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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN

Semester One
First Session

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School		**Class**	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours **Pages: 13**

ELEMENT		Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
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LISTENING	15					
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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) (7 marks)

*You are going to hear a **conversation** between **a mother** and **her son**.*
Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

1. The son is feeling _____.

⬭ confused ⬭ stressed ⬭ happy

2. Next week, he will have _____.

⬭ a party to arrange ⬭ a project to submit ⬭ many exams

3. He studies at _____.

⬭ school ⬭ college ⬭ institute

4. _____ is the main cause of distraction for him.

⬭ Friends' gatherings ⬭ Social media ⬭ Evening classes

5. Keeping the phone in another room and setting a time limit _____ for him.

⬭ worked well ⬭ was quite helpful ⬭ didn't work

6. His mother suggested using _____ apps to help him focus.

⬭ Freedom and FocusMe ⬭ ClickUp and flipd ⬭ Focus and flipd

7. The son _____ his mother's last advice.

⬭ will try ⬭ wasn't sure about ⬭ didn't like

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

You are going to hear ***a talk*** about ***a famous energy project****.*
Task One: *Listen and for each item, write a short answer* ***(not more than FOUR WORDS).***

8. Where is the Gansu Wind Project located?

_____(country)

9. When did the work in the project begin?

_____

10. How many square kilometers does the wind farm cover?

_____

11. Why was Gansu province chosen for the project?

Because _____

Task Two**:** *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble* ⬭ *next to the correct option.*

	Statements	**True**	**False**
12.	The Gansu Wind Farm is now the world's largest wind power plant.	⬭	⬭
13.	The wind farm consists of 5000 wind turbines.	⬭	⬭
14.	The Gansu Wind Farm helps in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	⬭	⬭
15.	Building and maintaining the wind farms is very cheap.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	
	15

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

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

Social media has become an integral part of our daily lives especially the new generation that is known as **(1)**_____ natives. They spend hours on their devices to **(2)**_____ with others on different platforms. One popular social media application is Facebook. It is a **(3)**_____ where users can create personal accounts, add friends, and **(4)**_____ photos, and videos. Facebook allows users to connect with people from all over the world. Users can also **(5)**_____ in groups and communities based on their interests.

1. ⬭ old ⬭ digital ⬭ traditional ⬭ extreme

2. ⬭ interact ⬭ blog ⬭ release ⬭ send

3. ⬭ blogger ⬭ device ⬭ brand ⬭ website

4. ⬭ log in ⬭ share ⬭ solve ⬭ contact

5. ⬭ participate ⬭ cause ⬭ reduce ⬭ produce

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5) **(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: Your new camera looks nice. What (1)_____ you do with it?

Speaker B: Well, I 'm planning to make a short film about a site that no one knows about.

Speaker A: Do you have (2)_____ particular place in mind?

Speaker B: Not yet. I am thinking of an old fort in my village, (3)_____ I do not have enough information about it.

Speaker A: This sounds interesting! I can help you look (4)_____ the information you need.

Speaker B: That's kind of you. Two heads are better (5)_____ one. You are a true friend.

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1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

GRAMMAR2 (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

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

6. Bahla Fort was _____ between the 12th and 15th centuries by Banu Nebhan.

⬭ build ⬭ built ⬭ builds ⬭ building

7. I came _____ some amazing information about festivals in Africa while I was reading a magazine.

⬭ in ⬭ off ⬭ up ⬭ across

8. Ali failed his last math's test. _____, he studied very hard to pass his next test.

⬭ Therefore ⬭ But ⬭ However ⬭ Due to

9. Ahmed is not _____ tall as his brother. He is shorter.

⬭ a ⬭ the ⬭ than ⬭ as

10. My father is the _____ video game player in the family.

⬭ more ⬭ worst ⬭ worse ⬭ less

GRAMMAR SCORE	
	5

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Dear Sally,

I hope this letter finds you well. I want to share with you some interesting information about a school project that I am working on with my classmates. We were given the opportunity to research and present on a famous ancient structure, and I couldn't wait to tell you all about it!

We chose to focus on the Pyramids of Giza, one of the most amazing ancient structures in the world. The Pyramids of Giza are located in Egypt, a country in Africa. These incredible pyramids were built as tombs for the pharaohs, who were the rulers of ancient Egypt. These pyramids were constructed around 2500 BC, which means they are over 4,500 years old!

There are three main pyramids at Giza: the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the Pyramid of Khafre, and the Pyramid of Menkaure. The Great Pyramid of Khufu is the largest and was the tallest artificial structure in the world for over 3,800 years! Can you imagine that?

The pyramids are made of limestone blocks. The Egyptians used advanced engineering techniques to build these massive structures without modern machinery. They aligned the pyramids with the basic directions: north, south, east, and west.

Inside the pyramids, there are rooms and passageways. The pharaohs were buried in these rooms along with the belongings they might need in the afterlife. Isn't that strange? The ancient Egyptians believed in an afterlife and wanted to ensure their pharaohs had everything they needed for eternity.

The pyramids are great ancient structures that survive wars and natural disasters**.** They continue to amaze scientists and archaeologists today. In fact, the Pyramids of Giza are one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World!

As part of our exciting school project, we will create models of the pyramids and learn more about the ancient Egyptian civilization. I cannot wait to present our findings to the rest of the school.

I want to share this project with you because I know how much you appreciate historical architecture. The Pyramids are evidence for human creativity and innovation, and I think you would find it fascinating. Perhaps one day we can visit it together and experience its greatness.

I hope you like the information I sent. I cannot wait to share more about our project with you. Take care and write back soon!

Warm regards,

Amal

Task One: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Amal is doing a project about ancient _____.

