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Describing my room

I live in a flat. My room is quite plain, with blue walls and a pale grey carpet. However, I have got a lot of pictures on the walls, so they add interest to the room. I keep my room tidy. My clothes are hung neatly in the cupboard next to the bunk beds. I sleep on the top bunk; the bottom bunk turns into a sofa, which is great for chilling out. Some of my books are on the bookshelves; the rest are carefully stacked in piles in one corner of the room.

I am keen on football. Next to the bunk beds, there's a small table which holds the football trophies and medals I have won. Above the table there are two shelves where I keep my collection of toy cars. "I'd always keep those," "I was crazy about cars from a very early age. I knew every car on the road!" My room reflects my personality and interests.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

The robots and household routines future

Running on renewable energy and meeting your every need, this is the robot of the future! This robot will make your preferred breakfast in the morning and have dinner waiting for you in the evening. It can even predict the weather and choose suitable clothes for the next day. Before you leave the house in the morning, just tell your robot what you want to do in the evening and everything will be set up by the time you get home from school or work. If you want tickets for a football match or the cinema, a reservation at a restaurant or a flight to London – nothing is too much trouble. In time, it will even predict what you want to do! The future will witness dramatic changes that we cannot really expect how life will be like tomorrow. In general, robots will help people in most activities at home and other aspects of life

- *Grade 9(writing)*

What do you think about the change of household routines in the future?

Personally, I'd like to see household routines becoming far better for the environment. I think we'll be using more clean energy at home in the future. For example, we'll be using far more solar energy than now and using solar panels instead of replacing batteries. Hopefully, there will be a lot less rubbish in the future compared to now, so putting out the rubbish will be a thing of the past. There will be nowhere near as much non-biodegradable rubbish as today because companies will be rewarded for making their products out of biodegradable and sustainable materials. We will see far more recycling done at home – using composting bins. Maybe there will be a lot more robots being used around the house. All we will have to do is set up a program and push a button! That's what many people predict. But I'm not sure I'd want a robot to do everything. What would we do? There is a lot of pleasure in a job done well. Even though household routines can be hard work and really boring, they can also be very relaxing.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Tropical rainforests (the importance of rainforests)

Tropical rainforests cover about eight per cent of the world's land surface; the largest of the tropical rainforests is the Amazon. There are rainforest areas in nine countries in South America. Tropical rainforests are home to over 30 million types of plants and animals. That's half of the earth's wildlife and two thirds of its plants. The plants provide food and shelter for the animals. More than 25 per cent of our modern medicines come from tropical forest plants. And there are probably many more medicines we still haven't discovered yet. And that's not all the rainforests give us. A lot of the things we eat and drink every day come from the rainforest. For example, nuts, bananas, spice, coffee and chocolate! The rainforest also helps to control our climate. We think the Amazon rainforests contain more than half the earth's rainwater. The forest trees take up water from the forest floor. Then the water is released back into the atmosphere where it turns into mist and clouds. The trees help us to keep the air clean. Trees take in carbon dioxide. And they give out the oxygen we need to breathe. And there are a lot more interesting facts about rainforests

- Grade 9(writing)

Threats of rainforests

There are many threats to the rainforests. And, if we don't get governments to act now, within 40 years there won't be any rainforests – and it doesn't take much to understand the implications of that! Now ... can you imagine the size of two football pitches? Over the past 50 years, over one-third of tropical rainforests have been destroyed. Today, an area of about 6 million hectares is cleared every year – that's an incredible number of football pitches! So, the main threat to rainforests is deforestation. Deforestation is the clearing of rainforests by cutting down trees or by burning the forest. This is done to make space for something else. As you can imagine, clearing areas of rainforest has an immediate effect on plant and animal lives and their habitats. But it also threatens all the other important things that rainforests do for life on Earth, such as, giving off oxygen and taking in carbon dioxide, absorbing rainwater, cleaning the air

Large companies and farming are the main problems. They clear the biggest areas of rainforest. And, sadly, they are often more interested in money than the future of life on Earth. For example, logging for furniture, building roads, mining for precious stones, drilling for oil and growing different crops, such as soya beans and palm oil. An enormous amount of deforestation in the Amazon, especially in Brazil, is for cattle. There is a very big world market for meat, and Brazil has large areas of land that people think they can use for this reason. The problem is that when trees are cut down, the soil becomes very poor and rainwater just washes it away

Can the food chain go wrong?

Yes, that can happen. Keeping the balance right in the food chain is very important. In some parts of the world, the number of plants, trees and flowers has been dramatically reduced by human activity. Forests have been cut down for wood. Buildings have been put on land where there was once grass and flowers. It means that there aren't as many plants for animals, such as deer, to eat. So the deer find it hard to get food. And their numbers go down. In turn, the predators at the top of the food chain, like mountain lions, have fewer deer to eat, so their numbers go down as well. It means that there aren't as many plants and flowers for butterflies, bees and other insects. So birds, like kingfishers, have fewer insects to eat, and their numbers go down.

