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Writing 1:

Describing a Country or City

❖ Introduction (**Introduction / Background**)

- Name country / city
- Location
- Population
- Famous historical places
- Famous modern places

❖ Main Body (**When to Go**)

- Best time (months/season) to visit
- Worst time (months/season) to visit
- Explain why?

❖ Conclusion (**What to Do**)

- 3 sentences about what to do or where to visit in
- Write the **TITLES** of the paragraphs
- Write them in points NOT PARAGRAPH

Question:

Write a description of a city in your country. In your writing include an *Introduction*, *When to Go* and *What to Do*.

Manama

Introduction:

The capital of Bahrain is Manama. It is in the north side of Bahrain. Manama's area is 55km. Around 30 thousand people live there. Manama is a very active and lively city. Many activities take place there in different occasions.

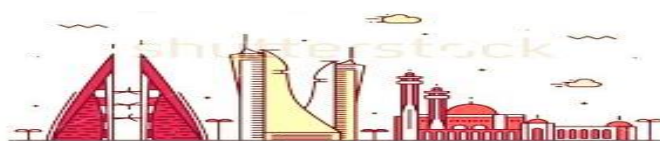
When to go:

The summer months are hot and humid, and the winters are cool. For water sport lovers, summer (May to October) is the best time to come to enjoy the activities. You can visit the Marina Club or King Faisal sea view park. In Spring (Feb, May) the weather is fine and cool. You can enjoy outdoor activities and visit the open restaurants. You can also visit the most famous traditional Market in the heart of Manama.

Things to do:

Visit the National Museum to learn about the history of Bahrain.

- Go to Block 388 to enjoy eating food from the different restaurants there.
- Walk in the Marina club to enjoy the great weather and the nature.
- Visit the Gold Market to shop for the best gold designs in the whole world.



Question:

Write a description of your country, or a country you know, for an online guide. In your writing include an *Introduction*, *When to Go* and *What to Do*.

Bahrain

Introduction

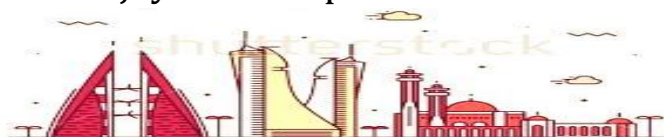
Kingdom of Bahrain is a small island located in the Arabian Gulf. The capital of Bahrain is Manama. There are more than a million people living in Bahrain. Bahrain has a rich history, it has many old names like Tylos, Delmon and Aradus. There are many historical places to visit like Bahrain Fort, Arad Fort and Khamees Mosque. In addition to modern places like Beit Alquran and Bahrain Museum.

When to Go:

The best time to visit Bahrain is from October to December, because the weather is cool and have little rain. It's also a perfect time to enjoy the sales in all the malls. In addition, the whole country celebrates the National Day in a very joyful atmosphere. The worst time to visit Bahrain is from July to August because it's very hot and humid.

Where to Go:

- Visit the famous historical places to learn about Bahrain history. Such as Bahrain Fort, Arad Fort and Khamees Mosque.
- Visit Manama Souq to get traditional things and food for low prices.
- Visit Bahrain Museum; it's one of the best museums in the Arab world.
- Go sailing and enjoy the sea sports in Bahraains' beautiful beaches.



Question:

Write a description of your city, or a city you know, for an online guide. In your writing include an *Introduction*, *When to Go* and *What to Do*.

Chiang Mai



Chiang Mai is the largest and most culturally significant city in northern Thailand, and 398,169 people live there. There are so many famous and beautiful places like Chiang Mai zoo and aquarium, It's the first commercial zoo in northern Thailand, it was established on 16th June 1977. About 400 animals species are represented in the zoo, like penguins, flamingos, Elephants and many types of reptiles. There is a nature park for Elephants which so many tourist visit. There are so many more places like Night Safari and Wat Chedi Luang.

When to go:

The most popular time for visiting Chiang Mai is the cool seasons which runs from December to the end of February. April would be hot but the rain cools down the region and the landscape remains dry, so it's not that bad to visit Chiang Mai on this season. A popular reason to visit Chiang Mai is the Annual Songkran Water Splash Festival in April, which is best entertaining event in Chiang Mai.

