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تنبيه:
- المادة: English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٥) صفحة.
- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
- الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

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س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:

▭ القاهرة ▭ الدوحة

■ مسقط ▭ أبوظبي

ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (■) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

صحيح ■ **غير صحيح** ▭ ◉ ◔ ✗ ✓

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

*You are going to hear a conversation between **Yousuf** and **a famous author called Maeve Binchy.***

Listen, and shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

1. Maeve Binchy is from _____ .

⬭ Austria ⬭ Ireland ⬭ Syria

2. Maeve's new book is called _____ .

⬭ *Evening Class* ⬭ *Tara Road* ⬭ *Circle of Friends*

3. This year, the Dalkey Book Festival will be held in _____.

⬭ Dalkey Castle ⬭ a primary school ⬭ the Town Hall

4. Yousuf's friend is a _____.

⬭ writer ⬭ student ⬭ journalist

5. A one-way train ticket from Dublin city to Dalkey costs _____ Euros.

⬭ two ⬭ four ⬭ seven

6. Yousuf plans to attend one of the _____.

⬭ debates ⬭ writers' workshops ⬭ theatre productions

7. The talk given by Maeve Binchy will be on _____ .

⬭ Thursday ⬭ Friday ⬭ Sunday

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***The History of Shoes.***

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

8. Where were the oldest pair of shoes found? (country)

_____

9. How old were the shoes found in Armenia?

_____

10. Which animal skins were used to make the shoe of Otzi, the iceman? (list one)

_____

11. Whose shoes were found on a beach in the UK in 2006?

_____

Part Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

12. The shoe industry has recently shifted from England to _____ .

○ Germany ○ Egypt ○ Vietnam

13. The manufacturing of shoes was transformed after the invention of _____ .

○ the sewing machine ○ hand tools ○ the rolling machine

14. In the Netherlands, shoe companies are now beginning to use _____ materials.

○ leather ○ sustainable ○ plastic

15. The global footwear market was worth _____ billion US dollars in 2023.

○ 15 ○ 150 ○ 340

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

16. He was unable to pay his _____ because he had borrowed so much money.

○ degrees ○ drafts ○ directions ○ debts

17. I need to _____ more before I take my driving test next week.

○ proofread ○ analyse ○ summarise ○ practice

18. She is always purchasing new clothes. She is a _____ buyer.

○ reasonable ○ compulsive ○ responsible ○ positive

19. He needs to work on his time _____ skills as he missed the deadline again.

○ scoring ○ placement ○ management ○ editing

20. Advertisers use a lot of different ways to _____ us to buy their goods.

○ persuade ○ reduce ○ compare ○ create

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Speaker A: Hi Lisa! (21) ○ **Who** / ○ **Why** are you walking like that?

Speaker B: I (22) ○ **twisted** / ○ **twist** my ankle while I was jogging on the beach yesterday.

Speaker A: It seems a bit swollen. (23) ○ **Had** / ○ **Have** you been to the hospital?

Speaker B: Not yet, because I'm very busy doing my graduation project.

Speaker A: You should go and have it x-rayed immediately.

Speaker B: If it doesn't (24) ○ **get** / ○ **gets** better by tomorrow, I will go.

Speaker A: Lisa, it's better you go today. It might be broken!

Speaker B: Really! Once I get home, I'll ask my brother (25) ○ **to** / ○ **for** take me to the clinic. Thank you.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30) (5 marks)

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

The Wonder of the Seas is the largest cruise ship in the world. She is **(26)** by the Royal Caribbean International company. She made her first **(27)** from Florida to the Caribbean in March 2022. She is 362 metres long and 210 feet wide. *The Wonder of the Seas* is a **(28)** ship which can accommodate 7000 passengers in addition to 2300 crew onboard. She has a lot of **(29)** such as a water park, a children's playground, 20 restaurants, a basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a zip line and rock-climbing walls. Currently, *the Wonder of the Seas* offers a-five-day cruise **(30)** it costs around 1750 US dollars.

26. ⬭ owns ⬭ owned ⬭ owning ⬭ own

27. ⬭ trek ⬭ canyon ⬭ flight ⬭ voyage

28. ⬭ massive ⬭ tiny ⬭ weak ⬭ boring

29. ⬭ statistics ⬭ facilities ⬭ campaigns ⬭ issues

30. ⬭ if ⬭ or ⬭ and ⬭ since

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Reading 1 (Items 31 – 37) (7 marks)

*Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?*
For each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) under the correct option.

31.

Since she was young, Amal had always dreamed of being a firefighter. One day, her father, who is a pilot, took her on a flight. She was so excited. After that, she changed her mind and decided that she wanted to be a pilot instead. Now, she flies planes for Oman Air.

Statement	True	False
Amal works as a firefighter.	⬭	⬭

32.

Jack went to the Style Café with his friends after seeing its advertisement on social media. He was shocked that they had to wait for 15 minutes to get a table because it was so busy. They ordered coffee and cheesecake and it was definitely worth the wait.