Threats to wild animals

I'll start by talking a little about the threat of animals that come into contact with human settlements. As we know, human populations are growing very quickly. We need more land for our homes and livestock. Much of the land we develop is the territory of many wild animals. And to build our new homes, animal habitats are destroyed. These animals have to find new homes and find food. And when wild animals come close to human settlements looking for food, the villagers think they are pests. Villagers often let their animals eat grass in the land around their villages without fences. They don't know that the land is also the habitat of many wild animals. The villagers' animals are domestic animals. They are usually herbivores. The wild animals are often carnivores and may kill domestic animals for food. Then the villagers kill the wild animals in return. And, when wild animals come close to human settlements, people might get hurt or killed. If this happens, the wild animals may be killed as a result. Trade, For example, elephants may be extinct in less than 20 years because of the ivory trade. Today trading in ivory is illegal but poachers still hunt elephants illegally. And rhino horn is used in traditional medicine in some countries. This trade has been banned, but illegal poaching still continues. There are people who are working to protect both people and wildlife. But we may be too late for many animals. We all need to change our attitudes about animals if we want to see them in the wild. Otherwise it's a no-win situation – we lose the animals and the animals become extinct

UAE Traditional houses in the past

Everyday life in the UAE has changed a lot over the years, but one thing has stayed the same: the climate. People living in the UAE have had to find ways to live comfortably in very hot and dry conditions. These days, we use air conditioning to keep cool, but in the past people used natural materials, and some clever building methods, to keep the heat out. Traditional homes in the UAE were perfectly suited to the climate. People who moved with the seasons made their winter tents with camel or goat hair. These tents were cool on the inside, and easy to transport from place to place. In the summer months, the same people often moved to the coast, and their homes were made with palm fronds. This made the homes light and airy – perfect for summer. Other people who lived in coastal areas made the walls of their homes with a mixture of coral or seashells, chalk and water paste. People who lived further inland made the walls of their homes with mud blocks. In both cases, the walls could stay cool in hot temperatures. Ventilation was another important thing for keeping a home cool, and many traditional buildings in the UAE had a windtower, which helped cool air to move around the home.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Your School design

My school buildings has two storeys. The classrooms are all on the ground floor and on the first floor. There are lofts above each classroom where teachers and students can store equipment, books, materials and their work. Staircases lead to the loft, from which students can look down to their classrooms. Students have their own classrooms and teachers move from one class to another . There are not views from the windows across the surrounding area. That is why there are houses next to the school building. We cannot open the windows so as not harm our neighborhood. All the indoor classrooms have access to the outdoor classrooms, which are used when the weather is fine. Unfortunately we do not open-air classroom. There are two small yards for students: one for girls and the other for boys. There is also a playground where students can have some activities in Physical health class. As for lightning, our school depends on light from electric lamps because there is not enough natural light. There are some safety features that keep the students safe and secure. There are many stairs that lead to outside school. Fire extinguisher are also available everywhere in cases of fire. I wish there could be some improvements to our school relating to access to the internet and having a web site. I dream to get my school eco-friendly.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Burj Khalifa

The world's tallest building was officially opened in Dubai on January the fourth, 2010. The height of the Burj Khalifa was kept a secret until the opening ceremony. It is twice the height of New York's Empire State Building. At first, the construction was called Burj Dubai. However, it was announced it would be called Burj Khalifa after the president of the UAE. Now, it's commonly known as 'The Burj'. More than 90 per cent of the space has been sold. It cost 22 billion dollars to build and has broken many records. The opening celebrations included the world's highest fireworks and it also has the world's tallest fountain. The world's highest swimming pool is located on floor 76. The world's highest mosque is located on floor 158. Luxury apartments, shops, offices and the 160 room Armani hotel are all housed in the Burj. Around 12 000 people live and work in the building.

What will life be like in the future?

What will life be like in the future? Some people say it will be better, while others think it will be worse. No one knows for sure, but we can make some predictions by looking at life today and imagining what will happen many years from now. The people who think life won't be better say that there are already too many people on this planet, so in the future we'll run out of food, water and other resources. Also, these people say that there will be new illnesses that we don't know about today, and which we won't be able to cure. However, not everyone is so negative about the future. Many people think that researchers are doing great work nowadays and that they'll find new sources of energy and food on our planet, or even on other planets. The same thing will happen in medicine and doctors will find new treatments for illnesses which are a serious problem today. As I have said, no one can know for sure what will happen, but I believe it's always better to be positive and think that we will have a good life, thanks to progress in science and technology.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Life in UAE past and present

Life in the past was different from life nowadays. In the past life was difficult. There were no schools and students learned at teachers' houses. Buildings were simple and homes were made of mud. Jobs were traditional, people worked in pearl diving and fishing. The food was healthier than nowadays and people lived a happy life. Nowadays, life is easier. It is enjoyable and more comfortable. People live in big houses and modern buildings. There are different jobs and activities. Modern technology helps us too much in our life. Although some people think that life in the past was hard, I think it was not as difficult as today.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

"People can get prizes for their great achievements."

