

## Diagnostic test - grade 8

Name .....

class .....

### Choose the answer A, B or C .

1. **Ahmad and Abdullah \_\_\_ friends.**  
(A) are (B) is (C) am
2. **I live \_\_\_ Ras Al Khaimah.**  
(A) on (B) in (C) at
3. **This class is \_\_\_ than the other one.**  
(A) good (B) better (C) best
4. **Eating \_\_\_ apple a day is healthy.**  
(A) a (B) an (C) the
5. **We need more \_\_\_ for our guests.**  
(A) chair (B) chairs (C) chaires
6. **Where is Ahmed? This is \_\_\_\_\_ bag.**  
(A) his (B) him (C) he
7. **The lady didn't eat \_\_\_\_\_ she wasn't hungry.**  
(A) because (B) so (C) and
8. **Burj Khalifa \_\_\_\_\_ the Burj al-Arab.**  
(A) is taller than (B) taller then (C) tall is
9. **\_\_\_\_\_ is that man at the door?**  
(A) What (B) Where (C) Who
10. **He \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema.**  
(A) work (B) works (C) working
11. **When I finish school, I think I \_\_\_\_\_ at university.**  
(A) Will be studying (B) be study (C) will study
12. **I \_\_\_\_\_ this essay since 8am this morning.**  
(A) have wrote (B) have been writing (C) will be writing
13. **When Khalid came back from the cinema, \_\_\_\_\_ of his parents were at home.**  
(A) neither (B) either (C) nor
14. **I'm not really sure - I \_\_\_\_\_ go if I have time.**  
(A) might (B) must (C) can't
15. **I \_\_\_ go to school because I was sick.**  
(A) could (B) can't (C) didn't

## Reading Section A

### Read the text and choose the answer A, B, C or D.

Dear Lizzie,

Thank you for your letter. It is so wonderful to hear from you. I am happy you had a good vacation!

As for me, I also had a wonderful vacation. I went to Cyprus with my parents. It is a large island in the Mediterranean with a wonderful climate. We went to Coral Bay and swam in the sea. I met a girl my age on the beach and we both built lots of sandcastles. She told me about the Tomb of the Kings, which is a famous landmark in Cyprus. My parents and I went to see the tomb the next day. I had my camera, so I took lots of pictures. We also travelled along the mountain paths and saw beautiful waterfalls. We went cycling and played tennis. That whole week went by so fast. It was a memorable summer.

Yours truly, Elizabeth.

#### **1- What is the letter about?**

- a- a family trip                      b- a birthday party                      c- the first day of school

#### **2- What landmark did they visit?**

- a- the Tomb of the Kings              b- the waterfalls                      c- Coral Bay

#### **3- How long did they stay in Cyprus?**

- a- 5 days                      b- 7 days                      c- 10 days



## Reading Section B

### Read the text and answer A, B, C or D.

This is a seahorse. A seahorse is a fish. It has this name because it has a long neck and head in the shape of a horse. It has a long tail that looks like a snake. Seahorses live in the ocean and breathe through gills. Here's a strange fact! Seahorses are very poor swimmers. In fact, they are the slowest swimmers of all fish species because of their tiny fin in the middle of their backs. Seahorses eat plankton, small fish and crustaceans, like shrimp. Seahorses don't have teeth so they suck their food up and swallow it whole.



#### **1. What is the purpose of this text?**

- a. to give information about seahorses  
b. to discuss how seahorses eat food  
c. to describe what seahorses look like

#### **2. Why are seahorses the slowest swimmers?**

- a. because of the shape of their head  
b. because of their tail  
c. because of their tiny fin