⬭ structures ⬭ cities ⬭ money

2. The Pyramids of Giza are built as _____.

⬭ houses for ancient Egyptians ⬭ temples for worship ⬭ tombs for pharaohs

3. They are over _____ years old.

⬭ 500 ⬭ 2,500 ⬭ 4,500

4. Pyramid of Khufu was the tallest _____ structure in the world

⬭ natural ⬭ artificial ⬭ modern

5. The pyramids were made of _____ blocks.

⬭ limestone ⬭ granite ⬭ sandstone

6. The ancient Egyptians align the pyramids with the _____.

⬭ directions ⬭ surroundings ⬭ stars

Task Two: *For each item, completer the missing words (**not more than two words**).*

7. Inside the pyramids, there are big rooms and _____.

8. The Pyramids of Giza are considered one of the _____ wonders of the ancient world.

9. The students will create _____ of the pyramids as part of the project.

10. Amal shares the project with her friend because she is interested in _____.

READING 2 (Items 11-20) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Elon Musk is an American entrepreneur who has made a significant impact on the world in various fields, including technology, aerospace, and transportation. He is recognized by his high intelligence that helps him succeed in making new creations.

Musk's journey began in Pretoria city in South Africa, where he was born on June 28, 1971. He showed an early interest in computers and technology and learned how to program at the age of twelve. At the age of seventeen, he moved to Canada to study physics and economics at Queen's University. He transferred later to the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned bachelor's degrees in both fields. After graduating, Musk moved to California to earn a doctorate degree in applied physics at Stanford University. However, he dropped out after just two days to start his own businesses.

His first successful business was Zip2, a company that provides maps and business directories to online newspapers. He sold Zip2 to Compaq Computers in 1999 for 307 million dollars. Musk's next business was forming PayPal. PayPal has become a very successful online payment platform, and Musk was its CEO until 2002. In that same year, Musk founded SpaceX, a company with the ambitious goal of making space travel cheaper and accessible to everyone. SpaceX has succeeded in developing reusable rockets and launching cargo to the International Space Station.

In 2004, Musk started investing in Tesla, an electric car company that was founded earlier in 2003. He became Tesla's CEO in 2008. Under his leadership, the company has become the world's leading manufacturer of electric vehicles. Tesla's cars are known for their beautiful design and advanced technology.

Musk's vision extends far beyond electric cars and space travel. He is the co-founder of OpenAI and Neuralink companies, which aim at producing safe technologies for humanity. OpenAI researches the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to develop machine learning, while Neuralink develops brain-machine interfaces (BMIs) that enable human interaction with machines. Also, Musk has been a strong supporter of education that he has donated millions of dollars to several educational institutions.

To sum, Elon Musk is a visionary businessman who has made significant contributions to several fields. His companies are at the front of innovation, and his work is helping to shape the future of the world. He is a real inspiration to the world.

Task One**:** *For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

11. Where was Elon Musk born?

_____(country)

12. How old was Musk when he learned computer programming?

_____

13. Which fields did Musk study at Queen's University?

_____

14. Why did Musk drop out of Stanford University?

_____

15. What was Musk's first successful business?

_____

16. When did Musk found SpaceX company?

_____

Task Two**:** *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

	Statements	True	False
17.	SpaceX was not successful in developing reusable rockets.	⬭	⬭
18.	Musk became the CEO of Tesla in 2008.	⬭	⬭
19.	Neuralink and OpenAI companies produce safe technologies for humans.	⬭	⬭
20.	Millions of dollars have been donated by Elon Musk to healthcare institutions	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	**20**

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

*Write at least **80 words** on the following topic:*

"Fighting climate change is the responsibility of governments only"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

*Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.*

Write about: **" A day you spent without using social media".**

When was it?
Why did it happen?
What did you do?
How did you feel?

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

WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) (7 marks)

*You are going to hear **an interview at a hotel between a man and a woman**. Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. The woman is applying for a job as a _____.

⬭ nurse ⬭ receptionist ⬭ waitress

2. She has worked at the hotel for_____ years.

⬭ three ⬭ four ⬭ five

3. She left her last job because _____.

⬭ her parents moved house ⬭ the hotel closed ⬭ she wanted a change

4. She asks for _____.

⬭ facilities ⬭ transportation ⬭ medical care

5. The training course will take_____ months.

⬭ four ⬭ three ⬭ two

6. She will get a salary of_____ Omani Rials.

⬭ 300 ⬭ 305 ⬭ 350

7. The hotel manager says he will contact her by _____.

⬭ phone ⬭ e-mail ⬭ fax

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

You are going to hear ***a talk*** *about* ***the United Nations (UN).***

Task One: *Listen and for each item, write a short answer* ***(not more than FOUR WORDS).***

8. How many countries is the UN made up of?

_____

9. When was the UN founded?

_____ (year)

10. Give two examples of the issues that the UN aim to solve?

_____

11. What is the main body of the UN?

_____

Task Two**:** *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

	Statements	**True**	**False**
12.	The Security Council consists of 15 members.	⬭	⬭
13.	The International Court of Justice is located at the Peace Palace in New York.	⬭	⬭
14.	The Secretary-General is appointed by the General Assembly every six years.	⬭	⬭
15.	The UN has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize eleven times.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	**15**

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

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

Climate change is a serious (1)_____ to our planet's balance. The burning of fossil fuels (2)_____ dangerous gases into the atmosphere. These gases, including carbon dioxide and methane, (3)_____ the warming of the Earth. Consequently, the average global temperature is rising, leading to natural (4)_____, such as floods and droughts. To solve this issue, people shifted to using reusable energy (5)_____, such as solar and wind powers. Recycling waste can also play a significant role in reducing the negative effects on the environment.

1.	⬭ evidence	⬭ threat	⬭ policy	⬭ ocean
2.	⬭ effects	⬭ recycles	⬭ releases	⬭ predicts
3.	⬭ discover	⬭ emit	⬭ survive	⬭ cause
4.	⬭ habitats	⬭ sites	⬭ disasters	⬭ solutions
5.	⬭ sources	⬭ dangers	⬭ risks	⬭ facts

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5) **(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: Ali, what is **(1)** _____ oldest mosque in the world?

Speaker B: I think it is the Quba Mosque. It **(2)** _____ built when prophet Mohammed (PBUH) first arrived in Medina.

Speaker A: It is really **(3)** _____ old! Is it still in a good condition?

