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(a) اذكر نوعًا واحدًا من الرياضة يمارسه العرب. تكلّم عن أهميته وأسباب هذه الأهمية.

أو

(b) أعط مثلاً واحدًا لبناية عربية حديثة وبيّن الاختلاف بينها وبين البنايات العربية القديمة. ما رأيك في هذا ؟

a/ *Candidates can choose any sport that Arabs take part in. They have to explain its importance and why it is important.*

b/ *Expected answers would include any of the modern buildings that are found in the Arab World. Comparisons should include the look, material, what the building is used for, what it symbolises etc... subjective opinions are accepted based on significant facts.*

Burj Al Arab, UAE: *Burj Al Arab, whose shape was designed to mimic the sail of a ship/boasts one of the most recognisable silhouettes on the planet/its two 'wings' spread in a V-shape to form a vast 'mast', resembling the sheets of a traditional wooden dhow/hotel rooms start at AED7,000 a night.*
Burj Khalifa, UAE: *A symbol of Dubai's evolution from sleepy trading outpost to twenty-first century metropolis/more than 828m and more than 160 storeys/it is the tallest building in the world, the tallest free-standing structure in the world/it has the highest number of storeys in the world, the highest occupied floor in the world, the highest outdoor observation deck in the world/it has the elevator with the longest travel distance in the world, and the tallest service elevator in the world/In total, the building's construction took 22m man hours and more than 110,000t of concrete were used in its foundations alone/The weight of aluminium used on Burj Khalifa is equivalent to that of five A380 'superjumbo' aircraft/the amount of steel used in the construction is 31,400 metric tonnes – laid end to end, this would extend more than a quarter of the way around the globe*
King Hassan II Mosque, Morocco: *More than 6000 traditional Moroccan artisans lent their skills to the Hassan 2 mosque/took five years to build at a cost of $800m/ was inaugurated in August 1993/ It is the largest in Morocco/ Boasts the tallest minaret in the world at 201m/ part of the mosque has a glass floor so worshippers may perform their duties directly above the Atlantic ocean. The idea was inspired a verse in the Quran which states that "the throne of Allah was built on water"/ All of the granite, plaster, marble, wood and other material used in its construction was taken from around Morocco/ all of this was achieved on a budget that was raised entirely through public donations.*
World Trade Center, Bahrain: *Water front/Completed in 2008/ 50 story structure/ two sail shaped towers/won several awards for the incorporation of renewable energy.*

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