

Read the article and answer the following questions. Choose **a**, **b**, or **c**.

What a view!

Dubai is certainly one of the most well-known cities in the Middle East. Located in the United Arab Emirates, it is a glittering jewel of a city in the otherwise sandy desert. One of the reasons the city 'glitters' is because of its extravagant construction projects. It's certainly easy to call Dubai a 'tall' city, because it has some of the world's tallest buildings.

Burj Khalifa is one of the tallest man-made structures in the world. Construction began in 2004 and the building opened in January 2010. Burj Khalifa is an amazing 828 metre high building! Most of the really tall skyscrapers are only used as office buildings, but Burj Khalifa has also got residential flats! The skyscraper is groundbreaking in many ways. It is the building with the most floors (180), the highest swimming pool in the world, the highest observation deck, and the first Armani hotel anywhere in the world. The hotel takes up 15 floors in the lower part of the building. Burj Khalifa also has the highest lift system in the world, as well as the fastest. You can take any of the 57 lifts from the first floor and be on the 124th floor in about 60 seconds. The building can hold around 35,000 people at a time! There are also several 'sky lobbies' where people can see the amazing panoramic views for many kilometres from special digital binoculars.

Burj Khalifa is located in a part of the city known as Downtown Burj Khalifa. This area is a large-scale real estate project that includes parks, hotels, entertainment venues and beautiful man-made ponds and fountains. In

fact, the same people who made the Dubai Fountain, also made fountains for resorts and casinos in Las Vegas. The fountain has got lights and can shoot water almost 150 metres into the air. It's over 275 metres long; that's more than the length of two football fields! It's so large that people can see it from about 30 kilometres away on a clear day. Also, in Downtown Burj Khalifa there is the Dubai Mall, the largest shopping mall in the world. Nearby is the Burj Al Arab hotel, the world's second largest hotel. This magnificent hotel sits on a man-made island and looks like a ship's sail. Dubai has got other tall hotels too, including the Rose Tower, a 72-storey building (333m) and the world's tallest building used exclusively as a hotel. In fact, Dubai boasts four of the world's five tallest hotels. With Rose Tower in the first place, Burj Al Arab in the second, Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel and The Address Downtown Burj Khalifa following in the list, it must be hard to decide which to visit. No matter where you go, the view is great!



1. Why does Dubai 'glitter' in the desert?
 - a. because of its location
 - b. because it's in the middle of the desert
 - c. because of its unique buildings
2. Why is Burj Khalifa special?
 - a. because of its height
 - b. because of what it is used for
 - c. both of the above
3. What is different about Burj Khalifa compared to other skyscrapers?
 - a. There are only offices in the building.
 - b. People can also live there.
 - c. It offers panoramic views of the city.
4. What isn't true about the Dubai Fountain?
 - a. You can see it from very far away.
 - b. It was created by people who made similar structures.
 - c. You have to pay to visit it.
5. What is special about the Burj Al Arab hotel?
 - a. It is near the Dubai Mall.
 - b. It is built on an island which is not natural.
 - c. It's on a boat.