Statement	True	False
The Style Café is very popular.	⬭	⬭

33.

My friend who is an experienced climber invited me to join him on a hike up Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya. It was the first time I had ever climbed a mountain. Although it was very difficult, the view from the top was amazing.

Statement	True	False
The writer is an experienced climber.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. This year, we flew to Italy and rented a car at our hotel. My mother drove the car downtown. On the way back, my father insisted on driving because he said that Italians were very dangerous drivers.

Statement	True	False
The mother drove back to the hotel.	☐	☐

35. Fatma's college was a long way from her home, so she decided to look for accommodation nearby. She found two different apartments. One apartment was in a new building and the other did not have a lift. Although it was more expensive, she rented the new one.

Statement	True	False
Fatma chose the cheaper apartment.	☐	☐

36. Dear Sami,

Thank you for recommending Jordan. It's great!

Did you get to Petra while you were here? Yesterday, I went there by bus. Although it took a long time to get there, it was amazing. I really loved exploring the ruins in Petra. I'm off to Jerash tomorrow. Lucky me!

Regards,

Zaid

Statement	True	False
Zaid enjoyed his time in Petra.	☐	☐

37. Last year, Laura bought a designer watch from an online shop to wear at her sister's wedding. Unfortunately, it had been so badly packed that it got damaged. So, she had to wear her old watch instead.

Statement	True	False
Laura wore her old watch at the wedding.	☐	☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

Read the letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

Dear Huda,

I hope this email finds you well. You asked me to tell you about the summer course I took in Global Leadership in São Paulo, Brazil last month. It is like the programme your sister took in Rio de Janeiro last year. I took the course in order to equip myself with the knowledge and skills I need to succeed in culturally diverse workplaces. After completing the course, I got a job at Buenos Aires College in Argentina.

The course was for seven days. It started on Sunday and finished on Saturday. Though I was excited to join, I started the course one day late on Monday due to bad weather. It was a blended learning course, with online and in-person components. The online elements of the course were taught using the Coursera Learning System (CLS). These included four online discussion sessions, individual assignments and five face-to-face sessions which students had to attend to be awarded their final certificate.

My class was a mixture of different professions and nationalities. We had academic researchers, lab technicians, hotel managers and college tutors like myself. The participants' various backgrounds and experiences added to the flavour of our class. The majority were Brazilian but we also had some participants from Mexico, Spain, and the UK.

The programme organisers aimed to host all the international participants with local families. Unfortunately, the Spanish students and I had to live in hostels due to our late arrival. Imagine some of the students had to be accommodated in hotels because they refused to stay with local families! I would have loved to have stayed with a Brazilian family.

Throughout the course, we were trained to ask critical questions, respond thoughtfully to the issues we both observed and encountered when dealing with people. One big problem I had was how to deal with unexpected situations. We also had the opportunity to improve our skills in essential areas such as project management, teamwork and intercultural communication. What was good about the course was that sufficient time was given to students to focus on their assigned tasks and projects. Unfortunately, some participants failed because they did not actively contribute to the online discussions which of course were all in English.

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Reading 2 (continued)

Thank you for taking the time to read about the course. I look forward to sharing more stories and experiences with you in the near future.

Warm regards,
Susanna

38. Huda's sister took a similar course in _____ last year.

☐ Rio de Janeiro ☐ Buenos Aires ☐ São Paulo

39. Susanna started her course on _____ .

☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐ Monday

40. During the course, students had to engage in _____ face-to-face sessions.

☐ four ☐ five ☐ seven

41. The writer works as a _____ at a college.

☐ researcher ☐ technician ☐ lecturer

42. Most of the course participants were from _____ .

☐ Brazil ☐ the UK ☐ Mexico

43. The course organisers planned to host all the international students in _____.

☐ hotels ☐ local homes ☐ hostels

44. The main challenge that Susanna faced was _____.

☐ adapting to situations ☐ managing people ☐ asking questions

45. Participants who did not do well in the _____ failed the course.

☐ team work ☐ online discussions ☐ project work

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

Tourism in Mauritius

Mauritius, an island nation in the Indian Ocean, is known for its breathtaking beauty and nature. It is a dream holiday destination for tourists from all over the world. According to the tourist arrivals report published on the Global Database Platform, 1.7 million people visited it in July 2023. Among the top places to visit, the four best are the Black River Gorges National Park, the Chamarel and Flic-en-Flac villages and the Casela Nature Park. The best time to visit Mauritius is in the dry season from May to November.

The Black River Gorges National Park is ideal for tourists who love trekking as it contains 60 square kilometres of trails. Birdwatchers can enjoy visiting the park as it is home to some rare inhabitants, such as the Cuckoo-Shrike and the Pink Pigeon. It also appeals to animal behaviourists who want to study various animal species such as the Mauritian flying fox, wild boars and macaque monkeys. This park is the natural habitat for nine bird species, 300 flowering plants and more than 4000 giant fruit bats that are exclusive to Mauritius.

