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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 **Omar and a travel agent.***
Listen, and shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

1. Omar visited _____ last summer.

⬭ Thailand ⬭ Germany ⬭ Austria

2. Omar will travel to Tanzania with his _____.

⬭ family ⬭ brother ⬭ friend

3. The package to Tanzania costs OMR _____ per person after discount.

⬭ 315 ⬭ 335 ⬭ 395

4. The _____ are not included in the offer to Tanzania.

⬭ international flights ⬭ airport transfers ⬭ visa fees

5. The _____ Hotel is highly recommended for its traditional design.

⬭ Zanzibar Serena ⬭ Golden Tulip ⬭ Maru Maru

6. The Mount Kilimanjaro tour is cancelled because of problems about _____.

⬭ road safety ⬭ weather conditions ⬭ tour guides

7. Omar can confirm his booking with Muscat Travel Agency by _____.

⬭ WhatsApp ⬭ email ⬭ Instagram

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

*You are going to hear a talk by Jack Lemley about the **Channel Tunnel project**.*

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

8. What was Jack Lemley's job in the Channel Tunnel project?

_____

9. Why was the project cancelled in 1980?

Because _____

10. How long did it take to complete the tunnel?

_____

11. Which newspaper put the headline 'CONNECTED' on its front page?

_____

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

12. _____ spoke first at the opening ceremony.

⬭ Queen Elizabeth II ⬭ President Mitterrand ⬭ Jack Lemley

13. The Channel Tunnel is the _____ -longest tunnel in the world.

⬭ first ⬭ second ⬭ third

14. The main problem the project engineers faced was _____.

⬭ water pressure ⬭ machine breakdowns ⬭ power failures

15. Reports show that _____ has received the most benefit from the project.

⬭ tourism ⬭ industry ⬭ business

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

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

16. Some students were _____ by false adverts for cheap flats near their college.

⬭ explained ⬭ proofread ⬭ misled ⬭ revised

17. Hajer's _____ shopping habits made it hard for her to save money.

⬭ excessive ⬭ limited ⬭ balanced ⬭ wise

18. Salam Air has a social media _____ about its new destinations.

⬭ amenity ⬭ transition ⬭ freight ⬭ campaign

19. The Royal Opera House is famous for its Islamic _____ and design.

⬭ security ⬭ architecture ⬭ transport ⬭ direction

20. People should drive very _____ when it is raining.

⬭ carefully ⬭ loudly ⬭ rapidly ⬭ dramatically

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: Mum, have you told Dad about the swimming club (21) ⬭ **I** / ⬭ **me** want to join?

Speaker B: Yes. He said it's fine, but he didn't (22) ⬭ **sign** / ⬭ **signed** the registration form you left on the table because he was in a hurry.

Speaker A: Oh no, Mum! Today is the deadline to submit the form! I've been waiting (23) ⬭ **since** / ⬭ **for** two days.

Speaker B: Don't worry. Your dad told me that he (24) ⬭ **calls** / ⬭ **called** the club once he arrived at his office. He told them that you can join the club.

Speaker A: WOW! I'm so happy. I promise you (25) ⬭ **that** / ⬭ **which** I'll train hard and become a great swimmer.

Speaker B: I'm sure you'll do well.

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

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

Last year, Jameela left Sohar and travelled to Australia to study Engineering. At first, she felt very **(26)** _____ because she missed her family a lot. However, she learnt how to cope **(27)** _____ her new life in Australia. She decided to join different clubs which **(28)** _____ her stress levels. College life on **(29)** _____ also became a lot easier when she made new friends and went on field trips at weekends. Now, Jameela firmly believes that studying abroad can **(30)** _____ everyone to become strong and confident.

26. ⬭ homesick ⬭ affluent ⬭ powerful ⬭ comfortable

27. ⬭ to ⬭ by ⬭ with ⬭ at

28. ⬭ caused ⬭ reduced ⬭ edited ⬭ compared

29. ⬭ career ⬭ canyon ⬭ cruise ⬭ campus

30. ⬭ help ⬭ helps ⬭ helped ⬭ helping

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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.

