



امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
الفصل الدراسي الأول - الدور الأول
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٦ / ١٤٤٧ هـ - ٢٠٢٤ / ٢٠٢٥ م

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 a conversation between **Nabeel** and **Farah.***
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Farah is upset because the _____ has not arrived yet.

○ mirror ○ dining table ○ sofa

2. The *IKEA* item took _____ days to be delivered .

○ *10* ○ *12* ○ *21*

3. According to customer service, the item was late due to the _____.

○ wrong address ○ unavailability ○ bad weather

4. The _____ of the bath towels that Nabeel received was wrong.

○ size ○ brand ○ colour

5. Nabeel advised Farah to _____ .

○ exchange the item ○ ask for a refund ○ write a complaint letter

6. The 'Home Decor Store' has a sale on _____ accessories.

○ bathroom ○ garden ○ kitchen

7. They agreed to visit the 'Home Decore Store' on _____ .

○ Wednesday ○ Friday ○ Saturday

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***Angela Hernandez*** *.*

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

8. Why was Angela going to Barcelona?

_____

9. What kind of animal ran across the highway?

_____

10. What did Angela use to break the car window?

_____

11. How many hours did it take Angela to find drinking water?

_____

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

12. When Angela did not show up for work, her manager called _____ .

○ her family ○ her friend ○ the police

13. The police thought that Angela might have _____ .

○ travelled abroad ○ been kidnapped ○ been killed

14. Angela was found on the _____ day by two hikers.

○ third ○ fourth ○ seventh

15. The movie '*The Light*' received an award in _____ .

○ 2018 ○ 2021 ○ 2022

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

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

16. A car _____ about 5 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year.

○ takes ○ emits ○ decreases ○ costs

17. The new mall needs effective _____ campaigns to attract more customers.

○ advertising ○ passion ○ consolation ○ ritual

18. Studying at New York University can be _____ because it is very expensive.

○ official ○ rewarding ○ awesome ○ challenging

19. More traffic lights have been added to reduce the heavy _____ on the city's roads.

○ transition ○ voyage ○ congestion ○ aviation

20. Tourism is _____ Spain's most important industry, generating €80 billion a year.

○ accidentally ○ currently ○ unfortunately ○ carefully

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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 Sami! Which movie did you (21) ⬭ **watch** / ⬭ **watched** yesterday at the cinema?

Speaker B: I went to see 'The Magician'. It's a comedy that was produced (22) ⬭ **by** / ⬭ **with** Roman Polanski. What about you?

Speaker A: I watched 'Lamp Life', but it was boring. I wish I (23) ⬭ **have** / ⬭ **had** chosen another movie.

Speaker B: You should have checked the reviews or ratings before buying the ticket.

Speaker A: Actually, I (24) ⬭ **have read** / ⬭ **read** many reviews last week.

Speaker B: Sometimes you just can't depend (25) ⬭ **on** / ⬭ **in** the reviews because they can be fake or biased.

Speaker A: I totally agree.

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

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

Murree Hills, part of the Himalayan Mountains, is a popular tourist **(26)** in Pakistan. It is a quiet place to relax and **(27)** a walk in the forest. In addition to taking pictures **(28)** the beautiful views, tourists can stop at the Mall of Murree to buy souvenirs. Moreover, the area has many restaurants **(29)** visitors can enjoy the local food. A holiday in the Murree Hills would surely be one of the most exciting and **(30)** experiences to have with the family.

26. ○ arrangement ○ celebration ○ attraction ○ freight

27. ○ enjoy ○ enjoys ○ enjoyed ○ enjoying

28. ○ about ○ of ○ for ○ on

29. ○ where ○ whose ○ when ○ who

30. ○ appalling ○ excessive ○ commercial ○ memorable

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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.

Amazon was founded by Jeff Bezos in 1994 in Seattle. At first, the company sold only books online. Later, it expanded to include a wide range of products such as electronics, clothing, and household items. Today, Amazon is the largest online retailer in the world.

Statement	True	False
Amazon began as a website that sold just one product.	⬭	⬭

32.

My first year as a flight attendant was stressful and disappointing. The long working hours and low salary made me think about leaving for another company. However, I chose to stay, and I have never regretted that decision.

Statement	True	False
The writer is satisfied with his decision to stay in the job.	⬭	⬭

33.

Dear Ali,

Thank you for recommending 'Mandela' by Jennifer Williams. It was such an inspiring book! I learned so much about Nelson Mandela's struggle, including his 27 years in prison before he became the President of South Africa.

Sameer

Statement	True	False
The book 'Mandela' was recommended by Jennifer Williams.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. The Bali Arts Festival was established in 1979 to celebrate Indonesia's traditional arts. The first festival lasted for two months, but since 1980 it has since been reduced to one month to save costs. Most visitors are locals, with very few from neighbouring countries.

Statement	True	False
Nowadays, the Bali Arts Festival is a one-month event.	☐	☐

35. Electric cars are becoming increasingly popular. However, with an average cost of 20,000 OMR, limited supply of spare parts and few charging stations, I believe they remain expensive and less convenient compared to petrol cars.