The village of Chamarel, located in the southwest part of the island, is famous for its natural beauty. The main attraction is its stunning waterfall which falls from 100 metres high into a huge natural pool. It is the highest waterfall in Mauritius. The sand dunes, situated close to the village, are called the Seven Coloured Earths because of the rare earth minerals found there.

Flic-en-Flac, located in the west of Mauritius, is a small coastal village. Its white sandy beach is one of the longest on the island. Local families and tourists are attracted to it because it has a lively atmosphere. They can participate in various water sports like canoeing or go on undersea walks using special equipment but most tourists prefer to go swimming with dolphins because it is such a unique experience. They can choose to stay in luxury hotels, private villas or with local families.

The Casela Nature Park offers a variety of fun and thrilling activities for individuals, families, and companies. The park is divided into six zones. Tourists can take selfies with majestic lions while being supervised and guided by a professional team. They can visit the Casela Zoo, home to an impressive range of African mammals like elephants, giraffes, hippos, rhinos and zebras. Adventure tourists can enjoy outdoor activities such as ziplining and quad biking trails. They can also go canyoning which is a sport that combines several outdoor sports such as rock climbing and swimming.

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Reading 3 (continued)

To conclude, Mauritius is a must see destination that offers an unforgettable experience for every traveller. It attracts visitors from all over the world. Most of the tourists come from France while some visitors come from India, South Africa and China.

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

46. Where is Mauritius located?

_____

47. How many tourists arrived in Mauritius in July 2023?

_____

48. When is a good time to visit Mauritius?

_____

49. Which rare bird can be found in the Black River Gorges National Park?

_____

50. Why do animal behaviourists visit Mauritius?

_____

51. What is special about the waterfall in Chamarel?

_____

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble* (○) *next to the correct option.*

52. The Chamarel sand dunes have _____ colours.

○ six ○ seven ○ nine

53. In Flic-en-Flac, tourists can go _____ .

○ ziplining ○ canoeing ○ rock climbing

54. Tourists can choose to _____ in the Casela Nature Park.

○ watch giant bats ○ ride an elephant ○ take photos with lions

55. The majority of tourists who visit Mauritius come from _____ .

○ France ○ India ○ South Africa

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

*Write at least **100 words** on the following topic:*

"Students should attend extra classes and activities after school hours"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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Writing 2 (10 marks)

*Complete the following task. Write a at least **100 words**.*

Write a story about **the day you lost something important.** *Include details such as:*

- What was it
- Where did you lose it
- Why was it important
- What did you do

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

You are going to hear an interview about a competition.
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. This competition was for _____ .

○ teachers ○ students ○ bakers

2. Reem heard about the competition through _____ .

○ Instagram ○ an email ○ WhatsApp

3. The theme for this year's competition was _____.

○ National Day ○ birthdays ○ weddings

4. Participants had to be between _____ years old.

○ 5 and 8 ○ 15 and 18 ○ 50 and 80

5. The criteria to select the winning prize was based on the _____ .

○ design ○ size ○ taste

6. The main challenge for participants was the _____.

○ space provided ○ time limit ○ natural flavours

7. In the future, Reem wants to study _____ .

○ engineering ○ food photography ○ business

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***'Wilder, a famous American author'.***

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

8. Where did Wilder study when she was young?

_____

9. How old was Wilder when she became a teacher?

_____

10. How did Wilder's husband become disabled?

_____

11. Why did Wilder and her husband move away from their farm?

Because _____

Part Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.*

12. Wilder's first book was published in _____ .

⬭ 1920s ⬭ 1930s ⬭ 1940s

13. There is a total of _____ books in 'The Little House' collection.

⬭ 3 ⬭ 6 ⬭ 8

14. The Laura Wilder's medal is awarded to _____ of children's books in the USA.

⬭ illustrators ⬭ writers ⬭ editors

15. Wilder stopped writing because she _____ .

⬭ was very ill ⬭ lost her husband ⬭ had no editor

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

16. The discovery of oil brought many financial _____ to the country.

○ emotions ○ benefits ○ surfaces ○ tracks

17. The hotel is in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.

○ ritual ○ habit ○ version ○ location

18. We always _____ our wedding anniversary by going out for dinner.

○ celebrate ○ reflect ○ surround ○ afford

19. The gym had _____ views of the mountains from every window.

○ inedible ○ challenging ○ breathtaking ○ responsible

20. His _____ has always been to run his own business.

○ aviation ○ ambition ○ pollution ○ collection

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Mariam: Hi Sameera! Is that a new baby car seat?

Sameera: Yes, it is. I've just (21) ○ **buy** / ○ **bought** it.

Mariam: Good for you. Is it the latest model?

Sameera: Yes, it is. It is (22) ○ **manufacture** / ○ **manufactured** by the Graco4ever company.

Mariam: What's so special about it?

Sameera: Well, this one is equipped with the latest technology. Imagine Graco designers (23) ○ **have** / ○ **has** been developing baby car seats since 1983!

