

**I-Write an online guide recommending eating places for visitors to your town in Syria (Students' Book – page 14)**

I' recommend the All Snacks which is the best restaurant in the city centre. It serves different kinds of foods like pizza, hamburger and shawerma . If you are not really hungry you can relax with tea or a cola. Another place to go to is Ali Baba that serves all the Arabian dishes. It is in the city centre too. The vine stuffed leaves ,grilled fish and barbecues with pickles and vegetable are famous there. If you come here you should try these restaurants. All waiters here know English , so you do not have to worry.

**II- Write a review of a book that you have read. (Students' Book –page 21)**

I have read a very well-organized story called “The Old Man and the Sea “. The story written by Hemingway tells the life of an unlucky old man who has tried his best to catch a very big fish. The hero, Santiago has always wanted to prove that he is still a good fisherman. He was able to catch a big one but sharks came and ate it. I liked the story very much and the best thing of it was when he came back to the shore tired but full of hope.

**III-Talk about a scientist, a great inventor or a famous person you know or read about: (Students' Book – page 21)**

Galileo , born in Italy, wondered about many things in life. He was interested in Math. He measured time and movement of stars in the sky. The other theory stated that two different weights fall together from the same height. After that he invented the compass and thermometer. The most important discovery of his time was proving that the sun was not moving and the Earth and the planets revolve around it. I think he is the inventor that everyone will admire.

**IV-You are going to plan and write a cultural holiday programme for visitors to a place in Syria:( Students' Book –page 31)****Three days in Damascus**

Damascus is one of the oldest cities in the world . It tells us much about the culture of the ancient world. A group of tourists , interested in history, old buildings and heritage , is coming to Damascus for three days. This is a cultural holiday programme for the tourists:

Day 1 Arrival and the Ancient City The Gates and Walls of Damascus are located in the middle of the capital of Syria. They are constructed by grey stones and the gates are made of precious wood and iron. They are marvelous traces as well as the Umayyad Mosque

Day 2 Shopping in the old suqs Al-Hamadyya is a good place for shopping. It is also as old as the city itself built by Sultan Abd-Al-Hameed. Here you can buy the souvenirs and enjoy the sights and sounds.

Day 3 Modern Damascus and departure There are a lot of five-star hotels and new markets to visit. Malls and great centres are part of the modern city. They attract visitors all over the world.

**V-The importance of the computer: (Students' Book –page 39)**

Computers nowadays are the backbone of modern life, but no machine can replace spirit and love in us . They are magnificent tools in business for their quick process. They are also useful in general life for their benefits in all fields. These magic sets have changed difficult things into easy ones. They have made

the whole Earth like a small village through sending E-mails in a speedy way. We can benefit from computers in learning foreign languages and other subjects like math, physics, etc. I think everybody should know how to use it.

#### **VI-Your favourite book this year (Activity Book Page 13)**

My favourite book this year is The Arabian Nights which is folk tales from the past. It talks about different things in life. It is full of wisdom and knowledge. Human values such as bravery, truthfulness and honesty can teach people how to behave in case of danger and troubles. This book is fascinating and shows us strange places and ideas that are not common nowadays. I think you all should read it and know its benefits.

#### **VII- the difference between traditional and modern stories . (Activity Book Page 13)**

Traditional stories usually show us strange worlds that are not known nowadays. They talk about the past life of people. But we do not have to forget that they can teach us human values which are disappearing day by day. On the other hand, modern stories are very important in our life. They usually talk about our real problems and the life we live and which is full of technology. Such stories can also teach new values which were not common in the past.

#### **VIII- An author who you admire (Activity Book Page 13)**

Hanna Menah , a Syrian author, is really a great one in the history of Syria and the Arab world. He wrote a lot of novels that talk about societies in our real life. What really impresses is that he talks about the lives of the poor and the rich at the same time. In his books he shows us that values can be taught not gained. In fact he is not an academic man but a barber. That proves that life itself can make great authors. You are supposed to read some of his books like The Blue Lamps and Al-Yater.

#### **IX- Write a report in your notebook about the traffic situation in a city you know well. Suggest hoe this situation could be improved. ( Activity Book Page 18) ( Students' Book Page 27)**

##### 1-The reason for writing

I am writing this report to tell you about the traffic situation in Damascus. It has been increasing for the last ten years.

##### 2-The worries of a majority

To get to work you need at least thirty minutes because of the jam caused by the small cars. Most people who I talked to feel that the situation will lead to more problems. To them everything is becoming worse day by day

##### 3- Conclusion and recommendations

I think that the government or the city council should help reducing that jam and air pollution as well. People here are really aware of that problem and begin sharing another's car or walk to work for physical activity. That way would make streets safer.

#### **X - Write a review of a book that you have read. Write 100-120 words (Students' Book –page 21)**

I have read a very well-organized story called “The Old Man and the Sea “. The story written by Hemingway tells the life of an unlucky old man , Santiago, who has tried his best to catch a very big fish. Another main character is the boy ,Manoline, who wants happily to serve his master. All the events take place in a sea. The hero has always wanted to prove that he is still a good fisherman. He was able to catch

a big one but sharks came and ate it. I liked the story very much and the best thing of it was when he came back to the shore tired but full of hope. I would recommend the reader to read it because it is a lesson in a life full of pain.