Statement	True	False
The writer prefers petrol cars to electric cars.	☐	☐

36. The University of Tokyo, founded in 1877, is Japan's first national university. It is proud that 17 of its graduates have been awarded Nobel Prizes. It is famous for its world-class programs in engineering, medicine, and law. Most of the courses are taught in Japanese but some are in English.

Statement	True	False
English is the main language used for teaching in the University.	☐	☐

37. The Rainbow Mountains are located in the Zhangye Geological Park in China. The mountains are known for their remarkable colours. However, less than 3000 tourists visit the area each year, making it one of the least visited destinations in the country.

Statement	True	False
The Rainbow Mountains are China's top tourist site.	☐	☐

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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.

Hi Omar,

I hope you are doing well! I am excited to share with you my experience of joining different clubs at the university. As you know, my first year was quite stressful, so I did not join any clubs, but in my second year I had time to participate.

At first, I joined the Photography Club to make new friends. I thought photography would be an easy hobby and that I could use my old camera or even my phone camera. However, at the first meeting, I realized that I would need a laptop to edit the photos. Since I could not afford to buy one, I dropped out of the club in the same week.

Next, I joined the Computer Gaming Club, which had been recently established. Initially, the club had enough computers to organize gaming competitions for all its members every week. However, as the club grew to over 54 members, the club room became overcrowded. Also, members had to wait for an hour just to get a turn to play. But the biggest issue was the poor internet connection which caused frustrating delays during games. Because of that, I quit after just one month.

In my third year, I joined the Drama Club as a sound technician. Its club members frequently travel to different countries to perform live shows. For example, we flew to Kuwait to attend a training workshop in January 2023. Two months later in March, we performed a three-hour show at the Sharjah University Theatre in the UAE. In May of the same year, we received an invitation from Bahrain Drama Society to participate in its National Drama Week. Though I enjoyed the activities, I left the club because the frequent travel began affecting my studies.

I lost interest in joining clubs until I saw a poster for the university Rovers Club. After filling out the registration form, I sent it by e-mail. Two hours later, I received an SMS confirming my membership. The club has 25 members, including 10 lady rovers, and 5 leaders who organize activities such as beach clean-ups, blood donations, and tree planting. Over the past nine years, the club has won several awards, including the Community Service Award in 2015 and the Environmental Impact Award in 2020. This year the club celebrated winning the Leadership Excellence Award in Qatar.

In addition to continuing my work with the club, I plan to launch a YouTube channel this month to share stories about the Rovers and their projects. Also, instead of travelling abroad in the summer, I will focus on finding a part-time job.

I hope to see you soon.

Hamad

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. Hamad started joining clubs at university in his _____ year.

- ☐ first
- ☐ second
- ☐ third

39. He left the Photography Club because he had no _____ .

- ☐ laptop
- ☐ camera
- ☐ phone

40. The members of the Computer Gaming Club had to wait _____ to play.

- ☐ one hour
- ☐ two hours
- ☐ three hours

41. In _____ 2023, the Drama Club performed at the Sharjah University theatre.

- ☐ January
- ☐ March
- ☐ May

42. The advertisement for the university Rovers Club was shown in _____ .

- ☐ an SMS
- ☐ an email
- ☐ a poster

43. There are _____ leaders in the university Rovers Club.

- ☐ 5
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 25

44. The latest award the university Rovers Club received was for _____.

- ☐ Community Service
- ☐ Environmental Impact
- ☐ Leadership Excellence

45. Hamad's plan this month is to _____ .

- ☐ find a job
- ☐ visit a foreign country
- ☐ create a YouTube channel

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

Istanbul Airport

Istanbul Airport is one of the largest airports in the world. It is located about 35 kilometers from the city center. It was opened in April 2019 to replace the city's old and first airport, Atatürk Airport, which was built in 1953. The new airport serves more than 200 million passengers each year. It is the second busiest airport in Europe, behind Heathrow Airport in London. Today, Istanbul Airport is a key global transport centre connecting Turkey to the world.

The new airport was designed by Grimshaw Architects, which is a multinational company based in New York. The airport has a modern and user-friendly design. It cost sixteen billion dollars and was constructed using sustainable materials such as aluminum and glass. The airport can handle up to 1,500 flights a day through smart traffic control. In addition to its large capacity, the airport has many facilities such as rest areas, charging stations, and free Wi-Fi.

Istanbul Airport offers a wide range of shopping and dining options. Travellers can explore shops selling luxury brands, electronics, and souvenirs. The airport's food court provides a variety of local cafes like Simit Sarayi and MADO, as well as buffet-style restaurants such as Turcuisine Restaurant. One of the most highly recommended restaurants is the Skyline Restaurant which is owned by Ahmet Yilmaz and managed by Chef Elif. It is best known for serving authentic Turkish cuisine. However, eating at this airport is quite expensive. For example, a simple meal of a burger, fries and a drink can cost an average of 16 OMR.