Things to do:

- Enjoy Chiang Mai's beautiful weather and places like waterfalls, and have fun in the beaches there.
- Don't be scared of elephants and play with them, they are too cute and lovely.

Writing 2: Personal Blog

❖ Introduction (**About Me**)

- Introduce yourself
- Where you study/work
- What you like/do

❖ Main Body

- Write three paragraphs
- Start each paragraph with a **day** and **date**
- In each paragraph write about a special memory/an event or an incident
- Remember to use past tense.

Question:

Writing a personal blog is a great idea to keep your memories and share them with the world. Write a personal blog about special memories, problems or things you have changed in your life. Remember to start with a short bio.

Hana Personal Blog

About me: Hi, I'm Hana and this is my first year at Isa Town Girls Secondary School. I'm enjoying my time here and making new friends.

Sunday 30th September 2016

My first day at high school was a special day. I was afraid because I didn't know anybody in my new school. Beside it is a big school with three floors and I get lost easily. But later on that day, a teacher came and took us around the school to see the different facilities. We chatted together, the girls were very friendly and nice to me especially Fatima. We started getting closer and hope it is a start for a long good friendship.

Monday 3rd October 2016

Last summer, my family and I travelled to Malaysia. We had a great time and the weather was lovely. We visited many lovely places like The Bird Park, The Elephant Ride and the Sunway Lagoon. I noticed how that most Malay people speak English very fluently. In addition, they are very friendly, helpful and reserved. I like Malaysia a lot and hope to come again really soon.

Friday 7th October 2016

Last weekend, I went out with my friends to Fun Land to skate. Before I left, my mother asked me to take my little sister with me. I tried to say no but my mum insisted, so if I didn't take her, I won't go either. When we arrived, there were so many people there. We started skating and having fun. Suddenly I looked for my sister but couldn't find her. After 30 minutes of looking around for her I found her crying alone in a corner because she fell and hurt her leg! Thanks God I found her. It was the scariest day in my life.

Question:

Writing a personal blog is a great idea to keep your memories and share them with the world. Write a personal blog about different issues and what have you learnt from these experiences

Fatima Personal Blog

About me: My name is Fatima Ali. I am 16 years old. I study at Alnoor Girls Secondary School. In my blog I like to write about different things that happen to me.

16th Dec, 2017.

Today my country Bahrain celebrates the National day. My family and I have joined the different celebrations that took place. We went to see the firework in Manama beach. The place was crowded but very lively. We also went to the city center where we saw the traditional band dances and heard the national songs. It was great day.

17th Dec, 2017.

It was the national day holiday; my family and I went to Khalifa Park to have a picnic because the weather was cool. We took our lunch with us and sat there to eat. The kids went playing in the rides and went around running in the park and taking photos. We have enjoyed a lot, but we returned very tired.

18th Dec, 2017.

I had to study for my final exam. I stayed home and finished my homework and studies hard for my sport final exam. My mother prepared delicious snacks for me to help me focus and my father helped me a lot with my studies. When I finished, we all went out to have dinner in my favourite restaurant.

Those days were the best. I enjoyed the holiday and went to different places with my family. I love them a lot.

Writing 3:

A TV Programme Review

❖ Introduction

- Name of the programme
- Meaning of the name
- Type/Genre
- General evaluation

❖ Main Body

- Main Characters
- Summary of the story/idea of the programme
- Description of the main/favorite character
- Other characters

❖ Conclusion

- Comments on the story or actors/actresses
- Recommendation

Question:

Describe a TV programme review, including the plot, characters and state your opinion.

The Voice Kids

My favourite Tv programme is the Voice Kids. It is a musical competition programme. It is shown on MBC1. The presenters and the judges are Nancy Ajram, Kadhém Al Saher, and Tamer Hosni; they are famous Arab singers from different countries.



Kids participate in the programme and sing their favourite songs in front of the judges. The judges give their opinion about the singer, and advise them to be better. Then they choose the best singer to go for the finals. In the finals, the viewers vote for the best singer in the big show. The programme judges are funny and merciful with kids.

I like this programme because I love the way the kids sing. They are very cute and gorgeous. The programme is very fun to watch. My friends and I always try to guess who will win in the final.

Question:

There are many types of entertaining programmes that we watch to enjoy our time. Write a review for a website of a TV programme such as a series, film or show you saw recently.