Speaker B: Actually, it has been renovated by the Saudi government. Why are you asking about that?

Speaker A: That's **(4)** _____ I have a project about ancient structures in the world. Where can I find more information about Quba?

Speaker B: Well, I have a book about "Islamic Mosques". I **(5)** _____ give it to you.

Speaker A: I appreciate that. Thank you.

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1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

GRAMMAR2 (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

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

6. My house is _____modern than our neighbour's house.

⬭ most ⬭ more ⬭ least ⬭ much

7. She told her son to hurry _____and take his bath or he will miss the bus.

⬭ up ⬭ on ⬭ out ⬭ across

8. Her computer stopped working. _____, she could not send her assignment via e-mail.

⬭ Therefore ⬭ However ⬭ Because ⬭ Due to

9. That student is _____ smart as her mother. She can answer any question quickly.

⬭ than ⬭ less ⬭ as ⬭ the

10. I wanted to go to the cinema, _____ I did not have enough money to buy a ticket.

⬭ so ⬭ as a result of ⬭ because ⬭ but

GRAMMAR SCORE	
	5

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Dear Bader,

I hope you're having a great day. I'm writing to tell you about the history of Snapchat and share some interesting facts about it as one of the most popular social media apps in the world. I know you like using it like me, so I thought you would love to know how it developed.

Snapchat was created in 2011 by the friends, Evan Spiegel, Bobby Murphy, and Reggie Brown when they were students at Stanford University. Their idea was to create a platform where photos and messages could disappear after a short time, making it more private. At first, it was called 'Picaboo'. Later, they renamed it as Snapchat. The name 'Snapchat' originally came from the words: 'snap' and 'chat', combining the idea of quick and casual communication.

Snapchat quickly gained popularity, especially among young people. By 2012, users were sending thousands of snaps every day, and Snapchat was processing around 25 images per second. By 2013, that number had grown to 4,500 per second.

One of the things that made Snapchat unique was its 'Stories' feature. This allows users to share a series of moments that would disappear in 24 hours. Later, Snapchat introduced the 'Discover' feature in 2015. Discover allows users to access content from various publishers, and to add fun filters and lenses to swap faces, and even change their voices. Also, the 'Snap Map' was introduced in 2017 to enable users to see the locations and activities of their friends.

While searching, I've gathered some interesting facts about Snapchat that would amaze you. Do you know that Snapchat has over 347 million daily active users, most of them are between the ages of 18 and 24! About 63% of Snapchat users open the app every day. Did you know that 61% of the users are females? Over four billion snaps (photos) are shared around the world every day. Snapchat's daily views of video have increased by 400% since it started.

Overall, Snapchat is an innovative social media app that is constantly developing. It is a great platform to stay connected with friends and family and I thought that it was the top one used app. To my surprise, I discovered that it comes in the ninth place. Guess which app comes first? It is Facebook, so my next search will be about Facebook, which is your favourite platform.

I hope you found this information interesting. Waiting for your comments.

Warm regards,

Salim

Task One: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Snapchat was created by _____.

⬭ three friends ⬭ two brothers ⬭ a husband and wife

2. When Snapchat was first created, it was called _____.

⬭ Picaboo ⬭ Snapking ⬭ Messenger

3. Snapchat was processing around _____images per second in 2012.

⬭ 24 ⬭ 25 ⬭ 26

4. Snapchat's _____feature allows users to add fun filters and lenses.

⬭ Stories ⬭ Discover ⬭ Map

5. Snapchat introduced "Snap Map" in _____.

⬭ 2013 ⬭ 2015 ⬭ 2017

6. Most of Snapchat's active users are _____ years old.

⬭ below 18 ⬭ between 18 and 24 ⬭ above 24

Task Two: *For each item, completer the missing words* ***(not more than two words).***

7. Around 61% of the Snapchat users are _____.

8. Snapchat's daily views of _____ have increased by 400% since it started.

9. Salim was surprised to discover that Snapchat comes in the _____ place.

10. Salim's next search will be about _____.

READING 2 (Items 11-20) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Climate change refers to long-term changes in temperature and weather patterns on Earth. It is mainly caused by human activities that release large amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This change does not only affect humans but also has great impacts on different animals like turtles.

For instance, the impacts of climate change severely harm sea turtles, which lay their eggs on beaches. Due to rising sea levels, these beaches are disappearing. This means that sea turtles are losing their nesting places.

Generally, sea turtles need an average temperature of 29 degrees celsius to help eggs hatch safely, and to have equal numbers of male and female turtles. However, the increasing temperature of nesting beaches is affecting gender diversity; cooler sand produces male turtles, while warmer sand produces females. With rising temperatures, scientists predict that there will be more female turtles than males. To solve this issue, scientists at Junquillal Beach built nurseries with cooler temperature to help them grow in equal numbers.

Hot ocean temperatures also have a negative impact on the coral reefs, which are an important food source for sea turtles. Rising sea temperatures have caused coral reefs to bleach, which leads to the death of parts of the corals. This has affected the Caribbean Sea, which has already lost almost 50% of its corals since 2005, because of the high sea temperatures.

To face these challenges, governments started searching for solutions. One effective solution is using renewable energy like solar and wind powers, which can slow down the rate of climate change and reduce its impact on turtle habitats. That is because it reduces the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

Another solution for protecting turtles is creating Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for sea turtles. These are closed areas where sea turtles can grow and nest safely. It is a way of protecting the turtles' natural habitats.

To end, turtles are not alone in facing the challenges of climate change. Many other animals, from polar bears in the Arctic to coral reefs in the ocean, are also feeling the great impacts of changing climate. It's a global issue that affects various ecosystems and species. People and governments need to work together to protect these animals and their natural habitats to keep the balance of nature.