In 2024, Morocco was the most visited country in Africa with about 17 million tourists, while Egypt came second with around 15 million visitors. However, experts believe Egypt could become the number one destination within the next three years.

Statement	True	False
Egypt is expected to be the top tourist country in Africa in the near future.	⬭	⬭

32.

Hi Mum,

I just arrived in Malaysia. The flight was long but comfortable. My new flat is too small and far away from the university. I'm thinking about moving to a bigger one which is closer, but it's more expensive. So, what do you think?

Love,

Rashid

Statement	True	False
Rashid is happy with his new flat.	⬭	⬭

33.

IKEA has announced its Ramadhan Special Sale. Enjoy up to 40% off on selected items from the furniture and kitchenware sections. Ramadhan opening hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Statement	True	False
There is a 40% discount on all furniture and kitchenware items.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34.

Marie Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903. Later, in 1911, she won another Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Her research also helped develop X-rays machines which are used in hospitals today.

Statement	True	False
Marie Curie won two Nobel Prizes in different subjects.	⬭	⬭

35.

Dear Sami,

I've been in Delhi, India, for almost a month now. I've been using the metro to discover the city because the tickets are quite cheap, but it's always very crowded. The only time I took a taxi was when I arrived.

Regards,

Tariq

Statement	True	False
Tariq uses taxis to explore the city.	⬭	⬭

36.

In Nepal's mountain villages, some students cannot reach school because the way is very dangerous. As a result, the Himalayan Trust charity has constructed hostels near schools where students can stay for free during the week.

Statement	True	False
The Himalayan Trust built schools in Nepal.	⬭	⬭

37.

Looking for the perfect pair of sports shoes? Come and discover our brand-new collection.

Price: Starting from only OMR 15

Special Offer: Buy 2 pairs and get the 3rd FREE – this weekend only!

Don't miss this amazing deal.

Statement	True	False
The special offer is limited to this weekend.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

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

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Thank you for getting in touch with Shiny Home Cleaning. I am pleased to provide you with more information about our services. Our office is on Bawshar Street, facing the Mall of Oman. It is located in Al Noor Business Centre building, Office No. 204, on the second floor. Please note that we share parking with the Grand Inn Hotel and the Jasmine Restaurant. You can contact us on +968 99875678, and we will send you the location on WhatsApp.

We offer flexible cleaning service plans. You can book our service on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Some customers request special cleaning services before Eid or parties. In these cases, we can even arrange hourly cleaning, but it depends on availability. Although the monthly contract is the cheapest option, most customers prefer our weekly service.

Our cleaning services cover houses, offices, and wedding halls. Next month, we plan to include shopping malls as well. In houses and apartments, we take care of kitchens, laundry, and gardens. For offices, we clean everything including workspaces, windows, carpets and toilets. Wedding halls are cleaned before and after events using the latest machines and products. House and office cleaning requests can be booked within 1–2 days, but wedding halls require at least 3 days' notice.

We have well-trained and highly experienced staff. They speak English and have some basic Arabic. Some of our staff come from the Philippines and Sri Lanka, but the majority are from Indonesia. Our staff bring all the necessary cleaning equipment. We use only Scentina products because they are non-toxic, even though they are more expensive when compared to other brands such as Freshora and Lumishine.

Our regular cleaning costs OMR 4 per hour, while special deep cleaning starts from OMR 8 per hour. We offer 10% off on your first booking. Loyal customers receive 15% discount on carpet cleaning and 20% discount on gardening and pool cleaning.

Our working hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day, including Fridays. Please note that our website is currently unavailable. If you would like to request one of our cleaning services, you can do so through our app. Once you have completed the payment, you will receive a confirmation via SMS.

We look forward to working with you soon.

Best regards,

Aliya Mohammed

Director of Shiny Home Cleaning

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. The Shiny Home Cleaning office is located just opposite the _____.