The Biggest Loser

“The Biggest Loser” is a famous American TV competition reality show. It was started in 2004 by NBC. It is named “The Biggest Loser” because the winner of the game is the one who loses more weight percentage than the others.



The programme provides a great chance for overweight people to take part in this competition. It helps them change their lifestyle to live in a healthy way by eating right and exercise heavily to become fit. The host of the programme is Allison Sweeny, a famous actress known for her many roles in films and TV series.

Sweeny is a very kind and funny person. She has a lovely personality. Her role is to introduce the contestants, tell them what to do in the beginning of each competition and announce the weigh-in after each round.

The other great factor of the programme success is the two personal trainers Bob Harper and Jillian Michaels. They work closely with the contestants in their daily work out to help them lose weight faster without putting their health in danger.

“The Biggest Loser” is a successful programme. Not only because it continues to its 17 seasons, but also because of its great effect on overweight people and encouraging them to live a better healthy life. Don’t miss it, it’s a must watch programme.

Question:

Films and series are famous entertaining programmes enjoyed by many people. Write a review for a website of your favourite film or series.

Inside Out



Inside Out is a comedy animation film. It is a Pixar best and most successful productions. The title came from the idea of the film that shows inner feelings as characters.

The film story is about Riley, a 12-year-old happy girl. Who becomes very sad when her family moved to San Francisco. She becomes very upset because she misses her home and friends. Riley's feelings start to show in her behavior and those feelings are played as characters inside her mind. Those feelings are Joy, Fear, Sadness, Disgust and Anger. When Riley was happy, Joy was controlling her mind, but when she became upset, Sadness controlled her instead.

Joy was the main character, she is vibrant, happy and active. She kept fighting the other feelings to make Riley happy again. And help her keep the cheerful memories.

The film is very successful because it is a family movie. It is suitable for all ages. Although it is an animation film, but it has a symbolic story that everyone can enjoy.

Inside Out is my favorite film, I advise you to watch it. You will learn a lot from it; I'm sure.

Writing 4:

An Informal Email

❖ Introduction

- Greeting
- Opening Comment
- Thank you for your email/gift/picture/ etc.

❖ Main Body

- Your news (health problem)
- Who did you go to for advice
- What did you do to get over it
- What else will you do
- Ask for the receiver's news

❖ Conclusion

- Thanks again
- Closing comment
- Your name

Question:

Write an informal email to a friend. Thank your friend for something she did to you and tell her about something that has happened in your life recently.

Hey Samar

How are things going? Hope you are enjoying your time in Christmas Holiday..

Thanks very much for the card and lovely gift, I am so happy that you still remember my birthday 😊

I'm feeling much better now thanks God, this stomachache was so horrible I couldn't eat well for six days. My doctor said it's because of the exam stress. She also warned me about energy drinks and ordered me to totally stop it! I remembered when you tried to convince me to quit it and I didn't listen to you. I can't imagine how am I going to spend my day without my Red Bull 😞 !

Don't forget to send me your holiday photos, can't wait to see you and your family. When are you coming back?

Thanks again for the lovely gift and for your emails. See you soon..

Luv ya

Yara

Question:

Write an informal email to a friend about a place you visited. Tell him/her about people who were with you and what you did there. Explain why you enjoyed it there.

Hello Nono

How are you doing girl? Long time no see. I miss you so much..

Thanks very much for calling me, I was so happy to hear your voice.

Well, I want to tell you about my last trip, I went with my sisters to Dubai. Can you image! I've been dreaming to visit this city for ages. We spent a wonderful week there. We visited many wonderful places like the Global Village, the Palm Islands and Dubai Creek. The best part was the Dubai Mall; we went to the Aquarium, watched the Musical Fountain and did lots of shopping.

Check out my Instagram account, I posted many photos of our trip. I'm sure you'll be amazed.

Gotta go now, I need to unpack and sleep early. School is starting tomorrow you know..

xoxo

Maha

Question:

Write an informal email to your friend about a health problem thanking her for his/her advice. Tell him/her about all about what you have changed in your lifestyle to solve it..

Dear Mariam,

How are you my dear friend? I miss you so much, I haven't seen you since the last time we travelled to Dubai. I just want to thank you about the great advice you have given me about my health problem.

