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Saif's Travels

I believe that all people should travel when they are young. When you go to university, get a job or start a business it is hard to find the time. Exploring languages and traditions of other countries is fun.

Last year, I was travelling around Spain when my friend Marwan contacted me. He said he was studying on the East coast, so I went to see him.

It was difficult to communicate with locals because they spoke very quickly. On top of that, few people spoke English, and no one spoke Arabic. Because of that, I thought it was likely that I would pick up the language. Even though I was anxious, I thought I would come back this year and give it a try.

I think it's better for me to stay in the same town as last year because I know most people speak English in the cities. I believe it's easy to practise Spanish in daily life if everyone around you is speaking it. I'm also studying at a language school. I am learning very quickly because of how relaxed the classes are.

Every morning, we listen to Spanish texts, and if there's enough time, we have a grammar quiz to assess what we remember from the previous day. In the afternoon, we have an oral presentation on the things we have learned, which is usually complicated. I love it the most because I can practise speaking the language. In the evening, we work on team projects, which is fun!

Q.1: *****BONUS*** Saif thinks it's important to _____ after finishing school.** Mark(s): 4/4

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.3.XX.012

a. set up new company ○

b. see the world ✔

c. learn a language ○

Q.2: Why did Saif travel to the East of Spain last year? Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.3.XX.013

a. He wanted to study there. ○

b. He was learning Spanish. ○

c. He was visiting a friend. ✔

Q.3: Saif chose to live in a small town because _____.

Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

○ ENG.05.2.3.XX.013

a. the locals mostly speak Spanish ✓

b. English is the only language there ○

c. some Arabic speakers live there ○

Q.4: What did Saif enjoy most about learning Spanish?

Mark(s): 0/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

○ ENG.05.2.3.XX.012

a. the difficult speaking task ○

b. relaxed tutorials ✓

c. exciting group tasks ○

Q.5: Which activity is not done every day?

Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

○ ENG.05.2.3.XX.012

a. listening task ○

b. grammar assessment ✓

c. group activity ○

Q.6: Why will Saif return next year?

Mark(s): 0/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

○ ENG.05.2.3.XX.013

a. to take another language course ○

b. to experience more local culture ✓

c. to explore other parts of the country ○

Q.7: How did Saif's opinion about learning Spanish change? Mark(s): 5/5

a. First, he was nervous and then delighted. ✓

b. First, he was excited and then disappointed. ○

c. First, he was angry and then pleased. ○

Q.8: This text is about Saif's _____. Mark(s): 5/5

a. daily tasks and routine ○

b. experience learning a language ✓

c. leisure trip around the East of Spain ○

Robot Teachers

I recently read an article about how education has changed over time in Sweden. The article on robot teachers looks at how schools in the past didn't have the technology or materials they have today. In my opinion, they were dull and boring. I disagree with the author's opinion that this was because teachers lacked imagination and didn't have enough interest in creating colourful and fun environments. I believe it was because schools there didn't have enough money from governments. However, today it is difficult to find classrooms without computer boards and learning materials.

The article very quickly moves to a more frightening issue facing us today - the shortage of teachers all over the world. There are just not enough teachers for our children. The article suggests this is because of low salaries and poor student behavior. I disagree! I think, it is because teachers find it too difficult to manage the added work and extra hours. The article says the solution to this appears to be robot teachers.

To be clear, the robot teacher will not replace the teacher. It will upload information to the boards and download students' answers. Then, it's easy for teachers to calculate scores. Excellent! However, parents reported mixed views. Some were complaining about the article. They think robot teachers cannot give real care to students like humans can. However, they agree it will improve learning standards and technology skills. I agree with experts who think this is a positive change and will give teachers more time to work one to one with students. I also think teachers will be able to give students more individual feedback.

Q.9: *****BONUS*** The writer believes schools in the past were _____.**
Mark(s): 4/4

Learning Outcomes Covered
- ENG.05.2.3.XX.012

a. simple and uninteresting ✓

b. colourful and fun

c. exciting and educational

Q.10: The author believes _____ to improve classrooms.
Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered
- ENG.05.2.3.XX.013

a. there weren't enough available materials

b. schools didn't have enough money ✓

c. teachers didn't care enough

Q.11: What is the main point of paragraph 1? Mark(s): 0/5

a.   the way classrooms have improved in recent times ○

b.   the attitudes teachers had to teaching and learning ✓

c.   the amount of money given to schools by the government ○

Q.12: The author thinks that teachers today are struggling to _____. Mark(s): 5/5

a.   deal with students' behaviour ○

b.   live off the low salary ○

c.   keep up with workload ✓

Q.13: The article says, the main job of robot teachers will be _____. Mark(s): 5/5

a.   collecting information ✓

b.   teaching the students ○

c.   calculating the results ○

Q.14: Parents were worried because robot teachers _____. Mark(s): 5/5

a.   might not improve IT skills ○

b.   will reduce overall standards ○

c.   cannot have human relationships ✓

Q.15: Educational professionals think robot teachers will _____.

Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.3.XX.013

a. not bring any positive educational changes

b. give time for individual feedback to students

c. allow teachers to work alone with students ✓

Q.16: How does the writer's attitude change from the beginning to the end of the text?

Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.3.XX.016

a. He was positive and then worried.

b. He was scared and then hopeful. ✓

c. He was excited and then disappointed.

Practise Makes Perfect

It is not **1** (difficult to become / easy to became / safe to becomes) a horse rider. You just need to make sure you get **2** (too many / too much / enough) training. Practising **3** (daily / twice a year / once a month) will help you gain confidence. My trainer **4** (believes / guesses / opinions) practise makes perfect. I **5** (couldn't agree more / a good point / you are right) so I practise as much as I can. **6** (Hours ago / Last year / Yesterday) I only trained once a week. A few months ago, I changed and **7** (were training / is train / was training) every evening instead. Now, I am **8** (slightly / quite / least) comfortable riding any horse. There are **9** (no / too many / too much) races to choose from in UAE. However, it is challenging to compete in the UAE because of the weather.

Q.17: 2. Mark(s): 5/5

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.2.XX.012

a. too many ○
b. too much ○
c. enough ✓

Q.18: 3. *****BONUS*** Mark(s): 4/4

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.2.XX.012

a. daily ✓
b. twice a year ○
c. once a month ○

Q.19: 4. Mark(s): 0/5

a. believes

b. guesses

c. opinions ✓

Q.20: 5. Mark(s): 5/5

a. couldn't agree more ✓

b. a good point

c. you are right

Q.21: 6. *****BONUS*** Mark(s): 4/4

a. Hours ago

b. Last year ✓

c. Yesterday

Q.22: 7. Mark(s): 5/5

a. were training

b. is train

c. was training ✓

Q.23: 8.

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.2.XX.012

a. slightly

b. quite ✓

c. least

Q.24: 9. *****BONUS***

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.2.XX.012

a. no

b. too many ✓

c. too much

Q.25: 1.

Learning Outcomes Covered

- ENG.05.2.2.XX.012

a. difficult to become ✓

b. easy to became

c. safe to becomes