One of the key features of Istanbul Airport is its transportation options. Travellers can choose from buses, taxis and the metro. Public buses cost around 150 Turkish liras, while taxi fares to central Istanbul are about 900 liras. Although taxis are often the fastest way to travel, the metro remains the most affordable option at only 17 liras. Transportation apps such as Uber, BiTaksi, and iTaksi are also available. BiTaksi is the highest rated among these apps for its ease of use and reasonable prices. With all these convenient choices, travellers can select the option that best suits their budget and needs.

Istanbul Airport has won 30 international awards. In 2023, the airport was awarded the Best Airport in Europe. The airport's future plans include increasing the number of runways to 12 and redesigning all gate areas, but its most important aim is to power 60% of its building using solar energy by 2030.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. When was the first airport built in Istanbul?

_____

47. What is the busiest airport in Europe?

_____

48. Where is Grimshaw Architects' office located?

_____

49. How can Istanbul Airport manage more than a thousand flights daily?

_____

50. Who owns the Skyline Restaurant in Istanbul Airport?

_____

51. What is the average cost of a meal at Istanbul Airport?

_____

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

52. The cheapest way to get to the city centre from Istanbul Airport is by _____.

○ taxi ○ bus ○ metro

53. The most highly recommended transportation app at the airport is _____ .

○ Uber ○ BiTaxi ○ iTaxi

54. Istanbul Airport has received _____ awards.

○ 12 ○ 30 ○ 35

55. The airport's top priority for the future is to _____ .

○ use solar energy ○ redesign the gates ○ increase the runways

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

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

"School should be only four days a week"

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 **a day you went shopping to buy something special.** Include details such as:*

- What the special item was
- Where, when, and who you went shopping with
- Why it was important for you to buy it
- What you did with the item after buying it

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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LISTENING 1 (7 mks)

1.	○	mirror	○	dining table	●	sofa
2.	○	10	●	12	○	21
3.	○	wrong address	●	unavailability	○	bad weather
4.	●	size	○	brand	○	colour
5.	○	exchange the item	○	ask for a refund	●	write a complaint letter
6.	●	bathroom	○	garden	○	kitchen
7.	○	Wednesday	●	Friday	○	Saturday

Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

LISTENING 2 (8 mks)

Part One

8. To attend a party/ party.

9. *A fox.*

10. A stone / rock.

11. Three / 3.

Part Two

12.	○ her family	● her friend	○ the police
13.	● travelled abroad	○ been kidnapped	○ been killed
14.	○ third	○ fourth	● seventh
15.	○ 2018	○ 2021	● 2022

Notes: One mark each.

Qs 8-11: (i) Notes: 1) ***Grammatical mistakes*** *should be ignored, as long as it is clear that the substance of the answer is correct.*

2) ***Genuine spelling mistakes*** *— i.e. when the student obviously knew what the word was and understood what it meant, but could not spell it correctly — should also be ignored, as long as* ***ALL*** *of the following criteria are met:*

(a) Certain key letters ***must*** *be included: No. : No. :*
(b) In cases where letters are 'optional', the mis-spelling must be ***close to*** *the correct spelling.*
(c) Above all, the mis-spelt word(s) must be ***clearly and convincingly recognisable*** *as a correct answer to the question.*

As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of not more than four words. (Note: When counting the words, do not include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is convincing and clearly correct, common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.

Qs 12-15: Responses must be indicated clearly.

VOCABULARY 1 (2.5 mks)				
16.	○ takes	● emits	○ decreases	○ costs
17.	● advertising	○ passion	○ consolation	○ ritual
18.	○ official	○ rewarding	○ awesome	● challenging
19.	○ transition	○ voyage	● congestion	○ aviation
20.	○ accidentally	● currently	○ unfortunately	○ carefully

Notes: *Half-a-mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.*

GRAMMAR (2.5 mks)			
21.	watch	**24.**	read
22.	by	**25.**	on
23.	had		

Notes: *Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct.*

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (5 mks)				
26.	○ arrangement	○ celebration	● attraction	○ freight
27.	● enjoy	○ enjoys	○ enjoyed	○ enjoying
28.	○ about	● of	○ for	○ on
29.	● where	○ whose	○ when	○ who
30.	○ appalling	○ excessive	○ commercial	● memorable

Notes: *One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.*

READING 1 (7 mks)			READING 2 (8 mks)			
	True	False				
31.	●	○	38.	○ first	● second	○ third
32.	●	○	39.	● laptop	○ camera	○ phone
33.	○	●	40.	● one hour	○ two hours	○ three hours
34.	●	○	41.	○ January	● March	○ May
35.	●	○	42.	○ an SMS	○ an email	● a poster
36.	○	●	43.	● 5	○ 10	○ 25
37.	○	●	44.	○ Community Service	○ Environmental Impact	● Leadership Excellence
			45.	○ find a job	○ visit a country	● create a YouTube channel

Note: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

READING 3 (10 mks)			
Task One			
46.	1953.		
47.	Heathrow Airport/ Heathrow/ Airport in London.		
48.	New York.		
49.	(Through) smart traffic control/ Smart control/ Smart traffic/ Traffic control		
50.	Ahmet Yilmaz/ Ahmet / Yilmaz.		
51.	16 OMR.		
Task Two			
52.	○ taxi	○ bus	● metro
53.	○ Uber	● BiTaxi	○ iTaxi
54.	○ 12	● 30	○ 35
55.	● use solar energy	○ redesign the gates	○ increase the runways

Notes: One mark each.