- ⬭ Grand Inn Hotel
- ⬭ Mall of Oman
- ⬭ Jasmine Restaurant

39. The majority of customers choose the _____ cleaning services.

- ⬭ daily
- ⬭ weekly
- ⬭ monthly

40. Currently, Shiny Home Cleaning does not provide services for _____.

- ⬭ malls
- ⬭ apartments
- ⬭ offices

41. Wedding hall cleaning requests should be booked _____ in advance.

- ⬭ one day
- ⬭ two days
- ⬭ three days

42. Nowadays, most of Shiny Home Cleaning staff are from _____.

- ⬭ the Philippines
- ⬭ Indonesia
- ⬭ Sri Lanka

43. Shiny Home Cleaning only uses products made by _____.

- ⬭ Scentina
- ⬭ Freshora
- ⬭ Lumishine

44. Shiny Home Cleaning offers a _____ discount for first-time bookings.

- ⬭ 10%
- ⬭ 15%
- ⬭ 20%

45. Mrs. Smith can use the _____ to request Shiny Home Cleaning services.

- ⬭ website
- ⬭ SMS
- ⬭ app

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the tasks.

The Congress Library

The Congress Library is the largest library in the world. It was established in 1800 in Washington, USA. Originally, it was built to serve as the government's research centre. A few years later, during a war, a fire burnt all its valuable books and records. However, it was soon rebuilt.

The bookshelves in the newly rebuilt library were almost empty. Therefore, President Thomas Jefferson sold his personal library of around 6,000 books to the Congress Library. Today, it is estimated to have more than 25 million books, as well as rare maps, films and audio recordings. It owns many art items, but none of these are original paintings. Among its special collection are ancient Egyptian manuscripts and a Sumerian clay tablet which is the oldest item in the library dating back to around 4,000 BCE.

The library's books are available in different languages. While most books are in English, 10% are in German which is the second most common language in the library. This is because many people immigrated to the United States from Germany and Austria in the 19th century. Recently, it has increased its foreign language content by adding works from other languages like Arabic and Russian. This has allowed more users from all over the world to benefit from its services.

The structure of the library is made up of three main buildings, each built at different times for different purposes. The Jefferson Building was finished in 1897 and is the oldest and most well-known for its dome and decor. The John Adams Building was opened in 1939 because of the need to store more books and provide additional reading rooms. The newest and largest is the Madison Building which contains government offices such as the U.S. Copyright Office.

This national library plays an important cultural role in society. Every year, it hosts events such as the Literacy Awards, which celebrate individuals who work to improve education around the world. It also organises the National Book Festival where visitors can meet famous authors and discuss literature. In order to encourage the talents of young Americans, the library holds many competitions such as writing novels, producing documentaries, and composing songs.

Today, the library attracts two million visitors each year where they can attend cultural events, request paper photocopies, and see rare collections for free. However, some services, such as scanning documents, require payment, while borrowing books is limited to government staff. Since 1992, the library has been working on a digitisation project to change paper books into digital copies. Around 15 million items are now available on its official website. Everyone is welcome to explore this world of knowledge, whether in person or online.

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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 the Congress Library located in the USA?

_____

47. Who sold his personal books to the Congress Library?

_____

48. What is the oldest item in the library's collection?

_____

49. Why was the John Adams Building built? (List one)

_____

50. What competitions does the library organise for young Americans? (List one)

_____

51. When did the Congress Library start its digitisation project?

_____

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

52. The Congress Library does not include _____.

⬭ rare maps ⬭ original paintings ⬭ audio recordings

53. The second largest collection of books in the library is in _____.

⬭ Arabic ⬭ Russian ⬭ German

54. The _____ Building is the biggest in the Congress Library.

⬭ Madison ⬭ Jefferson ⬭ John Adams

55. Visitors to the library can _____ free of charge.

⬭ make photocopies ⬭ borrow books ⬭ scan documents

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

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

'People should spend their summer holidays in Salalah during Al Khareef.'