XI- Write your own sets of instructions. Choose one of the five types of instructions from exercise 1. Use sequence words and phrases at the beginning , in the middle and at the end. ( Activity Book Page 26 )

### **Ordering something on the Internet**

First of all, find the items or books you like to buy and enjoy having to your shopping basket. Next you are expected to fill in an order telling your personal data; name and address for delivery. After that you have to use your visa card details. By the way, make sure that the details are correct or you might lose your money. At last, press the OK or the Order Now button. In a few seconds you will receive a letter about the way of delivery.

### **XII- Write a letter using informal language ( Activity Book Page 36 )**

Hi everybody,

Mm, I've noticed the advert on the Net and in fact I want be one of the members of the selling group. I want to sell old and second hand books . Then, send me the application form that you need. Can you tell me if there is anybody here in my area who can help? Many friends like to join your group, too. Keep in touch and I am ready.

Write me back

Best regards

Sam

### **XIII- Write a letter using formal language ( Activity Book Page 36 )**

Dear Sirs,

I have just seen your honorable advert and I am very pleased to join your organization. In response to your question, I can confirm that I am interested in selling and buying old books of interest. I am really pleased to hear that you can accept members from other areas. Now I am enclosing the application you need and full details of my current activities. One of my friends asked me to join.

Your faithfully,

Sam

### **XIV- Write about a visit you have made to an interesting place ( Activity Book Page 39 )**

Last year I went to The Blue Beach by bus. It was very hot in Damascus because it was summer. We stayed in a nice flat near the beach which was fantastic. My family and I enjoyed the sun go down. We had different kind of sea foods. One of the guides took us to see the old city and visit great sports center. In the afternoon we swam and had fun along the seaside.

### **XV- Cars of the future ( Activity Book Page 44 )**

Whether you want it or, you can not get rid of using cars and other vehicles. But you can find an answer to your interests here in our factory. You will be taken by our agents to the factory of the cars of the future. These cars are minimized and you do not have to buy petrol because it runs electrically. It will

take off vertically and that will help you in a traffic jam. You can also have a nap if you are tired and the car will be driven electronically wherever you want to go to. They are very expensive but they will help you a lot . no matter how you pay now but they will meet your needs. I am sure.

**XVI-Write an advertisement for a flying car. ( Activity Book Page 49 )**

Flying Car

Our modern cars can fly and will take you automatically wherever you want to go to. It can also drive a long road while you are having a nap with temperature control. Traffic jam will never hinder you at all because it can take off vertically and save time and energy needed. It is only thirty thousand dollars now which is a big deal. It will completely change your life and the way you do things. Want to find out more ? Look at our website: [www. Barsheen.com](http://www.Barsheen.com)

**XVII- You are going to write a formal letter to a Syrian organization asking for funds to help finance the action plan on you suggested in speaking. ( Students' Book , page 51 )**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of a group of students to raise money to finance a plan to help the homeless.

We have the number of the homeless and we would like to help protect their lives. Those are in danger of death and hunger.

The main thing we have chosen is that the rich can pay money for them. The rich can do something practical for them.

We have raised some money from charities and from the public, but we are still having some difficulties. We highly appreciate your help in completing the plan.

We hope your organization can help us , and we look forward to hearing from you .

Yours faithfully,

**XVIII- You are going to write an article for a school magazine suggesting practical ways in which we could all save energy ( Students' Book , page 63 )**

I think that there are many problems that face our life and energy we need nowadays. Here are my suggestions for reducing the energy we use in our cars, homes, offices and other places. I think that sharing cars with others is a good idea. using public transport such as buses, and mini buses is a good solution for the air pollution we suffer from. Why do not we replace our cars with smaller ones. I think it is a good idea to walk to your work. Travelling by bike will help reduce the problem. We should also think of other ways of saving energy like petrol, electricity we need every day. It sounds good to us if we use lamps that save energy and power. If we are not able to save energy we will end up with a lot of future problem

**XIX- you are going to write a magazine advertisement for a new invention. (Students' book page 69)**

This is an umbrella! Here are some of the things it can do ....

- The new umbrella can talk to you and show you the way .
- This new device is equipped with a lamp which lights in the dark.
- At the touch of a button the light shines into action offering a safe passage to your destination.
- The light inside the handle can lighten the area under the umbrella.
- This umbrella is sure to make that walk a little bit brighter.

- It can remind you of all the dates you want to remember

So, what are you waiting for? Order one that will change your life. Still not sure watch the umbrella in action!

**XX- You are going to write an opinion composition about money. (Students' book page 75)**

Money can make the world go round to a large extent. Money means so much these days. Today you can't do anything without money. People say money isn't everything, and when you also have to deal with health, love, friendship, happiness, and health it may not be, but it's awfully close. Without money how would you eat and stay healthy? I'm not saying that money is the only thing people should live for by any means

Some people say money is the root of all evil and that money can't buy you happiness, but I say it can and it's not the root of some evil. Money does not have the power to change a person; and can't buy you love, but allows you to live.