Qs 46-51: 1) ***Grammatical mistakes*** *should be ignored.*

2) Complete accuracy in ***spelling*** *is not required, but any mis-spelt word(s) must be* ***clearly and convincingly recognisable*** *as a correct answer to the question.*

3) As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of not more than four words. (Note: When counting the words, do not include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong, especially if they are simply copied from the text. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is convincing and clearly correct, common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.

Qs 52-55: Responses must be indicated clearly.

WRITING (GENERAL NOTES)
• *The **wording of the descriptors** in the relevant Rating Scale should form the basis of all decisions (and discussions) on the marks to be awarded.* • *There may well be different individual ways of approaching a task, but a basic requirement for all answers is that they are **relevant**.* • *If answers are **clearly not relevant** and the student has clearly not attempted the task that was set, **no marks** should be awarded.* • *However, if a student has **genuinely attempted the task**, but their answer is only **partly** relevant, then a **reduced** mark (not zero) should be awarded.*

WRITING 1 (10 mks)	
10	– Expresses opinions on topics in a lively, convincing way. – Supports all points effectively with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are very well-organised, clear and coherent. – A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy.
8	– Expresses opinions on topics in a reasonably convincing way. – Supports most points with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are generally well-organised and, for the most part, clear and coherent. – A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy.
6	– expresses opinions on topics, in a somewhat limited way. – Is inconsistent in supporting points with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are poorly- organised, but are still reasonably clear and coherent. – A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy.
4	– Express opinions on topics, but the results are clearly inadequate. – Is generally weak in supporting points with relevant evidence. – Essays lack organization, lacking in coherence and sometimes unclear. – A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.
2	– Makes only very feeble attempts to express opinions on topics. – Fails to support points with any relevant evidence. – Essays are incoherent and confusing. – Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.
0	*No attempt at the task:* EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the topic) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

WRITING 2 (10 mks)	
10	– Produces narratives which are fully successful in engaging the reader. – Lively, effective use of appropriate detail. – Writing is very well-structured, clear and coherent. – A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy
8	– Produces narratives which are reasonably successful in engaging the reader. – Generally good use of appropriate detail. – Writing is generally well-structured, and mostly clear and coherent. – A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy.
6	– Produces narratives which are only partially successful in engaging the reader. – Somewhat limited use of appropriate detail. – Writing is well-structured, but is still reasonably clear and coherent. – A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy.
4	– Produces narratives which have very limited success in engaging the reader. – Inadequate use of appropriate detail. – Writing is poorly-structured, and often unclear. – A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.
2	– Produces narratives which fail entirely to engage the reader. – Little or no use of appropriate detail. – Writing is incoherent and confusing. – Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.
0	*No attempt at the task:* EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the pictures/ task/ instructions) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

ARRIVING AT FINAL SCORES

LST/ VCB/ GRM/ RDG: In these four sections, all student responses are of the objectively-marked, right-or-wrong type. So there should never be any discrepancies in the marks awarded.

There are two different procedures for ensuring that no such discrepancies occur:

1) No action required: With (machine-marked) 'multiple choice' items, discrepancies are automatically excluded by the *ePen* marking system.
2) Action required: With 'short answer' items, there may be (accidental) discrepancies in the scores awarded by the two markers. The Supervisor/Adjudicator should be on the lookout for any such discrepancies, and if they occur, should read the students' response and award the correct mark.

WRITING: In this section, student responses are independently marked by two markers using their judgement (based on the wording of the Rating Scale provided). As a result, differences may sometimes occur between the two scores awarded.

In such cases, there are two possible procedures:

1) Acceptable differences: If – as in most cases – the difference between the two scores is small, i.e. just ***one level***, the Supervisor/Adjudicator is not required to read the student's response. He/She should simply use the mathematical average of the two scores.(**See below*)
2) Unacceptable differences: However, if the difference between the two scores is substantial, i.e. ***more than one level,*** the Supervisor/Adjudicator should read the student's response and, after due consideration, decide on an appropriate mark.

CALCULATION OF AVERAGES:

WRT 1		WRT 2	
Pair of scores	Final score	Pair of scores	Final score
10 / 8	9	10 / 8	9
8 / 6	7	8 / 6	7
6 / 4	5	6 / 4	5
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IMPORTANT NOTE: As in previous years, ***individual*** markers should ***only*** award the marks specified in the relevant Rating Scale* (as in 'pair of scores' above). 'In-between marks' (as in 'final score' above) can ***only*** be awarded when two (differing) individual marks are combined by the Supervisor/ Adjudicator.
[* Note: This means that, even though the computer screen shows all the possible final scores, ***individual*** markers should ***only*** use those scores which are mentioned in the scale.]

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تنبيه:
- المادة: English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٦) 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** ▭ ◉ ◒ ✗ ✓

مُسَوَّدَة، لا يتم تصحيحها

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

*You are going to hear a conversation between **Amal and a customer service agent**.*
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Amal called customer service to ask for a refund for the _____.