Task One**:** *For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

11. What is the main cause of climate change?

_____

12. Why are nesting beaches disappearing?

Because of_____

13. What is the best temperature for turtle eggs to hatch safely?

_____

14. Which turtle gender grows in cooler sands?

_____

15. Where did scientists build cooler nurseries for turtles?

_____

16. What is turtles' main source of food?

_____

Task Two**:** *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

	Statements	True	False
17.	Coral reefs are suffering from a "bleaching" effect due to rising sea temperatures.	⬭	⬭
18.	The Caribbean Sea has lost almost all of its coral reefs since 2005.	⬭	⬭
19.	Solar and wind powers can slow down the rate of climate change.	⬭	⬭
20.	MPAs are unsafe places for sea turtles to nest and grow.	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	**20**

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

*Write at least **80 words** on the following topic:*

" Social media has only positive effects on teenagers' lives"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

*Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.*

Write about: **"An interesting visit you made to a famous site in/out of Oman".**

When was it?
Who went with you?
What did you do?
How did you feel?

*Your writing should be **clear** and **interesting.***

WRITING 2 (continued)

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) (7 marks)

*You are going to hear a conversation between **a father and his daughter**.*
Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

1. Sara has already finished her _____ test.

⬭ Biology ⬭ English ⬭ Maths

2. Last year, the theme of the competition was about_____.

⬭ climate change ⬭ Pollution reduction ⬭ space

3. The robot is designed to_____.

⬭ clean the house ⬭ cook dinner ⬭ Swallow plastic from ocean

4. Sara's school is participating with _____teams.

⬭ 2 ⬭ 3 ⬭ 4

5. Sara's team has to finish the project by_____.

⬭ January ⬭ November ⬭ September

6. The winners will receive _____Omani Rials in the final stage.

⬭ 75 ⬭ 570 ⬭ 750

7. Sara's father is _____ about her participation in the competition.

⬭ worried ⬭ excited ⬭ frustrated

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

*You are going to hear **a talk** about **a famous kid-youtuber** called **Rayan Kaji**.*

Task one:** Listen and for each item, write a short answer **(not more than FOUR WORDS).

8. Where is Rayan from?

_____

9. Who has helped Rayan in running his channel?

_____

10. What is the name of Rayan's channel?

_____

11. How many subscribers does the channel have?

_____

***Task Two*:** *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

	Statements	True	False
12.	He has worked with Marks & Spenser in releasing sleepwear.	⬭	⬭
13.	Rayan has made a wealth of 12 billion dollar.	⬭	⬭
14.	Rayan and his family have one channel currently.	⬭	⬭
15.	'Huge Egg Surprise Toys Challenge' is the least popular video.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	
	15

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

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

Nowadays people prefer using paper bags for many reasons. First, they are eco-friendly and 100 % **(1)** _____ as they can be used more than once. Also, they require less **(2)** _____ to be reused. Third, people can **(3)** _____ them at a very cheap price. They also can make paper bags from magazines or **(4)** _____ after finishing reading them. If you are eco-friendly and looking for something to **(5)** _____ carbon footprint, start using paper bags.

1.	⬭ global	⬭ modern	⬭ recyclable	⬭ warm
2.	⬭ design	⬭ energy	⬭ habitat	⬭ invention
3.	⬭ buy	⬭ build	⬭ melt	⬭ protect
4.	⬭ fuels	⬭ lights	⬭ newspapers	⬭ televisions
5.	⬭ discover	⬭ reduce	⬭ respect	⬭ trade

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5) (2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: What kind of book are you holding? It seems **(1)** _____ interesting one.

Speaker B: Yeah. It is about the world-famous leaders. I **(2)** _____ already finished reading half of it.

Speaker A: Is there anyone who inspired you so far? I need some ideas for my presentation.

Speaker B: There are many, but the **(3)** _____ inspiring one is Mahatma Gandhi.

Speaker A: Are you talking about the man who introduced the idea of non-violent resistance **(4)** _____ India.

Speaker B: Indeed, he is. That's why he is considered as the Father of the Nation. It will be nice to **(5)** _____ about him.

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1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

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

6. Noor has got high marks in English _____ she has been studying so hard.

⬭ because ⬭ one result of ⬭ so ⬭ therefore

7. Salim will _____to go home on foot. His car is still being repaired.

⬭ had ⬭ has ⬭ have ⬭ having

8. I was searching on the internet, suddenly I _____some amazing information about solar panels.

⬭ came across ⬭ hung on ⬭ hurried up ⬭ put off

9. This picture_____ painted by some talented teenagers two days ago.

⬭ had ⬭ is ⬭ were ⬭ was

10. I really want to go for a walk. _____, I have lots of homework to do.

⬭ Consequently ⬭ However ⬭ Moreover ⬭ So

GRAMMAR SCORE	
	5

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

11th January 2023

Dear Adil,

How are you? I hope you are OK. Sorry I haven't contacted you before. As for me, I'm still in Africa attending the IAOM EXPO which has started on 13th December. To my surprise, I met my old friend who just came from Dubai. He invited me to go with him to Stone Town, the capital of Zanzibar, the biggest and wealthiest city in East Africa.

I must say, I was very excited. It is a fascinating place with historical buildings and rich culture. Personally, the most beautiful building is the 'House of Wonders' which was built in 1883 by Sultan Barghash bin Said, the second Sultan in Zanzibar. It is one of the six palaces built by him. I noticed that the main door was too wide and I asked my friend about the reason. My friend told me that Sultan Barghash made the door extra wide so he could enter the palace on the back of an elephant. The doors of the palace are beautifully decorated with phrases from the Quran. The marble floors and most of the silver decorations inside were brought from Europe.

This palace was named 'House of Wonders' because it was the first building to have electricity and elevator in East Africa. It was used as a government facility for decades until 1990. Due to its fantastic history and cultural importance, great efforts were made to preserve it and turned it into a museum. The museum displays the mixture of Portuguese, English, Omani and Swahili culture that can be found in Zanzibar.

After this amazing tour, we felt hungry, so we went to the traditional market. We ordered the two most popular dishes which are the spice cake and Zanzibar pizza. I really loved their pizza, but the cake wasn't tasty because it was too spicy for me. Later, we went to the spice farm. My mom is really interested in spices and fruits. So, I bought some spices as a gift for her.