As you know very well, I have always had weight problem. But after following the great advice you have given me I feel and look much better. I still follow the diet you gave me, and I regularly go to the gym and train. I have lost more than 15 Kg and I feel so healthy and fresh. Thanks a lot for your great support.

I will stop writing now. I will cook my lunch and head to the gym to exercise. Write back soon and tell me all your news.

Yours,

Sara Ahmed

Writing 5:

A Natural Feature

❖ Introduction

- Name
- Type
- Location
- Old name
- Size (height or width)

❖ Main Body

- More description
- Weather
- Dangers
- Date + something happened/accident

❖ Conclusion

- Why people go there
- OR
- Your opinion/feeling

Question:

Life is full with different natural areas and beautiful scenes. Write a short essay about a natural feature in your country, or a country you know well, e.g. mountain, lake or river.

Mount Everest

Mount Everest also known as Sagarmatha is the earth's highest mountain. It is located in the Mahalangur mountain range in Nepal. Its peak is 8.848 meters above the sea level.



Mount Everest attracts many climbers, specially highly experienced mountaineers. But it is very dangerous to climb it, because of the freezing weather and the scary avalanches. Many people has died in their way to the top of the mountain, and other have reached it but died in their way down. The latest record of the year of 2016, says that there are more than 200 dead bodies still in the mountain!

Despite of the dangers of climbing Mount Everest, more and more people try to reach the top of it every year.

Question:

Life is full of different natural areas and beautiful scenes. Write a short essay about a natural feature in your country, e.g. mountain, beach or river.

The Tree of Life



The Tree of Life (Shajarat-al-Hayat) is one of the Natural features in Bahrain. It is approximately 400-year-old and about 10 meters high. It is two meters away from Jebel Al-Dukhan.

The tree is a local tourist attraction, as it is the only major tree growing in the area. More than 50,000 tourists visit the tree of life every year. It is very popular because it is believed to be growing in the middle of nowhere, with no water source and has never been watered once throughout history. Bahrain also has little to no rain throughout the year. Since October 2010, archaeologists, people who study history and search for old treasures, found very old pottery and other artefacts in the area beside the tree. They are believed to date back to the Dilmun civilization.

Some people might say it is a simple tree and not worth visiting. But to me it is a very special place that shows how rich Bahrain nature and history is.

Question:

Describe a natural feature in your country. Mention its location, why is it famous and give your opinion.

Hawar Island

My country Bahrain consists of a group of islands. One of the most famous islands is Hawar island. It is a small island located in the west coast of Bahrain.



Hawar is a desert island. Its area is around 52 km². The beaches in the island are very clean and sandy. The sea there is very clear and blue. Moreover, many different types of fish and sea creatures live there. On the island itself, you can see different animals and birds. The weather on the island is hot and humid in summer, but it gets cold and windy in winter.

These days Hawar island is a famous tourist attraction. Many people go there to practice water activities like fishing, sailing, and swimming. Others like to enjoy being in a quiet place away from the city. There is a big hotel where you can stay in, and you can go there by a boat from Manama.

Writing 6:

What makes you Proud of Bahrain

❖ Introduction

- Country Name
- Citizen's Personal traits
- How you feel towards your country

❖ Main Body

(Include ideas related to)

- History
- People
- Food
- Education
- Traditions
- Celebrations
- Etc.

❖ Conclusion

- What do you want to be in the future
- Why

Question:

People belong to different countries, they feel proud of their homelands. Write about what makes you proud in your country. Include things like history, traditions, family relations and education.

What Makes me Proud of Bahrain

My country Bahrain is the best place on earth. I love my homeland and feel very proud to be Bahraini. Bahraini people are very friendly, humble and generous.



Bahrain has a rich history and culture. It was known as Tylos, Aradus and Awal. Also, it was the first country that embraced Islam peacefully. Bahraini society is very strong because families has strong relationships.

Family members meet at weekends and special occasions like eids, gergaon, and wedding parties. Men wear traditional clothes like thoub and getra and women wear jalabeya and golden accessories. During these celebrations they proudly serve traditional dishes and sweets like machboos, balaleet, halwa and rehash.

The educational system in Bahrain is very strong and most Bahraini seek higher education at colleges and universities to get better jobs. In the future, I want to be a doctor to serve my country and help my people live a better life. I want my country to be proud of me as much as I am proud of it.