○ handbag ○ watch ○ dress

2. The size of the product Amal received was _____.

○ medium ○ large ○ extra large

3. Amal purchased the items _____.

○ in the store ○ on the website ○ on the application

4. The order was delivered to Amal on the _____ of the month.

○ 14th ○ 15th ○ 16th

5. Product replacement usually takes _____ working days.

○ 3 ○ 5 ○ 7

6. Amal prefers notification from the store by _____.

○ SMS ○ e-mail ○ WhatsApp

7. Amal will get the refund in the form of _____.

○ cash ○ bank transfer ○ credit points

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LISTENING 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about ***the history of Al Bustan Palace Hotel****.*

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

8. What was the first hotel in Muscat?

_____

9. When was the construction of Al-Bustan Palace Hotel completed? (Year)

_____

10. Where was the architect of Al Bustan Palace Hotel from? (Country)

_____

11. How long did the US President stay at the hotel? (Days)

_____

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

12. The name of the hotel was changed to Al Bustan Ritz-Carlton Hotel in _____.

○ 2001 ○ 2018 ○ 2020

13. The newly redesigned lobby of the hotel opened in _____ 2020.

○ January ○ September ○ October

14. The _____ restaurant serves seafood.

○ Al Khiran Kitchen ○ Pavilion ○ China Mood

15. Al Bustan Ritz-Carlton Hotel was named the World's Leading Hotel by the _____.

○ Conde Travel Magazine ○ Royal Opera House ○ World Travel Awards

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VOCABULARY (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

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

16. We went to the shopping _____ to buy some clothes.

○ accommodation ○ campus ○ mall ○ cruises

17. One _____ of studying at university is having better job opportunities in the future.

○ benefit ○ disadvantage ○ emotion ○ risk

18. The company had financial problems, so some of the employees _____ their jobs.

○ reduced ○ lost ○ found ○ revealed

19. The children are not allowed to watch the film because it is too _____.

○ massive ○ ambitious ○ stylish ○ scary

20. The restaurant is highly recommended for its _____ food.

○ delicious ○ inedible ○ tasteless ○ frustrating

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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, Malak. What are you doing?

Speaker B: Hi, Nada. I'm doing my Arabic homework, but I'm really struggling. I wish I had listened carefully (21) ○ **from** / ○ **to** the teacher's instructions. Can you help me, please?

Speaker A: Of course! What (22) ○ **do** / ○ **does** you need help with?

Speaker B: I have to (23) ○ **write** / ○ **writing** a report about pollution, but I don't know (24) ○ **how** / ○ **while** to begin. Do you have any sources for this topic?

Speaker A: Yes, I do. I'll email them to you right now. They're books and articles I have been collecting (25) ○ **since** / ○ **by** Tuesday.

Speaker B: Great. That would be a huge help. Thanks, Nada

Speaker A: You're welcome.

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 26 – 30) (5 marks)

Online advertisements affect how people think and how they spend money. While some ads provide factual information, others can **(26)** and deceive people. Customers may start to buy things they **(27)** need. They will also become addicted to shopping **(28)** they are not aware of the power of these ads. Remember, advertising **(29)** are designed to encourage people to spend more and to save less. Therefore, it is important to make **(30)** purchasing decisions.

26.	compare	mislead	drop	prefer
27.	don't	doesn't	haven't	hasn't
28.	until	who	if	where
29.	amenities	bankruptcy	deadlines	campaigns
30.	compulsive	massive	careful	excessive

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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.

Rashid went to the cinema to watch 'The Lost Treasure' after reading positive reviews about the movie. When he arrived, the ticket office was crowded, and he had to wait an hour to buy tickets. The movie's plot was very exciting.

Statement	True	False
'The Lost Treasure' is a popular movie.	⬭	⬭

32.

I left Oman to study medicine at a university in Canada. I speak English very well but I live in Montreal where French is spoken more commonly, especially in daily life. It was difficult to communicate with the locals when I first arrived.

Statement	True	False
The writer went to Canada to study French.	⬭	⬭

33.

Japanese cuisine is known for its heavy use of meat and fish, with dishes like sushi and yakitori. Unlike Indian cuisine, vegetarian options are less common in Japan. This makes it difficult for people with special diets to find suitable meals.

Statement	True	False
Typically, Japanese food options are vegetarian.	⬭	⬭

34.

Many festivals take place in Morocco every year. For example, Fes Festival which attracts 10,000 visitors, compared to 15,000 at Marrakech Festival every year. However, more than 17,000 people attend Tantan Festival every summer, making it the most popular event in the country.

Statement	True	False
Tantan is the most visited festival in Morrocco.	⬭	⬭

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READING 1 (continued)

35. A recent report by Dubai Police has shown that car accidents have decreased by 35% compared to last year. Also, the number of people using mobile phones while driving has dropped to 60%. However, the percentage of cyclists not wearing helmets is still high.

Statement	True	False
Cyclists in Dubai follow road safety rules more than car drivers.	☐	☐

36. The Hafeet Train Project aims to connect Sohar in Oman with Abu Dhabi in the UAE. Trains will run at speeds of up to 200 km/h. This will reduce the travel time between these two cities to an hour only.