That's all for now. Tomorrow, I'm going back to the EXPO which goes on for five more days. Then I'm flying back to Muscat carrying in my mind the great civilisation of Zanzibar.

See you soon,

Hassan

Task one: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Hassan met _____ in the EXPO.

⬭ Adil ⬭ his old friend ⬭ Barghash

2. _____ palaces were built by Sultan Barghash.

⬭ Two ⬭ Five ⬭ Six

3. Hassan was amazed with the _____ of the main door.

⬭ size ⬭ colour ⬭ decorations

4. The palace has _____ that were imported from Europe.

⬭ Quran phrases ⬭ silver decorations ⬭ wooden doors

5. The EXPO will close on _____ of January 2023.

⬭ 11^{th} ⬭ 13^{th} ⬭ 16^{th}

6. Hassan will return to Muscat by a _____.

⬭ train ⬭ plane ⬭ ship

Task Two: *For each item, completer the missing words (not more than two words).*

7. The 'House of Wonders' was the first palace in East Africa to have elevator and _____.

8. Nowadays the building is turned into a _____.

9. Hassan didn't like the _____ because it was very spicy.

10. He bought some _____ for his mother.

READING 2 (Items 11-20) (10 marks)

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Air pollution is one of the most serious problems facing the world today. When something is burned, bad chemicals in the smoke can go into the air. These bad chemicals cause problems like global warming and acid rain. There are many causes of air pollution, but the major one is cars which emit tones of pollution into the air every day. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that cars cause nearly 75% of the carbon pollution in the US.

In fact, most people with cars say they need their cars, and they cannot live without them. For example, the US is a car-loving country. The average number of cars needed is two cars per a family. It was reported, in 2020, there were 11.3 million cars just in New York city.

As a result, rather than asking people to stop driving, a better idea might be to make something that people can use instead of cars. This new thing should not pollute the air. That is why Dean Kamen invented the Segway in 1999 in the US. This Segway has two wheels, a place for the driver to stand on and a handle for the driver to hold on to. Driving a Segway is very different from driving a car. Instead of stepping on a paddle to go forward, the driver simply leans forward. Leaning back slows it down. To turn left, the driver simply leans left. It depends on body movement. It is super easy but needs practice at the beginning to avoid accidents.

The main benefit of Segway is that it does not burn gasoline. It runs on electricity. Moreover, it is suitable for short distances in crowded cities. For example, the UAE government tried many projects to reduce the country carbon footprint such as providing Segways in Dubai. In fact, there are 2.000 Segways available for rent in the city. To unlock the Segway, you have to pay only 3 Emirati Dirhams.

Unfortunately, the Segway will not replace the cars because most people using their cars to drive long distances to work. They live outside of cities and drive into the city every day. You cannot drive the Segway that far because it goes too slowly. It can go to only about 20 kilometers per hour.

To sum up, Segways have been sold since 2001. Nowadays, they are relatively new and quite expensive. However, they can make a big difference because they are ecofriendly and quiet too. Perhaps, in time, they will become cheaper, and everyone will have a Segway for short distance travelling. Changing small habits can play a big role in saving the environment.

Task One**:** *For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

11. According to EPA, how much carbon pollution is caused by cars in the US?

_____

12. Where did the number of cars reach 11.3 million?

_____

13. When was the Segway invented?

_____

14. Why do people need to practice driving the segway a lot at the beginning?

_____

15. How fast can the Segway go?

_____

16. Which city provides Segways for rent?

_____

Task Two**:** *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

	Statements	**True**	**False**
17.	Driving a Segway is similar to driving a car.	⬭	⬭
18.	The Segway can be used for short and long distances.	⬭	⬭
19.	Segways were put in markets in 2001.	⬭	⬭
20.	In the future, Segways will be more expensive.	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	
	20

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

*Write at least **80 words** on the following topic:*

"Social media platforms make people more connected"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

*Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.*

Write about the **best time you have ever had.**
When was it? What did you do? How did you feel?

*Your writing should be **clear** and **interesting.***

WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

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SULTANATE OF OMAN
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

2022/2023

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN

Semester One - First Session
Afternoon Schools (المدارس المسائية)

Name			
School		**Class**	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours **Pages: 13**

ELEMENT		Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
				Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
VOCABULARY	5					
GRAMMAR	5					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
TOTAL	60					

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) **(7 marks)**

*You are going to hear **an interview** about **Earth Hour**.*
Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

1. In Earth Hour events, people turn off power for _____.

⬭ one hour ⬭ eight hours ⬭ nine hours

2. As part of the event, people in _____ plant trees.

⬭ India ⬭ Argentina ⬭ Uganda

3. The event has already been held for _____ years.

⬭ 8 ⬭ 9 ⬭ 10

4. David participated in _____ of the previous events.

⬭ all ⬭ one ⬭ five

5. David is _____.

⬭ Italian ⬭ British ⬭ French

6. He seems to be working as _____.

⬭ event organiser ⬭ environmentalist ⬭ a teacher

7. The next event will be on _____ of March.

⬭ 9th ⬭ 19th ⬭ 29th

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

You are going to hear ***a talk*** *about* ***famous youtuber*** *named* ***Nastya****.*
Task one: *Listen and for each item, write a short answer* ***(not more than FOUR WORDS).***

8. Where does Nastya live?

_____ *(Country)*

9. When was the *Like Nastya* channel launched?

_____

10. How many subscribers does the *Like Nastya* channel have?

_____

11. What type of content does the Nastya's family post on their channels?

_____

Task Two**:** *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble* ⬭ *next to the correct option.*

	Statements	True	False
12.	Nastya received 5 rewards.	⬭	⬭
13.	Nastya has now a wealth of 21 million dollars.	⬭	⬭
14.	Her family established a TikTok account in 2021.	⬭	⬭
15.	The Roku Company supported her family to increase their followers on TikTok.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	**15**

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

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

Fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas are some of the most important **(1)** _____ resources that can be burned to **(2)** _____ energy. This burning process of fossil fuels **(3)** _____ an environmental problem called global warming. In addition to being dangerous to the environment, fossil fuels are sources that will **(4)** _____ in the future. For these reasons, there is a need to find other sources like solar **(5)** _____ from the sunlight that is converted into thermal or electrical energy. This solar energy can be renewable and eco-friendly.