Mariam: WOW! What exactly does this latest technology (24) ○ **do** / ○ **did**?

Sameera: Well, (25) ○ **It** / ○ **he** provides the latest protection for your child in case of an accident.

Mariam: That's good. I must get one!

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30) (5 marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Wellness tourism involves travelling **(26)** the purpose of improving one's health and well-being. It has become very popular **(27)** most people want to live longer and healthier lives. People go to wellness **(28)** to have spa treatments, and get advice on what kind of fitness routine they should follow to **(29)** their health. Nowadays, there are lots of wellness centres in India. It attracts tourists by offering various **(30)** activities such as hot spring therapy, yoga sessions, nature walks, and many others.

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27. ○ such as ○ although ○ because ○ so

28. ○ conclusions ○ destinations ○ occasions ○ situations

29. ○ carry ○ make ○ maintain ○ reduce

30. ○ relaxing ○ frustrating ○ harmful ○ stressful

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Reading 1 (Items 31 – 37) (7 marks)

*Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?*
For each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) under the correct option.

31.

Nowadays, many universities offer part-time jobs to students. This helps students earn money to pay their fees and they also gain valuable experience in their subject area. For example, a student studying medicine might get work on a part-time basis at the university hospital.

Statement	True	False
University students are allowed to apply for part-time jobs.	⬭	⬭

32.

Dear Fahad,

Thank you for telling me about the Rumba café. The food was delicious, and the service was excellent. My friends really enjoyed the band and the lively atmosphere. However, I would not go there again as I could not hear what my friends were saying.

Salim

Statement	True	False
Salim's friends did not like the music in the café.	⬭	⬭

33.

'This is my favourite ring. I bought it eleven years ago when I was with my husband on our honeymoon in France. I was such a shopaholic that time, that my poor husband had to borrow money from the bank before we returned to Oman.'

Statement	True	False
In the past, the speaker was addicted to buying things.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. I was working as a director in Tanzania when Covid 19 forced the company to close. I returned to my home in Germany. In 2022, I received an email informing me that the company would reopen and would like me to be the director. I was delighted and flew back immediately.

Statement	True	False
The writer is now working in Germany.	☐	☐

35. Dear Sir,

I am writing to complain about the vacuum cleaner I bought from your shop yesterday (receipts attached). As I was cleaning the carpet, the vacuum cleaner became very hot and went on fire. I had to call the fire brigade! I want my money back immediately.

Peter Wilson.

Statement	True	False
Peter is dissatisfied with the new vacuum cleaner.	☐	☐

36. Rottnest island is a nature reserve in Australia. It is home to several endangered species. It is looking for volunteers who can help plant trees, do beach clean-ups, study wildlife, and build fences. Only individual volunteers are needed, not groups. Accommodation and all meals provided free of cost.

Statement	True	False
Volunteers must bring their own food.	☐	☐

37. Albert Einstein, a famous scientist, founded the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in 1933. I joined this organisation when I was 25. I did intensive training to help me prepare for this type of work. Last August, I helped save many people from the terrible floods in Pakistan.

Statement	True	False
The writer helped establish the IRC.	☐	☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

Dear Ahmed,

I hope you are well. I would like to tell you about my school project on floating markets.

Floating markets are found in places where boats are used to sell products like fruit, vegetable and handicrafts. These are run by local villagers. Today, most floating markets serve as tourist attractions providing travellers with an insight into a country's culture. Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia are famous for these kinds of markets. Based on an international tourism report in 2018, the oldest and most famous floating market is Damnoen Saduak which is located about 100 kilometres southwest of Bangkok, Thailand. It was founded in 1866.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market consists of three smaller markets: Ton Khem, Hia Kui, and Khun Phitak. Ton Khem is quite a large market. Hia Kui has souvenir shops on its canal banks which sell goods to tour groups led by guides. Khun Phitak is the smallest and least crowded of the markets. It is rare to find a foreigner or tourist there.

Each Damnoen Saduak Floating Market consists of a network of narrow canals. Female traders, wear traditional mo hom apparel (blue farmers' shirts) with wide-brimmed straw hats (ngob) and these images are regularly used to attract tourists to Thailand. They use small wooden boats called sampans to sell locally produced vegetables and colourful fruit. The market is generally very busy in the morning every day from 7 to 9 and it stays open until midday. A roof was installed so that it could operate in all kinds of weather throughout the year.

As you would expect, Damnoen Saduak Floating Market is full of foreign and local tourists. According to some tourists, traditional handicrafts are greatly overpriced. Bargaining is a common practice, although the prices of souvenirs and food are generally quite cheap. Cooks prepare traditional Thai food such as noodles, grilled fish and rice with coconut milk on their small boats.

According to the Tourism Authority of Thailand, the market attracts around 300,000 visitors during the weekends, on Saturdays and Sundays. Approximately, 180,000 of these are people from other countries and 120,000 are domestic. The market has also featured in several films. The 2008 *film Bangkok Dangerous*, starring Nicolas Cage, includes a scene that takes place at the market.