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 at least **100 words**.*

Write **a story** about **your first day at school in Grade One**. Your story does not have to be true. Include details such as:

- The person who went with you to school
- The things you did when you arrived
- The most interesting part of that day
- Any other details

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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MARKING GUIDE

GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – CORE

SEMESTER ONE, FIRST SESSION

2025/2026

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Notice: This marking guide contains (8) pages. **Total Marks:** (70)

LISTENING 1 (7 mks)

1.	○ Thailand	● Germany	○ Austria
2.	○ family	○ brother	● friend
3.	○ 315	● 335	○ 395
4.	○ international flights	○ airport transfers	● visa fees
5.	● Zanzibar Serena	○ Golden Tulip	○ Maru Maru
6.	● road safety	○ weather conditions	○ tour guides
7.	○ WhatsApp	● email	○ Instagram

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

LISTENING 2 (8 mks)

Part One

8. (The) manager

9. (it was too) Expensive

10. 6/ six years

11. (The) Times

Part Two

12.	○ Queen Elizabeth II	● President Mitterrand	○ Jack Lemley
13.	○ first	● second	○ third
14.	○ water pressure	○ machine breakdowns	● power failures
15.	● tourism	○ industry	○ business

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.	○ explained	○ proofread	● misled	○ revised
17.	● excessive	○ limited	○ balanced	○ wise
18.	○ amenity	○ transition	○ freight	● campaign
19.	○ security	● architecture	○ transport	○ direction
20.	● carefully	○ loudly	○ rapidly	○ dramatically

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

GRAMMAR (2.5 mks)	
21. I	**24.** called
22. sign	**25.** that
23. for	

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

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (5 mks)				
26.	● homesick	○ affluent	○ powerful	○ comfortable
27.	○ to	○ by	● with	○ at
28.	○ caused	● reduced	○ edited	○ compared
29.	○ career	○ canyon	○ cruise	● campus
30.	● help	○ helps	○ helped	○ helping

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

READING 1 (7 mks)			READING 2 (8 mks)			
	True	False				
31.	●	○	38.	○ Grand Inn Hotel	● Mall of Oman	○ Jasmine Restaurant
32.	○	●	39.	○ daily	● weekly	○ monthly
33.	○	●	40.	● malls	○ apartments	○ offices
34.	●	○	41.	○ one day	○ two days	● three days
35.	○	●	42.	○ the Philippines	● Indonesia	○ Sri Lanka
36.	○	●	43.	● Scentina	○ Freshora	○ Lumishine
37.	●	○	44.	● 10%	○ 15%	○ 20%
			45.	○ website	○ SMS	● app

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



READING 3 (10 mks)			
Task One			
46.	Washington / The capital city		
47.	President Thomas Jefferson / President /Thomas /Jefferson		
48.	(A Sumerian clay) tablet		
49.	to store more books / to provide reading rooms		
50.	Writing novels / Producing documentaries/ Composing songs		
51.	(Since) 1992		
Task Two			
52.	○ rare maps	● original paintings	○ audio recordings
53.	○ Arabic	○ Russian	● German
54.	● Madison	○ Jefferson	○ John Adams
55.	● make photocopies	○ borrow books	○ scan documents

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.]

وزارة التعليم

امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
الفصل الدراسي الأول - الدور الثاني
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٨/١٤٤٧ هـ - ٢٠٢٥ / ٢٠٢٦ 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 **Rashid and a hotel receptionist**.*
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Rashid will arrive at the Musandam Grand Hotel on _____.

○ Sunday ○ Monday ○ Tuesday

2. Rashid chose to book a room with a _____ view.

○ sea ○ mountain ○ garden

3. The total cost for Rashid's booking is OMR _____ including taxes.

○ 35 ○ 105 ○ 115

4. Rashid's booking does not include _____.

○ breakfast ○ lunch ○ dinner

5. The hotel provides a free _____ trip for its guests.

○ dolphin-watching ○ fishing ○ hiking

6. Rashid will use a _____ for airport transfer.

○ private car ○ taxi ○ hotel bus

7. The hotel offers a special discount for payment by _____.

○ Mastercard ○ Visa ○ cash

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about a famous engineer called ***Sreedharan****.*

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

8. What do people in Delhi call Sreedharan?

_____

9. Which subject was Sreedharan very good at?

_____

10. How long did Sreedharan work for the Indian Railways Company?

_____

11. Why did the Konkan Railway Project take a long time to finish?

Because it needed many _____

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

12. The most serious problem in Delhi in 1997 was the _____.

○ heavy traffic congestion ○ serious air pollution ○ poor public transport

13. The first part of the Delhi Metro took _____ years to finish.

○ two ○ three ○ four

14. Sreedharan received the *Legion of Honour* award in _____.

○ India ○ France ○ Japan

15. *Ramasethu* is a _____ about Sreedharan's life.