Statement	True	False
It will take one hour to travel from Sohar to Abu Dhabi.	☐	☐

37. Dear Muna,

More colleagues are joining our business trip. So, I need to add three more rooms to the two we already booked. Could you also book a meeting room for 15 people during our stay?

Ahmed

Statement	True	False
Ahmed booked 15 hotel rooms.	☐	☐

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READING 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

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

Dear Dad,

I hope you are doing well. It has been a year since my sister Maryam transferred from Sharqiya University, where she studied Civil Engineering, to Muscat University to specialize in Accounting. Similarly, my cousin Mazin also moved to Nizwa University to study Information Technology (IT). After two years in the Business Management program at Dhofar University, I have realized that I can't continue in this major anymore.

I am aware that my decision to change the specialization might surprise you, but I've thought about it carefully. I want to study a major that I have a passion for, and most importantly, that has good employment opportunities. My brother, Ahmed, had to wait three years after his graduation before he found a job in a bank and this has influenced my decision.

Over the last three months, I have taken a few short courses to explore my options. In June, I took a translation course and in July, I did an economics course. But the three-week computer science course in August had the biggest impact on me. I realized that this is the subject I really enjoy, and it made me consider choosing it as my major.

Since a Computer Science program is not available at Dhofar University, I need to find another university. A friend of mine recommended the University of Edinburgh because it has a highly rated Computer Science department. In addition, the university offers scholarships as well as work experience with big technology companies in England. Moreover, it provides well-paid jobs for its top five students in international IT businesses in the United States.

I visited the University of Edinburgh's website to get more information. I discovered that the college offers a four-year degree in Computer Science. Although the study fees are a bit high, the good thing is that the university provides free on-campus accommodation for international students. This means I would be able to use the money you would send me on transportation and Internet costs. Moreover, the campus has an entertainment area, a clinic and a 24-hour supermarket which are all within walking distance.

I am excited about studying at the University of Edinburgh, but I haven't applied yet as I'm waiting for your advice. The registration deadline is fast approaching, and there may be delays in the semester starting due to campus maintenance.

I look forward to receiving your valuable guidance.

Salem

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READING 2 (continued)

38. Maryam is currently studying _____.

- ☐ Civil Engineering
- ☐ Information Technology
- ☐ Accounting

39. Salem is a student at _____ University.

- ☐ Muscat
- ☐ Dhofar
- ☐ Nizwa

40. It took Ahmed _____ years to find a job.

- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4

41. Salem took the computer science course in _____.

- ☐ June
- ☐ July
- ☐ August

42. Edinburgh University offers _____ in the United States for the best students.

- ☐ work experience
- ☐ scholarships
- ☐ jobs

43. The _____ at the University of Edinburgh is free of charge.

- ☐ transportation
- ☐ accommodation
- ☐ Internet

44. The facility available all day at the University of Edinburgh is the _____.

- ☐ supermarket
- ☐ entertainment area
- ☐ clinic

45. Salem has not applied to the University of Edinburgh because _____.

- ☐ he awaits his father advice
- ☐ the campus is under maintenance
- ☐ the deadline is over

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READING 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Crete

Crete is the largest island in Greece. It covers an area of 8,336 square kilometres and has a population of approximately 1 million people. It is known for its amazing mountains, beaches, and nice weather. Therefore, it is a favourite tourist destination all year round.

Crete was home to the Minoan civilization, which lived 4,000 years ago. The Palace of Knossos is very important because it was where the kings lived and from where they ruled the island. Also, the Phaistos Disc was discovered there in 1908 by Louis Pernier. The disc is made of clay and has strange symbols on it. Today, it is displayed at the Heraklion Museum.

This Greek Island has its own special music and dance traditions. Mantinadas are short local songs that are accompanied by a lyra. A lyra is a traditional musical instrument made of wood, with three strings. Also, Pentozali is a popular traditional dance performed in a circle by five women at weddings.

Crete offers a great experience for tourists, especially those who enjoy nature. Samaria National Park is a very popular area. The park has has many different wild animals such as reptiles, golden eagles, and endangered wild goats (kri-kri). To keep these animals safe, camping is not allowed in the park. Entry to this park is free of charge.

Crete's economy relies heavily on tourism. To attract visitors, the government organises festivals throughout the year. The biggest one is Rymo Festival, which lasts for two months in summer. It showcases music, theatre, and traditional art. Another popular festival is Cretan Sky Festival where tourists can sample local Greek food. This three-week festival attracts about 50,000 visitors each year.

The government of Greece also works with villages to organize tourist trips. One example is the olive oil tour, which gives visitors the opportunity to explore olive farms. Another trip is to watch local women making traditional cheeses. However, the honey tour in which tourists see beehives in the forest is the most popular. These trips have helped businesses grow, thus reducing unemployment, and improving the quality of services on the island.

Crete aims to remain a top tourist attraction through its developments of several projects. In 2023, the new North Road was opened to connect all areas of the island. The Kastelli Airport is expected to be completed in 2027 to serve around 15 million passengers yearly. Finally, the Elounda Hotel is under construction and will add over 1,000 luxury rooms and private family suites.

