GOVERNORATE: DHOFAR **2023/2024**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE EIGHT

Semester One
First Session

Name			
School		**Class**	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2 hours **Pages: 10**

TEST SCORES	**LISTENING**	**10**	
	GRM/VCB	**10**	
	READING	**10**	
	WRITING	**10**	
	TOTAL	**40**	

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5) **(5 marks)**

You are going to hear five people speaking. **What *are they* talking about***?*
Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.

	taking photos	playing computer games	practicing sport	watching TV	making models	playing piano
1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10) **(5 marks)**

*You are going to hear a **story** about **an accident**.*
*Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

6. When did Nasser and Saif meet?

_____

7. Where did the accident happen?

_____

8. What happened to the cars because of the accident?

_____

9. How was the driver taken to the hospital?

By _____

10. Who thanked Nasser and Saif for their actions?

_____

LISTENING SCORE	
	10

VOCABULARY (Items 1-5) (2½ marks)

For each item, read the definition and the example.
Then complete the word in the space provided.
You are given the first letter(s) of the word. Make sure your spelling is correct.

Example:	(noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked *e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit** c h e n.*

1. (verb) to make new things.

*e.g. Graham Bell tried to **inv** _ _ _ many things like the first telephone.*

2. (adjective) reaching a high or the highest degree, very great.

*e.g. Tokyo is one of the **ext** __ __ __ __ cities in the world. It is the world's largest city.*

3. (noun) a device used to find directions.

*e.g. Sailors and people in the desert use a **com** __ __ __ __ to know directions.*

4. (verb) to run away from a place to be safe or free.

*e.g. Animals will **esc** __ __ __ if the cage is open in the zoo.*

5. (adverb) without noise or in a silent way.

*e.g. Ali was nervous during the exam, so the teacher talked **qui** __ __ __ __ to him.*

GRAMMAR (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.
(There are five extra words in the box.)

I like reading **(6)**_____it provides me with a lot of information about life and people. I have bought a lot of books recently. I like reading books that were **(7)**_____ by Charles Dickens. He published a lot of novels about life in England 200 years **(8)**_____. Life in that time used to **(9)**_____ very difficult for poor people. I think reading is the **(10)**_____ enjoyable hobby that one can do.

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6. ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭

7. ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭

8. ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭

9. ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭

10. ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭ ⬭

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20) **(5 marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

Many animals are (11)_____ and may disappear soon and become (12)_____. This means that (13)_____will no longer exist on the planet. This could (14)_____for many reasons. (15)_____ is one of these reasons. It (16)_____ affected the life of many animals. It has (17)_____ the environments they live in. Animals can die if their (18)_____ are polluted. For example, when water is polluted, some (19)_____ animals may have serious harm . We should all work together to (20)_____ these animals.

11.	⬭ dangerous	⬭ beautiful	⬭ endangered	⬭ scary
12.	⬭ extinct	⬭ alive	⬭ frightening	⬭ poisonous
13.	⬭ them	⬭ their	⬭ they	⬭ theirs
14.	⬭ happens	⬭ happened	⬭ happening	⬭ happen
15.	⬭ Pollution	⬭ Education	⬭ Protection	⬭ Invention
16.	⬭ is	⬭ has	⬭ have	⬭ was
17.	⬭ built	⬭ stayed	⬭ destroyed	⬭ cleaned
18.	⬭ habits	⬭ travels	⬭ habitats	⬭ tables
19.	⬭ land	⬭ desert	⬭ sky	⬭ sea
20.	⬭ protect	⬭ watch	⬭ buy	⬭ hunt

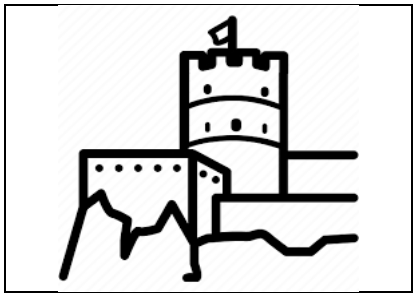
GRM/VCB SCORE	
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READING 1 (Items 1-4) (4 marks)

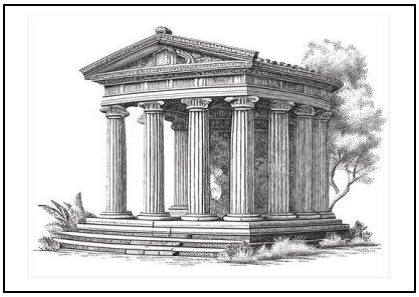
Match the texts with the pictures.

