

Second Term English Exam

Part One: Reading

Read the text then do the following tasks.

Having scaled the heights of earth with the world's tallest building, the United Arab Emiraes has announced an ambitious new project to set up Mars' first mini city **that** will be built by robots. The Mars 2117 project was announced earlier this month in Dubai by Sheikh Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum in the presence of 138 governments in an attempt to better understand the red planet and facilitate the transport of people to **it** over the next decades.

The project will explore how people can get to Mars and how to create food and energy on the red planet. The 100 year plan will involve Emirati team of engineers along with a group of scientists and researchers. **It** aims at building scientific capacities of emiratis and transforming the universities into research centres, but mainly consolidating the passion of leadership in the generations to come.

Sheikh Bin Zayed says that the landing of people on other planets has been a dream for humans, yet human ambitions have no limits and thus can realise the most important human dream. He believes that the project is a seed planted today for next generations to reap its fruit tomorrow. **He** wishes for this project to represent the Islamic entry into the era of space exploration.

A. Text Comprehension:

1. **the text is:** a) a report b) an article c) a speech **0.5**

2. **are these statements true or false according to the text?** **2pts**

- a. Dubai's new project has been experienced by other countries.
- b. Different countries' representatives witnessed the project's announcement.
- c. The project will reinforce the students' sense of leadership.
- d. Sheikh Ben Zayed believes in the success of the project.

3. **answer the following questions according to the text.** **3pts**

- a. what is Dubai planning to do in the next 100years?

- b. how can Mars project affect university students?
- c. Can humans achieve such a project?

4. choose the most appropriate title to the text: 0.5

- a. Dubai 's space exploration project.
- b. Dubai's 2117 Red planet's project
- c. Dubai 's space tourism project.

5. what or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? 1pt

That (§1) It (§1) It (§2) He (§3)

B. Text Exploration:

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. 1.5pts

make things easy (§1)=..... investigate (§2)=..... period (§3)=.....

2. divide the following words into root and affixes: 1pt

tallest- scientific- leadership- unhumanistic.

3. Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as "a". 1.5pts

- a. Dubai has announced an ambitious project.
- b. An ambitious.....
- a. The city will be built by robots.
- b. Robots.....
- a. Sheikh Zayed thinks that the project will succeed with the hard work of Emirati researchers.
- b. If researches.....

4. Fill in the gaps with words from the list: 2pts

Space- earth- contribution- project- Mars- science

the-will also contribute to a better understanding of, because understanding what happened to Mars may help us understand what is happening to our home..... and how we can protect it. so, it is a great to our home planet.

5. classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final /s/.1pt

heights- decades- capacities- generations.

Part Two: Written Expression:

6pts

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: Write a short essay about the positive and negative aspects of scientific progress using the following clues :

Positive aspects : more comfortable life/ less diseases / lower death rates ...

Negative aspects : pollution/ unemployment/ over population/ mechanical life...

Topic Two: Do you think that Dubai's 2017 project is achievable? If yes, how could such a project be good to Muslims and to the whole world? Discuss the topic in a well written paragraph.

Good Luck Dear Students

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