1.	⬭ artificial	⬭ industrial	⬭ natural	⬭ regular
2.	⬭ generate	⬭ install	⬭ reduce	⬭ stop
3.	⬭ affects	⬭ causes	⬭ prevents	⬭ remains
4.	⬭ break down	⬭ Look up	⬭ raise up	⬭ run out
5.	⬭ expense	⬭ fame	⬭ power	⬭ stress

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5) **(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: Hi, Ahmed. I want to post a video **(1)** _____ Instagram. It is my first time to use the app, so can you help me?

Speaker B: Why don't you upload it on YouTube? It is **(2)** _____ popular than Instagram and you can post longer videos.

Speaker A: I know, **(3)** _____ I don't have a YouTube account. What should I do?

Speaker B: Signing up is a very easy process. It only **(4)** _____ few minutes. I can help you with it.

Speaker A: Really? I **(5)** _____ try to do it today myself first.

Speaker B: Great! Call me if you got stuck.

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1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

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

6. Carbon dioxide is increasing in the atmosphere _____ burning fossil fuel.

⬭ due to ⬭ because ⬭ so ⬭ consequently

7. Mobile phones were _____ as popular as radios 30 years ago.

⬭ more ⬭ not ⬭ less ⬭ than

8. Ahmed is an excellent student in all subjects. _____, he has poor communication skills.

⬭ Therefore ⬭ In addition ⬭ As a result ⬭ However

9. The car was _____ last night from the garage.

⬭ stole ⬭ stolen ⬭ stealing ⬭ steals

10. Many people are addicted _____ social media.

⬭ on ⬭ in ⬭ to ⬭ of

GRAMMAR SCORE	**5**

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

11th January 2023

Dear Ahmed,

Thank you for your email and I really agree with your choice of doing a project about the Mayan which is one of most famous civilisations in history. As you know, I am still in Southern Mexico with a group of Facebook friends from 10 European, African, and Asian countries. Mexico is one of the countries in the Central of America that was occupied by the Mayan people thousands of years ago. Today is the 7th day of our tour and we have seen amazing things about this developed civilisation.

While we were hiking on our first 5 days in Calakmul city, we saw some old texts of writing on pottery, stone carvings and manufactured artefacts which have been recovered from Maya tombs and monuments. So, I suggest visiting this city to do a deep investigation on the Maya's writing system.

Also, you, as an archaeology lover, can explore the site in Calakmul city where you can find about 6,750 ancient structures. This site is located near the tallest Mayan temple. For me and my Facebook friends, as adventure lovers, like to take on the challenge of climbing the 45-meter temple.

In addition, *Chichen Itza* is the seventh wonder of the world. This pyramid is categorized by its massive staircase which takes you to the top to see the Mayan calendar. This calendar includes 18 months of 20 days and the sacred month of "Waip" of five days. My friend *Jonathan* from Ireland couldn't climb the staircase to see the calendar so he was so frustrated.

After two days, we will travel to El Mirador, one of the largest cities that the Maya built. We are eager to see the advanced water-collection system and some exciting bridges built of stone by the Maya.

Unfortunately, we have only 5 days left to complete our tour in Mexico and we are unable to visit all ancient sites of the Maya. So, make sure to stay for enough days in Mexico to complete your project. And please let me know when you decide to travel to Mexico, so I can provide you with the contact details of our tour guide.

Yours sincerely,

Sami

READING 1 (continued)

Task one: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Sami is now having a tour in _____ Continent.

   ⬭ Africa ⬭ America ⬭ Europe

2. He prefers travelling to *Calakmul* city to explore the Mayan _____.

   ⬭ pyramids system ⬭ water system ⬭ writing system

3. There are _____ months in the Mayan calendar.

   ⬭ 18 ⬭ 19 ⬭ 20

4. Sami's Irish friend couldn't enjoy seeing the Mayan _____.

   ⬭ bridges ⬭ calendar ⬭ temples

5. Ahmed can visit the temple site in *Calakmul* as he is interested in _____.

   ⬭ adventure ⬭ archaeology ⬭ hiking

6. Sami and his friends will leave Mexico on _____ of January 2023.

   ⬭ 4^{th} ⬭ 11^{th} ⬭ 16^{th}

Task Two: *For each item, complete the missing words* ***(not more than two words)****.*

7. The Mayan written texts were found in monuments and _____.

8. Sami and his friends will visit the largest city of the Maya called _____.

9. He advised his friend Ahmed to stay in Mexico for _____ days.

10. Ahmed can get the_____ of Sami's tour guide before going to Mexico.

READING 2 (Items 11-20) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

The Compressed Air Car

As gas and petrol prices continue to rise in the world, many people think that there are other alternatives to these fossil fuels. Tesla, which is an electric car, appeared in 2003 to be one of the solutions for improving emissions, reducing energy costs, and having a clean environment. Nowadays, there is another need to produce a new type of cars called the compressed air cars.

The compressed air car will be designed to produce zero-emissions, so the main benefit of this type of cars is that it produces no pollution from its tailpipes because there is no fuel being burned by the engine. Moreover, this car can cost only $ 2 compared with $ 6 to refill an electric car tank. Because of less pollution and cheaper running costs, the compressed air car seems like a real possibility for the future.

In addition, the compressed air cars will be designed to be very lightweight, so they will be able to travel for long distances with less energy. Filling the tank will not be costly because the air will be the main fuel of this car.

On the other hand, the compressed air car has a lot of potential benefits, it has many drawbacks. First, the compressed air car can only drive at a speed of about 56 Kilometres per hour, which is simply not fast enough for most consumers who need at least 100 kilometres per hour. Also, there is a problem of refilling the tanks because the compressor needs a type of fuel source, whether it is fossil fuels, hydrogen, or an electric motor. So, this means that pollution might occur.