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Reading 2 (continued)

I am trying to persuade Mum and Dad to take us to Thailand next summer as I really want to visit this Floating Market and if I get there, I promise to take lots of photos which I will share with you.
Looking forward to hearing about your research project.
Regards,
Khalid

38. The floating markets are managed by _____ .

☐ tourists ☐ villagers ☐ guides

39. Damnoen Saduk was first built in _____ .

☐ 1866 ☐ 2008 ☐ 2018

40. The market that attracts the least number of tourists is _____ .

☐ Khun Phitak ☐ Hia Kui ☐ Ton Khem

41. Female traders on small boats sell local products such as _____.

☐ hats ☐ vegetables ☐ shirts

42. The market opens _____ .

☐ only on weekdays ☐ every day ☐ at weekends only

43. Some tourists reported that traditional handicrafts are _____ .

☐ quite cheap ☐ reasonably priced ☐ very expensive

44. Around _____ foreigners visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market at weekends.

☐ 120,000 ☐ 180,000 ☐ 300,000

45. Khalid has a _____ opinion about floating markets.

☐ negative ☐ neutral ☐ positive

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

THE PALACE ON WHEELS

The Palace on Wheels is one of the top ten luxury train journeys in the world. It started operating in India on the 26th of January 1982 and is managed by India's National Railways. It runs once a week from September to April each year for eight days and seven nights. To avoid the monsoon season and the summer heat, it is recommended to go on this trip between the months of October and March.

The Palace on Wheels' goal is to provide 24-hour service to make every passenger feel as if they are kings and queens. This train has many modern facilities. There are 23 coaches on the train, and it can host up to a maximum of 104 passengers. Each coach has four cabins with luxury amenities such as individually designed single and double cabins, ensuite bathroom, wall to wall carpeting, entertainment system, Wi-Fi and personal assistants who do everything for their passengers, like making the bed, doing the laundry, etc. The train has two restaurants, *The Maharaja*, and T*he Maharani*, that serve Indian, International, and Chinese cuisine. It has a magnificent lounge, library, and spa.

The train's journey is a seven-night, eight-day round trip that starts and finishes in Delhi, the capital of India. Passengers boarding the Palace on Wheels generally arrive in the afternoon at Safdarjung Railway Station where they are welcomed onto the train with flowers. The train departs at 18.30. While passengers are sleeping in their luxury cabins, the train arrives in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. It is also known as the 'Pink City'. After breakfast on day two, passengers have the entire day to explore the palace as well as the fort. On day three, passengers will find a very different type of adventure awaiting them. Stepping off the train at Sawai Madhopur, they are driven to the hills and forests of Ranthambore National Park for a safari in tiger country where these majestic animals can even be seen during the day.

The following morning, the train arrives in Udaipur, often referred to as the 'City of Lakes'. That night, passengers can experience a thrilling firework display from a traditional boat on one of Udaipur's beautiful lakes. The next stop, on day five, is the historic fort town of Jaisalmer. After lunch in a 7-star hotel, passengers are taken on a camel ride into the surrounding dunes where they enjoy displays of local music and dance as the sun sets.

The following day, the train arrives at Jodhpur. This is a fabulous city full of palaces, forts, and blue-painted houses that passengers can view seated on top of majestic elephants. The next day is spent in Agra, home to the fabulous Taj Mahal, one of the new seven wonders of the world. That evening, passengers are treated to a spectacular sound and light show followed by a feast on board the train. On the final day, day 8, passengers say farewell to the staff who have done everything to make their time on board, the Palace on Wheels, their most memorable ever.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. Where can you find the 'Palace on Wheels'? (country)

_____

47. When did the 'Palace on Wheels' make its first journey? (year)

_____

48. How often does the 'Palace on Wheels' run between September and April?

_____

49. How many passengers can travel on the 'Palace on Wheels'?

_____

50. Who looks after the passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels'?

_____

51. What kind of food is available on the 'Palace on Wheels'? (List one)

_____

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

52. A trip on the 'Palace on Wheels' takes _____ days.

○ 5 ○ 7 ○ 8

53. On Day 3, passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels' can see _____ .

○ tigers ○ camels ○ elephants

54. Passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels' can enjoy a _____ in Udaipur.

○ music and dance show ○ spectacular firework display ○ sound and light show

55. The _____ is home to one of the new seven wonders of the world.

○ City of Lakes ○ Pink City ○ City of Agra

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

*Write **at least 100 words** on the following topic:*

"Each family in Oman should only have one car"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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Writing 2 (10 marks)

*Complete the following task. Write a narrative text of at least **100 words**.*

"A day with my friends"

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٣ هـ - ٢٠٢١ / ٢٠٢٢ م
الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الأول

تنبيه:
- المادة: English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٥) صفحة.
- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
- الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات ، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الصفة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أياً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق ، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل (▭) وفق النموذج الآتي:

س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:

▭ القاهرة ▭ الدوحة

■ مسقط ▭ أبوظبي

ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (■) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

You are going to hear a conversation between a woman and an officer from the City Transport Lost Property Department, at the airport.