For each text, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.

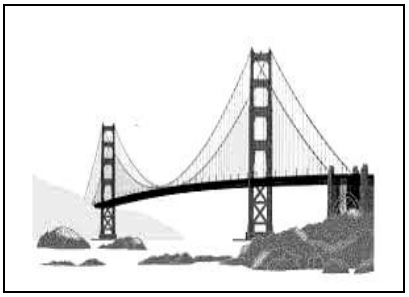
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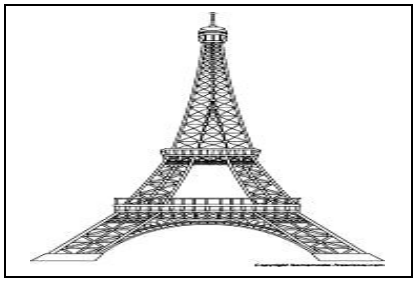
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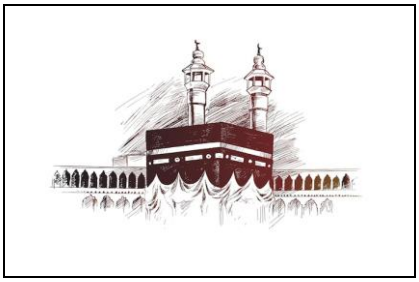
C.



D.



E.



F.



Texts	Pictures					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1 The tower is 330 meters tall. It is the tallest structure in Paris. The tower was built from 1887 to 1889. It was one of world's tallest towers.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2 Giza in Egypt has the famous Pyramids and the Sphinx. They are the ancient landmarks known for their historical and wonderful architecture style.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3 Mecca in Saudi Arabia has the Masjid Al-Haram. The Islam's holiest mosque, surrounding the Kaaba and welcoming millions of pilgrims every year.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4 Nizwa in Oman is famous for its historic Nizwa Fort. It is a cultural attraction that tells the story of Oman's great heritage.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

READING 2 (Items 5–10) **(6 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Online shopping is a popular way to buy things on the internet. It has both good and bad sides. On the positive side, it is easy because you can shop from your home and save time and effort. You can find a lot of different things online, which gives you more choices. The prices are often good, and there are discounts and promotions that help you save your money.

However, there are some disadvantages of online shopping. One big problem is that you cannot see or touch the products before you buy them, which can be of bad quality. Also, your personal information can be stolen. Delivery costs and the products' delay can be a problem, especially if you need something quickly. Returns and exchanges can also be difficult.

In conclusion, online shopping offers a wide variety of options, but it has some negative sides like not being able to check products. Moreover, it has some concerns about security. Shoppers should consider these advantages and disadvantages when deciding whether to shop online or in ordinary stores. It is important to weigh the good and bad points before making a decision.

READING 2 (continued)

For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

5. Online shopping is a popular way to _____.

⬭ send messages ⬭ buy products ⬭ read books

6. One good thing about online shopping is that it is _____.

⬭ boring ⬭ difficult ⬭ easy

7. Online shopping helps you to _____ time.

⬭ save ⬭ waste ⬭ tell

8. Products that are bought online are usually _____ than those in ordinary shops.

⬭ cheaper ⬭ more expensive ⬭ better

9. You cannot _____ the products you order online before you buy them.

⬭ choose ⬭ browse ⬭ touch

10. Exchanging products in online shopping can be _____.

⬭ hard ⬭ fast ⬭ easy

READING SCORE	
	10

WRITING 1 **(4 marks)**

*Write a paragraph about a **person** called **Ahmed bin Majid**. Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.*

Ahmed bin Majid

born/Oman/1432

job/navigator/mapmaker

studied/geography wrote/38 books

popular/book/ "Ausul Ilm Albehar "

invented/magnetic needle died/1500

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING 2 **(6 marks)**

*Complete the following task. Write **at least 60 words**.*

Situation: Imagine that you are **Ali/Alia**. You want to invite your friend **Carl**/**Carolina**, from the USA, to spend a week with you in Salalah. Write an ***e-mail*** to him/her and tell him/her about things he/she **can do and see in Salalah**.

*Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organized.***

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING SCORE	
	10