Making the compressed air cars is a great idea, but they will not work efficiently nowadays like fully electric cars, hybrid cars and normal engine cars. People need to drive cars with high performance and suitable speed. However, *Zero Pollution Motors* has succeeded to manufacture the AIRPod 2.0 Compressed Air-Powered Car. It seems to be the most famous compressed air car on the market. With a price of just over $10,000, the AIRPod could be cheaper than some fully electric cars. The AIRPod is able to achieve city speeds of about 32-48 kilometres per hour with a range of around 160 kilometres per compressed air tank. While you can charge your electric car in your house in four hours, you can take the AIRPod car to a gas station to refill it in three minutes only.

READING 2 (continued)

Task One**:** *For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

11. When was Tesla first made?

_____

12. Why do compressed air cars use less energy?

_____

13. How fast does a compressed air car go?

_____

14. Which company produced AIRPod 2.0 cars?

_____

15. How much does an AIRPod car cost?

_____

16. How long does it take to refill AIRPod tank in gas stations?

_____

Task Two**:** *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

	Statements	True	False
17.	Compressed air cars will reduce using fossil fuels in the future.	⬭	⬭
18.	Filling electric car tanks is cheaper than filling compressed air cars.	⬭	⬭
19.	Compressed air cars don't need fossil fuels to run the compressor.	⬭	⬭
20.	Drivers need to refill their AIRPod car tanks every 160 km.	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	**20**

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

*Write at least **80 words** on the following topic:*

"Social media has negative impacts on people's life"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

*Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.*

"You visited a place, but it was very polluted".

Include the following in your story:

Where and when you went ***Describe the place*** ***How you felt***

*Your writing should be **clear** and **interesting.***

WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10

WRITING SCORE	
	15

SULTANATE OF OMAN
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN

Semester One
Second Session

Name			
School		**Class**	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours **Pages: 13**

ELEMENT		**Marks**		**Red Marker**	**Green Marker**	**Blue Checker**
				Name	**Name**	**Name**
LISTENING	**15**					
VOCABULARY	**5**					
GRAMMAR	**5**					
READING	**20**					
WRITING	**15**					
TOTAL	**60**					

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) **(7 marks)**

You are going to hear ***a conversation*** *between* ***a university professor and her student.***
Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ *next to the correct option.*

1. Ali missed his class because he went to the wrong room No._____.

⬭ 30 ⬭ 113 ⬭ 214

2. The room has been recently changed because of _____.

⬭ his friend's disability ⬭ Its small size ⬭ Its broken smart board

3. Ali's father is now in the hospital because of _____.

⬭ heart disease ⬭ blood pressure ⬭ a car accident

4. Ali has _____ to choose from to do his project.

⬭ one option ⬭ two options ⬭ three options

5. Ali decided **not** to write a report because he doesn't have _____.

⬭ self-confidence ⬭ interest ⬭ an Ipad

6. Ahmed and Salim will present their topic on the _____of February.

⬭ 5th ⬭ 10th ⬭ 15th

7. Ali decided to give a presentation about _____.

⬭ Sumerians ⬭ Ancient Egypt ⬭ Ancient Rome

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

*You are going to hear **an expert** talking about **clean energy**.*
Task one:** Listen and for each item, write a short answer **(not more than FOUR WORDS).

8. How much fossil fuels does the world use to get energy?

_____%

9. When will oil run out according to the expert expectation?

_____(year)

10. What is the main source of biomass energy?

_____

11. What is biomass energy used for in African countries?

_____

***Task Two*:** *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

	Statements	True	False
12.	China is the first world country that uses wind energy	⬭	⬭
13.	Germany will stop using non-renewable sources by 2035.	⬭	⬭
14.	Brazil and Argentina generate electricity from hydroelectric power.	⬭	⬭
15.	Morocco will use wind energy to power two big cities with electricity.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	
	15

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

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

The number of people using social media **(1)** _____ such as, Twitter and Facebook is increasing rapidly. At the beginning, the service provided for them was free. However, many **(2)** _____ will have to pay for some services soon. For example, Twitter is planning a paid service to fight **(3)** _____ accounts which are not real as they use some celebrities' profiles and pictures. According to some officials, the blue tick service will **(4)** _____ about US$ 8 only. However, many people **(5)** _____ that this is only the beginning for other paid services.

1. ⬭ devices ⬭ platforms ⬭ bloggers ⬭ followers

2. ⬭ sources ⬭ podcasts ⬭ suggestions ⬭ users

3. ⬭ fake ⬭ interactive ⬭ excessive ⬭ trusted

4. ⬭ disappear ⬭ participate ⬭ cost ⬭ communicate

5. ⬭ believe ⬭ harm ⬭ lie ⬭ prevent

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5) **(2½ marks)**

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

Nasser: Hi Ahmed, how are you? What **(1)** _____ you doing?

Ahmed: Hi Nasser. I'm looking **(2)** _____ some ideas for my presentation.

Nasser: That's great, how can I help you?

Ahmed: I couldn't find any reliable resource, what shall I do?

Nasser: Ministries' websites are trusted sources, **(3)** _____ don't you search there?

Ahmed: I know, **(4)**_____ I don't know how to deal with them!

Nasser: Don't worry! I'll help you. What **(5)** _____ the presentation about?

Ahmed: Climate change.

Nasser: Ok, I'll get you some resources tomorrow.

Ahmed: Thanks, Nasser. See you tomorrow.

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1.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
2.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
3.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
4.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭
5.	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭	⬭

GRAMMAR2 (Items 6-10) **(2½ marks)**

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

6. Three people were _____ in a car accident.

⬭ injure ⬭ injures ⬭ injuring ⬭ injured

7. German language is not _____ popular as English in Omani Schools.

⬭ more ⬭ as ⬭ the ⬭ most

8. Ice caps are melting _____ the rise of global temperatures.

⬭ because ⬭ as a result ⬭ due to ⬭ therefore

9. Omanis _____ many forts and castles in the past.

⬭ built ⬭ build ⬭ building ⬭ builds

10. "Please hurry _____ to catch the bus. We don't want to be late again."