Listen, and shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

1. Mrs. Smith lost her _____ .

⬭ briefcase ⬭ suitcase ⬭ handbag

2. The lost item was _____ .

⬭ medium ⬭ large ⬭ small

3. Mrs. Smith got a copy of her _____ keys from her assistant manager.

⬭ house ⬭ office ⬭ car

4. Mrs. Smith was worried about getting back her _____ .

⬭ documents ⬭ camera ⬭ laptop

5. Mrs. Smith cancelled her _____ .

⬭ passport ⬭ debit card ⬭ credit card

6. Mrs. Smith left the airport at _____ p.m.

⬭ 1.30 ⬭ 2.15 ⬭ 2.30

7. Mrs. Smith took a _____ home.

⬭ train ⬭ bus ⬭ taxi

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***'The History of Chocolate'.***

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

8. Where was the cacao tree first discovered?

_____

9. What was the taste of the first cacao drink?

_____

10. What did the Aztecs use cacao beans for?

_____

11. When did cacao beans first arrive in Spain?

_____

Part Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

12. In 1828, the first Europeans to create powdered chocolate were the _____ .

○ British ○ Dutch ○ Swiss

13. Daniel Peter created _____ in 1876.

○ cacao butter ○ a chocolate bar ○ milk chocolate

14. Because of the demand for chocolate, cacao trees are now grown in _____ .

○ Europe ○ America ○ West Africa

15. Nowadays, many people are not buying chocolate because they are against _____ .

○ mass-produced products ○ the use of child labour ○ highly-refined foods

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

16. Statistics prove that speed bumps help to _____ car accidents.

○ reduce ○ introduce ○ produce ○ use

17. Khalid is a really talented football player who plays with _____ .

○ nutrition ○ direction ○ reaction ○ passion

18. The Paradise Hotel has many _____ including restaurants, and its own movie theatre.

○ activities ○ events ○ amenities ○ issues

19. She won first prize in the competition and her parents were _____ of her.

○ concern ○ proud ○ nervous ○ ambitious

20. Oman _____ gas to different countries such as Korea, Japan, and India.

○ admits ○ imports ○ exports ○ makes

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: Have you (21) ⬭ **finish** / ⬭ **finished** your project about Shopping?

Speaker B: Not yet. I've been (22) ⬭ **searching** / ⬭ **searched** online for different resources, but I haven't found much information. I need to read some books.

Speaker A: I have a book called "Shopping is a Pleasure". It (23) ⬭ **is** / ⬭ **was** given to me as a gift last year.

Speaker B: Could I borrow (24) ⬭ **them** / ⬭ **it**, please?

Speaker A: Of course you can. (25) ⬭ **When** / ⬭ **If** you like, we can go and look for some other books in the library.

Speaker B: That would be great. Thanks a lot.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30) (5 marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Cyberbullying is the use of **(26)** technologies to scare or embarrass people online. It occurs **(27)** social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok. The person **(28)** is cyberbullied should save all the evidence as this may help the police **(29)** the cyberbully. If you are worried about your **(30)** or something bad happens to you online, it is very important that you speak to your parents or a relative you trust.

26. ○ musical ○ digital ○ dramatical ○ emotional

27. ○ on ○ of ○ or ○ off

28. ○ where ○ which ○ what ○ who

29. ○ identify ○ has identified ○ have identified ○ identifying

30. ○ safety ○ danger ○ service ○ shelter

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Reading 1 (Items 31 – 37) (7 marks)

*Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?*
For each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) under the correct option.

31.

When I started working as a sales assistant in a clothes shop, I wanted to help my clients select designer clothes and accessories. However, I did not realise that I would be working so many hours, for such a low salary. I have sent my C.V. to other companies.

Statement	True	False
The writer enjoys working long hours.	⬭	⬭

32.

In 2016, the Danube car manufacturer asked 2.9 million of its customers to return the vehicles they had bought. Faulty airbags had been fitted in the cars. There was a possibility they could explode as some car airbags had caused 18 deaths and 180 injuries worldwide.

Statement	True	False
2.9 million Danube cars exploded in 2016.	⬭	⬭

33.

When tidying your wardrobe, it is a good idea to take everything out and place it on the bed. Sort your clothes into two piles depending on whether you want to keep them or donate them to charity. Once you have decided what to donate, wash and iron them, and put them in a sealed bag.

Statement	True	False
The writer suggests that you give used clothes to charity.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34.

Dear Khalid,

Thank you for the gift voucher for my favourite Chinese restaurant. My family and I enjoyed a delicious meal there last night. The buffet was amazing with a huge selection of food including spicy prawns, chicken noodles and fried rice. I was so full after the main course that I could not eat any sweet dishes!