○ film ○ magazine ○ book

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

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

16. Oman plans to _____ the use of renewable energy for transport.

○ reply ○ win ○ promote ○ inform

17. Smart _____ always compare prices before buying online.

○ consumers ○ inventors ○ sellers ○ coordinators

18. The bread was so dry and hard that it was almost _____.

○ delicious ○ inedible ○ fragrant ○ smooth

19. Al Maghsail Beach is a favourite tourist _____ in Dhofar.

○ career ○ building ○ foundation ○ attraction

20. Children in Australia have _____ been banned from using social media.

○ noisily ○ happily ○ differently ○ recently

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: Look, the shop has a big sale. (21) ⬭ **This** / ⬭ **Those** brown shoes in the corner are half price.

Speaker B: That's great! But are you sure they'll (22) ⬭ **fit** / ⬭ **fits** you?

Speaker A: I hope so. I came here yesterday and one of the staff told me they could (23) ⬭ **bring** / ⬭ **brought** me any size I wanted.

Speaker B: OK! Let's hurry. We've to meet my cousin (24) ⬭ **in** / ⬭ **at** 5 o'clock near the food court.

Speaker A: Don't worry. I (25) ⬭ **send** / ⬭ **sent** her a WhatsApp message two hours ago. She'll be waiting wait for us.

Speaker B: That's fine.

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

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

Today, Japan is one of the biggest exporting countries in the world, and its goods are **(26)** everywhere. Companies such as Toshiba, Toyota and Sony have been producing many different goods **(27)** the 1950s. Many Omanis prefer Japanese cars and electronics even though they are **(28)** expensive than similar items from other countries. Generally, these **(29)** are transported by ships. Japanese people work for **(30)** hours and take very few holidays.

26. ○ sell ○ sells ○ sold ○ selling

27. ○ since ○ for ○ of ○ on

28. ○ more ○ less ○ most ○ least

29. ○ emotions ○ challenges ○ cultures ○ products

30. ○ soft ○ long ○ hot ○ wild

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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.

Although my sister knows that I hate shopping, she asked me to go with her to the Mall of Oman in Muscat. I thought it would be a boring day. However, I had an amazing experience. I went ice skating for two hours.

Statement	True	False
The writer enjoyed his time at the Mall of Oman.	⬭	⬭

32.

In 1969, scientists tried to send the first word over the internet. They chose the word 'LOGIN.' Unfortunately, the computer crashed after the first two letters which only said, 'LO.' That was all the system managed to send.

Statement	True	False
The first word sent over the internet was 'LOGIN'.	⬭	⬭

33.

Ahmed wanted to study at a university in New Zealand, but he needed at least band 7 in the IELTS exam. The first time he took the exam, he only got band 6. After studying hard for four weeks, he got the score he needed to go there.

Statement	True	False
Ahmed did not get the required IELTS score in his first try.	⬭	⬭

34.

Yesterday, a school bus crashed into a wall. Some students were injured because they were standing up instead of sitting down and wearing seat belts. Later, the police said the accident happened because the driver was talking on his mobile phone.

Statement	True	False
Students caused the bus accident.	⬭	⬭

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Carlos used to arrive late to work in Mexico City because of heavy traffic. He usually took public buses and sometimes he used taxis, but he was still late for work. Then, he bought an e-scooter which always gets him to work on time.

Statement	True	False
Nowadays, Carlos is never late for work.	☐	☐

36. Ayman visited the Philippines with his friends. They stayed for a week. He went scuba diving and surfing. He also visited some islands where he went swimming every day. He did not go hiking with his friends.

Statement	True	False
Ayman spent all his time doing water activities in the Philippines.	☐	☐

37. Dear Ms. Nuha,

Thank you for your inquiry about joining our Indian cooking course. I am sorry we have just completed this course. Our next course will be on Chinese cuisine. Please contact me if you are interested.