⬭ in ⬭ on ⬭ out ⬭ up

GRAMMAR SCORE	**5**

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to publish my article in our school magazine. The article is about an interesting project called the *'Plastiki'*, which has been already carried out in the United States. I collected the information by conducting an online meeting with the person responsible for the project.

The *Plastiki* looks like many other boats or yachts in Sydney harbour in Australia. It's eighteen metres long, six metres wide and it weighs about twelve thousand kilogrammes. It carries a crew of six people and has an average speed of five knots. However, once you get near to the *Plastiki* you realise there's a big difference. It's made of twelve thousand five hundred plastic bottles.

One day, the environmentalist David Rothschild was reading some information about all the plastic in the seas and oceans. He couldn't believe what he was reading. For example, humans throw away four out of every five plastic bottles they use and plastic rubbish causes about eighty per cent of the pollution in the sea. Rothschild decided to fight against pollution in the sea. So, He started building a boat made of plastic bottles to educate people about plastic pollution

Recycled plastic was used to build the environmentally friendly boat. It uses renewable energy sources including wind power and solar energy. The crew can make meals with vegetables from the small garden at the back of the boat. They can take a break from work and get some exercise by using the special exercise bicycle. The energy from the bike provides power for the boat's computers. And if anyone needs to take a shower, the boat's shower uses saltwater from the sea.

Rothschild sailed the *Plastiki* across the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Sydney. That's 15,372 nautical kilometres. Rothschild took the boat through the 'Great Garbage Patch'. It is a huge area in the Pacific with 3.5 billion kilogrammes of rubbish. The journey wasn't always easy, and Rothschild and his crew had to take care during storms. There were giant ocean waves and winds of over one hundred kilometres per hour. The whole journey took one hundred and twenty-nine days.

I hope that the article is informative enough to be published. I have attached some photos for the boat in case you want to include them.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Edward

READING 1 (continued)

Task one: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Edward conducted the meeting _____.

⬭ in the United States ⬭ online ⬭ In Australia

2. The *Plastiki* boat is about _____ metres long.

⬭ 18 ⬭ 6 ⬭ 5

3. Plastic bottles cause _____ of the sea pollution.

⬭ 4% ⬭ 5% ⬭ 80 %

4. The boat uses _____ power to generate electricity.

⬭ wind ⬭ solar ⬭ wind and solar

5. The energy from the bike can be used to power the boat's_____.

⬭ computers ⬭ engine ⬭ garden's lights

6. The Pacific Ocean has _____ kilogrammes of rubbish.

⬭ 15,372 ⬭ 3.5 billion ⬭ 12,500

Task Two: *For each item, completer the missing words* ***(not more than two words).***

7. About 12,500 _____ were used to build the boat.

8. David Rothschild is an _____.

9. There is a _____ with vegetables for meals at the back of the boat.

10. The journey of the *Plastiki* boat started from _____.

READING 2 (Items 11-20) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

In a room at Stanford University, scientists are studying a small animal called a gecko. It's an amazing animal because it can move very quickly up and down a tree and it can even walk upside down on ceilings. The scientists are particularly interested in the gecko's feet. They want to use the same design on their own robot. The metal robot looks very similar to the gecko. It has four feet which can also walk up walls made of glass or plastic. However, it still has a more difficult time when it tries to walk upside down.

Animals and plants can teach humans a lot about design and engineering. As a result, many engineers, scientists and designers spend time studying them. When they have a problem, nature often has the answer. This science is called biomimetics. Bio- means "*studying living things*" and mimetics means "*copying the movement of things*". In other words, scientists – or biomimetics – study animals and plants in order to copy their design.

Take, for example, a whale. Engineers in Canada are studying their flippers because they move so effectively through water. The engineers believe the shape can also improve the movement of wind turbines. Similarly, the boxfish is another animal from the sea which is helping car manufacturers in Germany. Mercedes Benz is using the shape of the fish for one of its new cars. The shape makes it faster and more fuel efficient.

Velcro is probably the most famous example of biomimetics. Most people have some Velcro on an item of clothing. It was invented by the Swiss engineer George de Mestral in 1948. He was walking in the countryside when he pulled a plant's bur from his trousers. He noticed how the bur stuck so well to his clothes. He worked on his idea and the result was Velcro, which became an affordable alternative to the traditional zip.

In 1982, Wilhelm Bartlott was another inventor who had a great idea when he was studying the leaves of a lotus plant. Bartlett noticed that water always ran off the leaf. When he had a closer look, he also noticed how the leaf cleaned itself. Bartlott copied the leaf's special surface and now you can find it in specialised paint products where water and dirt never stay on the paint.

In conclusion, biomimetics has helped to design our world and there are many more future possibilities. Unfortunately, it might take a long time to discover all the possibilities. This isn't really surprising because it's taken nature thousands of years to design its animals and plants.

READING 2 (continued)

Task One**:** *For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).*

11. Which part of gecko's body is being studied by scientists?

_____

12. Why do scientists study animals and plants?

_____

13. Which animal is under study in Canada?

_____

14. Where is fish being used to improve cars?

_____ *(Country)*

15. Who invented the Velcro used in clothing?

_____

16. What are the leaves of lotus plant used for?

_____

Task Two**:** *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

	Statements	True	False
17.	The gecko-like robot can walk on plastic walls.	⬭	⬭
18.	Only scientists can benefit from studying animals and plants.	⬭	⬭
19.	Engineers study the boxfish to improve wind turbines.	⬭	⬭
20.	Wilhelm Bartlott discovered that the leaves of lotus plants can clean themselves.	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	
	20

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

*Write at least **80 words** on the following topic:*

"Schools should use solar power to produce their electricity"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

*Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.*

"A beautiful place you visited"

Include the following in your story:

Why you went there ***Activities you did*** ***How was your feeling***

*Your writing should be **lively** and **interesting.***

WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10

WRITING SCORE	**15**