Statement	True	False
The writer enjoyed some Chinese dessert.	☐	☐

35.

It is generally safe to drink frankincense oil but only in small amounts. It is best to mix a drop or two in a teaspoon of honey or a glass of water. It is not recommended for children. Not all brands are made for drinking, so make sure you check the label before using it.

Statement	True	False
It is not good for children to drink frankincense oil.	☐	☐

36.

Are you tired of having to take your car to the garage for every small problem? If so, why not join our two-week car maintenance course? We will teach you some basic skills, including oil and filter servicing. The hands-on course will involve working on vehicles in our workshop.

Statement	True	False
After the course, you will be a professional mechanic.	☐	☐

37.

Studying at university can be challenging. With a large number of classes and exams, life can be difficult and lonely. You may struggle to get to know other students. My advice to you is to join at least one club where you will meet people who share your interests.

Statement	True	False
To meet new people, you are advised to join a club at college.	☐	☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

Dear David,

I hope you are well. I promised I would write and tell you about my most recent trip. Last week, I arrived in Tahiti which was a nineteen-and-a-half hour flight from Paris after a short stop in Sydney. I spent the night in a hotel close to the airport as I had to get up early the next day to catch my 7:40 am flight to Bora Bora.

Bora Bora is situated approximately 140 miles (225 kms) northwest of Tahiti and is a major tourist destination. I was met at the arrivals hall and taken by boat to the Sofitel Island Resort which is situated on a private island, and consists of a number of luxury huts that are located on the beach. It was just beautiful.

To get around Bora Bora, you need a boat as public transport is limited, consisting of a single bus that goes halfway around the island and back approximately every hour. Taxis are also available but are expensive. You can rent a bicycle or a scooter, but you have to go slowly as the road is narrow.

The first day on Bora Bora, I was exhausted after the long flight so I explored my beautiful resort. The next morning, I swam around the reefs for several hours. There were large numbers of beautiful multi-coloured fish. I then spent the afternoon enjoying the view, listening to my favourite music and looking out for black-tipped reef sharks.

On the third day, I climbed Mount Otemanu which is 728 metres above sea level. It was a hard, tough climb but it was worth it as the views from the top were stunning.

On my last day, I went on a tour which included feeding sharks. One of the guides jumped into the water with a bucket full of fish. We also jumped in and within minutes, we were surrounded by some black-tipped reef sharks, some up to two metres long. I was surprised when one of them swam very close to me. It did this because I had cut my foot on the sharp coral, and the small amount of blood was enough to make a hungry shark want to eat me! Thankfully, the guide threw him some more fish to eat!

If you would like to visit Bora Bora, I suggest you come in the dry season from May to October. During these months the temperature is a few degrees lower and there is less rain. The water sometimes reaches 86F (30C), making it perfect for various activities, such as swimming, water-skiing, diving, snorkelling, etc., I do not advise you to visit during the winter months, in December and January, as it can be wet and windy.

By the way, what I enjoyed most were the cultural events held each evening at the resort. There were also lots of interesting art galleries, studios, and shops that are set up in traditional and modern settings. I bought some beautiful black pearls for my mother.

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Reading 2 (continued)

I wanted to stay on this island forever, but unfortunately I had to return to Paris after the best four days of my life because I had to attend a conference. For me, it was a dream come true, and I can't wait to go back.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Paul

38. Paul started his trip in _____ .

- ☐ Tahiti
- ☐ Paris
- ☐ Sydney

39. According to Paul, the best means of transport in Bora Bora is a _____ .

- ☐ boat
- ☐ taxi
- ☐ scooter

40. The second day, Paul decided to _____ .

- ☐ go fishing
- ☐ swim around the reefs
- ☐ explore the resort

41. Mount Otemanu is _____ above sea level.

- ☐ one hundred and forty miles
- ☐ two hundred and twenty-five kms
- ☐ seven-hundred and twenty-eight metres

42. Paul's wound was caused by _____ .

- ☐ a hungry shark
- ☐ sharp coral
- ☐ a careless guide

43. The best time to visit Bora Bora is from _____ .

- ☐ January to May
- ☐ May to October
- ☐ October to December

44. Paul enjoyed _____ the most.

- ☐ snorkelling
- ☐ water-skiing
- ☐ the cultural events

45. This letter shows that Paul had a _____ impression of Bora Bora.

- ☐ positive
- ☐ neutral
- ☐ negative

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

Mega-Malls in North America

The three mega-malls in North America; West Edmonton Mall in Canada, Mall of America and American Dream in the USA were developed by the Triple Five Group Company (T5GC) which is based in Edmonton, in Canada. According to the World Shopping Ranking 2020 report, these three mega-malls attract over 112 million visitors annually and they are the largest retail and entertainment centres providing shoppers with unique experiences.