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READING 3 (continued)

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

46. Where is Crete located? (country)

_____

47. Who lived in the Palace of Knossos?

_____

48. When was the Phaistos Disc found?

_____

49. What is the musical instrument used in the Mantinadas songs called?

_____

50. Which animal in Samaria National Park is endangered?

_____

51. How long does Rymo Festival last?

_____

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READING 3 (continued)

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

52. Cretan Sky Festival is an event about _____.

○ food ○ music ○ art

53. The _____tour is the most popular among tourists.

○ olive oil ○ honey ○ cheese

54. The tourist trips have helped to reduce _____ in the villages.

○ the number of businesses ○ the quality of services ○ unemployment

55. About 15 million people will benefit from the new _____.

○ North Road ○ Kastelli Airport ○ Elounda Hotel

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WRITING 1 (10 marks)

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

"Students should have no homework on weekends."

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 at least **100 words**.*

*Write a story about **a day you visited a place you really enjoyed**. Include details such as:*

- ***Where the place was and when you visited***
- ***Who you went with***
- ***Why the place was special***
- ***What you did during your visit***

Your writing should be clear and well-organised.

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WRITING 2 (continued)

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LISTENING 1 (7 mks)								
1.	○	handbag	○	watch	●	dress
2.	○	medium	●	large	○	extra large
3.	○	in the store	○	on the website	●	on the application
4.	○	14th	○	15th	●	16th
5.	●	3	○	5	○	7
6.	●	SMS	○	e-mail	○	WhatsApp
7.	○	cash	●	bank transfer	○	credit points

Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

LISTENING 2 (8 mks)						
Part One						
8.	Al Falaj.					
9.	*1985.*					
10.	The UK/ the United Kingdom.					
11.	Two / 2.					
Part Two						
12.	●	2001	○	2018	○	2020
13.	○	January	○	September	●	October
14.	○	Al Khiran Kitchen	●	Pavilion	○	China Mood
15.	○	Conde Travel Magazine	○	Royal Opera House	●	World Travel Awards

Notes: *One mark each.*

Qs 8-11: (i) Notes: 1) ***Grammatical mistakes*** *should be ignored, as long as it is clear that the substance of the answer is correct.*

2) ***Genuine spelling mistakes*** *— i.e. when the student obviously knew what the word was and understood what it meant, but could not spell it correctly — should also be ignored, as long as* ***ALL*** *of the following criteria are met:*

(a) Certain key letters ***must*** *be included: No. : No. :*
(b) In cases where letters are 'optional', the mis-spelling must be ***close to*** *the correct spelling.*
(c) Above all, the mis-spelt word(s) must be ***clearly and convincingly recognisable*** *as a correct answer to the question.*

As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of not more than four words. (Note: When counting the words, do not include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is convincing and clearly correct, common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.

Qs 12-15: Responses must be indicated clearly.

VOCABULARY 1 (2.5 mks)								
16.	○	accommodation	○	campus	●	mall	○	cruises
17.	●	benefit	○	disadvantage	○	emotion	○	risk
18.	○	reduced	●	lost	○	found	○	revealed
19.	○	massive	○	ambitious	○	stylish	●	scary
20.	●	delicious	○	inedible	○	tasteless	○	frustrating

Notes: *Half-a-mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.*

GRAMMAR (2.5 mks)

21. to

22. do

23. write

24. how

25. since

Notes: *Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct.*

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (5 mks)								
26.	○	compare	●	mislead	○	drop	○	prefer
27.	●	don't	○	doesn't	○	haven't	○	hasn't
28.	○	until	○	who	●	if	○	where
29.	○	amenities	○	bankruptcy	○	deadlines	●	campaigns
30.	○	compulsive	○	massive	●	careful	○	excessive

Notes: *One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.*

READING 1 (7 mks)			READING 2 (8 mks)						
	True	False							
31.	●	○	39.	○	Muscat	●	Dhofar	○	Nizwa
32.	○	●	40.	○	2	●	3	○	4
33.	○	●	41.	○	June	○	July	●	August
34.	●	○	42.	○	work experience	○	scholarships	●	jobs
35.	○	●	43.	○	transportation	●	accommodation	○	Internet
36.	●	○	44.	●	supermarket	○	entertainment area	○	clinic
37.	○	●	45.	●	he awaits his father advice	○	the campus is under maintenance	○	the deadline is over.
38.	○			○	Civil Engineering	○	Information Technology	●	Accounting

Note: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

READING 3 (10 mks)

Task One

46. Greece.

47. The kings.

48. 1908.

49. Lyra.

50. Wild goats / Kri-Kri

51. Two months.

Task Two

52.	●	food	○	music	○	arts
53.	○	olive oil	●	honey	○	cheese
54.	○	the number of businesses	○	the quality of service	●	unemployment
55.	○	North Road	●	Kastelli Airport	○	Elounda Hotel

Notes: *One mark each.*

Qs 46-51: 1) ***Grammatical mistakes*** *should be ignored.*

2) Complete accuracy in ***spelling*** *is not required, but any mis-spelt word(s) must be* ***clearly and convincingly recognisable*** *as a correct answer to the question.*

3) As stated in the instructions, answers should consist of not more than four words. (Note: When counting the words, do not include any words provided by the exam-writers.) Longer answers will normally be marked wrong, especially if they are simply copied from the text. HOWEVER, if a student has written one (or even two) extra words and the answer is convincing and clearly correct, common sense should be applied and marks awarded, on a case-by-case basis.

