available
  - D The Taxi is the Way to Go
  
2. **Why are some residents looking for other means of transport?**
  - A It is too expensive to run a car.
  - B There are too many cars on the road.
  - C The taxis are too expensive.
  - D The roads aren't good enough.
  
3. **What reasons does the text suggest for the Metro's continued success?**
  - A It runs every day.
  - B It opened in a good year.
  - C It was linked to other train networks.
  - D It is separate from other trains.
  
4. **Which reason is given for busses getting more popular?**
  - A They don't get stuck in traffic.
  - B They have got cheaper.
  - C The routes have got better,
  - D You can travel without people.
  
5. **What kind of transport is mentioned for people who want to be alone?**
  - A a water taxi.
  - B an abra
  - C a water bus
  - D a dhow
  
6. **A future transport development for Dubai is \_\_\_\_.**
  - A reducing taxi numbers
  - B more metro stations
  - C bigger boats
  - D a very fast train
  
7. **Which city will it take under 20 minutes for the Hyperloop to reach from Dubai?**
  - A Abu Dhabi
  - B Jeddah
  - C Muscat
  - D Riyadh

Now, read the text again and decide whether the sentences are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)

8. The metro rail and Jumeirah tram connected in 2009. **T / F / NG**
9. Water busses are cheaper than taxis or the metro. **T / F / NG**
10. The hyperloop will take less than 20 minutes to reach Abu Dhabi. **T / F / NG**

## Part 2

Read the following texts and then match the headings to the text.

- 1 The beautiful mountains of Fujairah follow you as you drive north toward Dibba. You have the clear blue sea in the Gulf of Oman to the right and the rolling mountains on the left. It's the most relaxing drive in the UAE and one I do often with my family.
- 2 The research team travelled as far and wide as South Africa and Canada in order to compare transport possibilities. We needed an infrastructure plan which would deliver smooth transportation across, in and out of Dubai. In the end it was a mixture of many ideas.
- 3 If you want to see the history of the UAE, from old souqs to ancient forts, then I think Abu Dhabi has more of these. It's not all old though. After the discovery and exporting of oil the city has exploded with modern buildings too. Old and new live together.
- 4 What if you could build a magnificent modern skyscraper in Dubai! Where would you build it, and what design would you use? This is the competition. You have to design a modern building that fits in with the other buildings and is unique. It's open to all school-aged children.
- 5 Hospitality is a very important tradition in Emirati culture. The way Emiratis greet each other stems from the religious and cultural make-up of the Gulf region. Long, genuinely warm handshakes, embraces and generous praise can be expected for male-to-male and female-to-female greetings.
- 6 Population growth in the United Arab Emirates is among the highest in the world, mostly due to immigration. From the 1960s, the population of the UAE increased dramatically and between 2000 and 2010 it more than doubled. Now, it stands at around 9.2 million.

Read the five texts above and then match each text with the correct heading. There are two extra headings.

Example:

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| <b>1</b> | Text 1 <u>C</u> | <b>A</b> Ancient and Modern Tourist Places.           |
| <b>2</b> | Text 2 ____     | <b>B</b> How South African Transport Works            |
| <b>3</b> | Text 3 ____     | <del><b>C</b> A trip up the North coast road.</del>   |
| <b>4</b> | Text 4 ____     | <b>D</b> How we Developed Dubai Transport System.     |
| <b>5</b> | Text 5 ____     | <b>E</b> A Building for a School                      |
| <b>6</b> | Text 6 ____     | <b>F</b> Traditional Greetings                        |
|          |                 | <b>G</b> Competition: Design a Building for the City. |
|          |                 | <b>H</b> More and More People through the Years.      |