The West Edmonton Mall located in Canada was opened in 1981. In the World Shopping Ranking List it is listed as the 23rd biggest in the world. It was the world's first largest indoor shopping centre from 1981 to 2004 according to the Guinness Book of World Records. It is currently the second largest shopping complex in North America after the Mall of America. It is 5,300,000 square feet and it holds over 800 shops including nine attractions such as Land World Waterpark and Adventure Golf. It has two hotels and over 100 dining areas with parking for more than 20,000 vehicles. This mall employs more than 24,000 workers and receives about 32 million visitors per year. It attracts between 90,000 and 200,000 shoppers daily, depending on the day and season.

The Mall of America was opened in 1992. It is 6 million square feet and is considered the largest mall in the USA, and the seventh largest in the world. It receives about 42 million visitors yearly. It has more than 520 shops, 50 restaurants, the nation's largest Nickelodeon theme park with 27 rides and attractions for guests of all ages. The majority of tourists like to visit this mall because of its world class tax-free shopping with no sales tax on clothing, shoes and accessories. Its top attractions include over 400 free events held annually, and a new 500-room Radisson Blu hotel connected to the mall by a sky bridge.

The company's newest complex is the America Dream Mall in New Jersey. It was partially opened to the public in 2019 after taking seventeen years to build. It is 4 million square feet and cost around 5.7 billion US dollars. It has more than 500 retail shops, 21 full service restaurants, a ski slope, a golf course, a year-round water park known as DreamWorks, an indoor ice rink, an arts and concert venue that can seat up to 3,000 people, Big Snow America Dream, Sea Life Aquarium, Mirror Maze, and many other entertainment facilities. It lost over 64 million US dollars in 2020 when it had to close its doors because of the global pandemic, COVID 19.

Currently, a new megamall and entertainment complex called the America Supreme Mall in Miami, Florida is under construction. It is expected to open its doors to the public in 2026, and to be the largest and best mega-mall in the world.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. Where is the headquarters of The Triple Five Group Company?

_____

47. How many visitors do the three mega-malls attract every year?

_____

48. What position is the West Edmonton Mall, on the World Shopping Ranking List?

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49. How many hotels does the West Edmonton Mall have?

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50. Why do the majority of tourists like to shop in the Mall of America?

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51. How can you get from the Radisson Blu Hotel to the Mall of America?

_____

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

52. The _____ has the biggest number of shops.

○ West Edmonton Mall ○ Mall of America ○ America Dream Mall

53. In the West Edmonton Mall and the America Dream Mall, visitors can _____ .

○ play golf ○ go ice-skating ○ visit a Mirror Maze

54. During the global pandemic, the America Dream Mall lost _____ US dollars.

○ 4 million ○ 64 million ○ 5.7 billion

55. The new America Supreme Mall will be located in _____ .

○ New York ○ Florida ○ New Jersey

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

*Write **at least 100 words** on the following topic:*

"Students should study more than two languages at school."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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Writing 2 (10 marks)

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

Write a story about the first day you returned to school after the COVID-19 lockdown.

Include the following details:

What did you do first?

How did you feel?

What made this day special?

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٣ هـ - ٢٠٢١ / ٢٠٢٢ م
الدور الثاني - الفصل الدراسي الأول

تنبيه:
- المادة: English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٥) صفحة.
- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
- الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات ، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الصفة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أياً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق ، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل (▭) وفق النموذج الآتي:

س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:

▭ القاهرة ▭ الدوحة

■ مسقط ▭ أبوظبي

ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (■) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

صحيح ■ **غير صحيح** ▭ ◉ ◔ ✗ ✓

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

You are going to hear an interview with Malina, a recovering shopaholic.
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Malina became a shopaholic when she was _____ years old.

○ 26 ○ 27 ○ 30

2. Malina's addiction started immediately after she lost her _____.

○ mother ○ friend ○ job

3. Malina spent _____ thousands pounds on diamond earrings.

○ one ○ two ○ five

4. Malina buys online products when she feels _____.

○ happy ○ lonely ○ bored

5. To avoid buying more, Malina asked her friends to _____.

○ do her shopping ○ return the items she had bought ○ lend her money

6. Malina had to sell her _____ to pay off part of the debt on her credit card.

○ car ○ antique furniture ○ expensive accessories

7. Malina's psychologist strongly advised her to _____.

○ walk every day ○ go to the cinema once a week ○ stick to a monthly budget

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***'The History of Ice Cream'.***

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

8. What were frozen desserts first made from?

_____

9. What did the Persians use to flavour their frozen desserts?

_____

10. How did scientists manage to freeze liquids in the 16th century?

By _____

11. Where was the first ice cream recipe published? (Country)

_____

Part Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

12. The ice cream cone was first introduced in _____.

○ 1896 ○ 1902 ○ 1920

13. _____ bought vans with refrigerators to sell ice cream.

○ Antonio Valvona ○ Frank Epperson ○ Harry Burt

14. Ice pops were invented in _____.

○ California ○ Ohio ○ New York

15. The Ice Cream Association claims that the most popular flavour is _____.

○ chocolate ○ vanilla ○ cherry

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