Qs 52-55: Responses must be indicated clearly.

WRITING (GENERAL NOTES)
• *The **wording of the descriptors** in the relevant Rating Scale should form the basis of all decisions (and discussions) on the marks to be awarded.* • *There may well be different individual ways of approaching a task, but a basic requirement for all answers is that they are **relevant**.* • *If answers are **clearly not relevant** and the student has clearly not attempted the task that was set, **no marks** should be awarded.* • *However, if a student has **genuinely attempted the task**, but their answer is only **partly** relevant, then a **reduced** mark (not zero) should be awarded.*

WRITING 1 (10 mks)	
10	– Expresses opinions on topics in a lively, convincing way. – Supports all points effectively with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are very well-organised, clear and coherent. – A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy.
8	– Expresses opinions on topics in a reasonably convincing way. – Supports most points with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are generally well-organised and, for the most part, clear and coherent. – A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy.
6	– expresses opinions on topics, in a somewhat limited way. – Is inconsistent in supporting points with relevant evidence and detail. – Essays are poorly- organised, but are still reasonably clear and coherent. – A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy.
4	– Express opinions on topics, but the results are clearly inadequate. – Is generally weak in supporting points with relevant evidence. – Essays lack organization, lacking in coherence and sometimes unclear. – A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.
2	– Makes only very feeble attempts to express opinions on topics. – Fails to support points with any relevant evidence. – Essays are incoherent and confusing. – Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.
0	*No attempt at the task:* EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the topic) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

WRITING 2 (10 mks)	
10	– Produces narratives which are fully successful in engaging the reader. – Lively, effective use of appropriate detail. – Writing is very well-structured, clear and coherent. – A varied range of grammar and vocabulary with a very good level of accuracy
8	– Produces narratives which are reasonably successful in engaging the reader. – Generally good use of appropriate detail. – Writing is generally well-structured, and mostly clear and coherent. – A fair range of grammar and vocabulary with a good level of accuracy.
6	– Produces narratives which are only partially successful in engaging the reader. – Somewhat limited use of appropriate detail. – Writing is well-structured, but is still reasonably clear and coherent. – A limited range of grammar and vocabulary with a reasonable level of accuracy.
4	– Produces narratives which have very limited success in engaging the reader. – Inadequate use of appropriate detail. – Writing is poorly-structured, and often unclear. – A very limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent errors.
2	– Produces narratives which fail entirely to engage the reader. – Little or no use of appropriate detail. – Writing is incoherent and confusing. – Extremely limited range of grammar and vocabulary with frequent serious errors.
0	*No attempt at the task:* EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the pictures/ task/ instructions) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

ARRIVING AT FINAL SCORES

LST/ VCB/ GRM/ RDG: In these four sections, all student responses are of the objectively-marked, right-or-wrong type. So there should never be any discrepancies in the marks awarded.

There are two different procedures for ensuring that no such discrepancies occur:

1) No action required: With (machine-marked) 'multiple choice' items, discrepancies are automatically excluded by the *ePen* marking system.
2) Action required: With 'short answer' items, there may be (accidental) discrepancies in the scores awarded by the two markers. The Supervisor/Adjudicator should be on the lookout for any such discrepancies, and if they occur, should read the students' response and award the correct mark.

WRITING: In this section, student responses are independently marked by two markers using their judgement (based on the wording of the Rating Scale provided). As a result, differences may sometimes occur between the two scores awarded.

In such cases, there are two possible procedures:

1) Acceptable differences: If – as in most cases – the difference between the two scores is small, i.e. just ***one level***, the Supervisor/Adjudicator is not required to read the student's response. He/She should simply use the mathematical average of the two scores.(**See below*)
2) Unacceptable differences: However, if the difference between the two scores is substantial, i.e. ***more than one level,*** the Supervisor/Adjudicator should read the student's response and, after due consideration, decide on an appropriate mark.

CALCULATION OF AVERAGES:

WRT 1		**WRT 2**	
Pair of scores	Final score	Pair of scores	Final score
10 / 8	9	10 / 8	9
8 / 6	7	8 / 6	7
6 / 4	5	6 / 4	5
4 / 2	3	4 / 2	3
2 / 0	1	2 / 0	1

IMPORTANT NOTE: As in previous years, ***individual*** markers should ***only*** award the marks specified in the relevant Rating Scale* (as in 'pair of scores' above). 'In-between marks' (as in 'final score' above) can ***only*** be awarded when two (differing) individual marks are combined by the Supervisor/ Adjudicator.
[* Note: This means that, even though the computer screen shows all the possible final scores, ***individual*** markers should ***only*** use those scores which are mentioned in the scale.]