Prizes are important. The Nobel Prize is a famous prize. It is given to honour Smart and great minds. People who made great works and achievements got the prize. Also, it is given for great inventions which make our life easier. People who contribute in saving people's life and help the society can get the prize. Many people won the Nobel Prize. Ahmed Zuwail is one of the most famous Egyptian scientists. He won Nobel Prize in chemistry. Marie curie won the prize in physics. She invented a cure for cancer. Albert Einstein is one of the most famous scientists who won the noble prize.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Where do you like to spend your Holiday?

A holiday is the time when we are free and have fun. It is very important to relax. It is a chance to refresh your mind. On holiday, you break the daily routine and enjoy your time. On holidays people go to many places and I prefer going to Jumirah Resort. There I can enjoy my time with my family and do many activities. I like collecting shells and swimming. My father and mother prefer walking on the beach. I can meet my friends there. I enjoy riding the bike and watching the seagull. We are fascinated by the view of the sunset. Really, it is a wonderful place

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Energy

Energy is very important in our life. We use it every day. There are two kinds of energy renewable and non-renewable. Solar, wind and water power are renewable sources of energy. They are clean and will last forever. Oil, coal and natural gas are non-renewable sources of energy. They are limited supplies of energy. Saving energy means saving life. There are many ways to save energy. Putting off lights and using light bulbs help in saving energy. We shouldn't pollute water and keep it clean. It is important to plant more trees. Also, reducing the use of materials can save the energy.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

The Future World

Life in the future will be different. It will be easier and more comfortable. Robots will work everywhere. We will be able to download all our memories to a computer and recall them again. We will live in bubble cities under water. Preparing food will become easier and ready to eat within minutes. Scientists predict many things in the near future. They will be able to modify the weather. This will help stop global warming. They will be able to reduce flooding and drought. By modifying the weather they will be able to prevent disasters from reaching land.

Modern technology



Modern technology is very important to all of us. Living and working are all in need of technology. The most popular tool is the mobile phone, which makes us easy to communicate with each other globally. **In spite of its advantages**, there are also some disadvantages of mobile phone.

First, mobile phones are easy to use, communicate and handy. You can call anywhere, local or international. It can entertain you as well. You can surf the internet, listen to music, text, and play games. Furthermore, it makes it easy to send or check emails, put your personal data, make a note, reminder, alarm or even buy and sell. A mobile phone is of great help in case of emergency.

In contrast, a mobile phone can be dangerous for us. It can affect our health negatively. In addition, it is a waste of time and money. It is very dangerous for children's social development. Children become socially isolated.

In conclusion, a mobile phone is very important but we need to use it properly to avoid its negative effects.

Celebrating my birth day



Nothing is better than celebrating a happy occasion in one's life. My favourite happy occasion is my birthday. It is the time when we meet and practice doing many things.

Before my birthday party, I prepare many things, My mother prepares food and drinks for the party. I help her clean the house and arrange the seats. Sometimes I go to the nearest super market to buy things she needs for the party. My mother always makes a big cake with my name written on top of the cake.

During the party we practice many activities. We sing songs and listen to music. Then, we all enjoy having delicious sweets prepared by my sweet mom. Then, I start getting gifts form my family and friends. **In addition**, we play games.

All in all, it is now clear that a Family Celebration is a good chance for all family members to meet and spend a great time. My birthday is so special for me. It is the time when we can share happiness together.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Expeditions

An expedition is a special journey with a particular purpose. Although expeditions are interesting, there are many dangers. First, there are many dangerous animals that prey on humans. Second, the bad weather causes many problems. Third, the explorers have to walk for long distances. They may suffer from food and water lack. Finally,, they may get lost or injured. Expeditions are mental and physical challenges. There are some qualities of explorers. They have to be physically strong. They should have determination and strong will. They have to be well prepared and know how to work as a team. All in all expedition is a great way to see the world.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Pollution

There are many dangers that face our planet. Pollution is one of the most serious problems. Air pollution is caused by human actions. First, factories emit fumes and smoke. Second, emissions from engines of vehicles contain pollutants. Pesticides and fertilizers release harmful chemicals into air. Pollution is an environmental problem that we should face. There are some suggested solutions for this problem. Laws should be imposed on using pesticides. Also, it is important to build factories away cities. We should increase the green areas. We can use electric and hybrid vehicles.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

A healthy life style

A sound mind is in a sound body. It is very important to have a healthy life style. When you are fit, studying becomes easier. You will have a strong body. You can do tasks easily. There are many ways to achieve the healthy life style. It is important to have routine of training. You should have a good exercise session. Eating healthy food and having enough sleep help to keep fit. Finally, a balanced diet and daily exercise will help you to keep fit and healthy.

- *Grade 9(writing)*

Life in space

Life in space is enjoyable, but it is very tiring. It is like camping for three reasons. First, you have to take everything you need. Second, you use special equipment. Third, you have to dispose of your rubbish. In space astronauts do many tasks. They fly the spaceship. They do experiments and explore planets. They eat tinned food and drink through a straw. They wear special suits, which have parachutes, oxygen and water. I dream of being an astronaut travelling into space.

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