Best regards,

Mr. John Smith

Chef's Academy Institute

Statement	True	False
Nuha wants to learn how to cook Chinese food.	☐	☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

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

Dear SolidTech Customer Service,

I am writing to complain about the HP laptop I bought on 29 December 2025. I have been a loyal customer for many years, but this time I am very disappointed with my latest purchase.

First, I tried to place an order for the laptop through your app, but it did not work. Then, I called customer service several times but I did not get a reply. So, I went to your shop and bought the laptop.

When I got home, I connected it to my Wi-Fi. I tried to surf the internet with my favourite browser, Edge, but it did not work. Then I downloaded Chrome, but the problem continued. Finally, a friend told me to try Firefox, and it worked perfectly.

Your Instagram account says that the battery lasts up to three hours. I charged the battery for two hours, but when I went to use it, it only lasted for one hour and then it died. Furthermore, the laptop overheats, even when I use it for simple tasks such as preparing a PowerPoint presentation. Now, I cannot use it for heavier tasks such as online gaming or video editing because I am worried that it is not safe.

I contacted technical support through WhatsApp. I told the technician that I had already updated the system and formatted the device without success. He recommended that I restart the laptop, but it did not work. When I asked him if he could access my laptop remotely to repair it, I was surprised when he said he did not know how to use this option. I asked him to pay a site visit to my house, but he said this service is not available. He then offered to send someone to collect and deliver my laptop, but said it would take ten days!

Many people go to SolidTech because of its low prices and quick delivery service. However, it was your after-sales service that really impressed me the most. But this time I am very unhappy.

As my laptop is covered by warranty, I can ask you to replace the device with a new one or to repair it. However, this time I kindly request you to refund my money in full.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Fahad Naser

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. Fahad bought the laptop from SolidTech store _____.

- ☐ by phone
- ☐ in person
- ☐ through the app

39. The only internet browser that worked properly on Fahad's laptop was _____.

- ☐ Chrome
- ☐ Edge
- ☐ Firefox

40. The laptop battery went dead after Fahad used it for _____.

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

41. Fahad noticed the laptop became hot when using it for _____.

- ☐ online gaming
- ☐ video editing
- ☐ PowerPoint

42. The technician advised Fahad to _____.

- ☐ update the system
- ☐ restart the laptop
- ☐ format the device

43. SolidTech technical support could only provide the _____ service.

- ☐ remote repair
- ☐ home site visit
- ☐ collect-and-deliver

44. Fahad always liked SolidTech because of its _____.

- ☐ after-sales service
- ☐ fast delivery
- ☐ low prices

45. Fahad asked SolidTech for a _____.

- ☐ full refund
- ☐ repair service
- ☐ new device

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the followig text. Then complete the tasks.

Gallaudet University

The first university in the world for deaf students was founded in 1864 in the USA by Amos Kendall. The university was named after Thomas Gallaudet who supported the rights of deaf students to a full education. Today, Gallaudet is one of the top 10 special needs universities in the world. According to the 2025 U.S. News & World Report, it ranks 18 among universities in the USA. It is also ranked 40 in the country for the Best Undergraduate Teaching.

Although Gallaudet University has its own investments and receives individual donations, these are not enough to cover its costs. So, it depends on the USA government to fund most of its activities. The fees at Gallaudet University are very expensive. For wealthy students, the average yearly cost is around USD 16,000 while students from middle income families pay around USD 13,000. Students from poor families can apply for a scholarship.

Gallaudet University offers a wide range of programmes for more than 1400 students. These students come from 38 countries including Canada, Saudi Arabia and the USA. Recently, the university has admitted 255 non-deaf students for the first time because they knew the American Sign Language (ASL). The university offers different majors, such as Communication, Psychology and Audiology, the last of which is the top choice for many international students. It has also increased its online courses since COVID 19.

Gallaudet University's main building is famous for its unique architecture. The central building is called Chapel Hall and was built in 1870. The campus includes modern classrooms, theatres and dining areas that can serve up to 1,600 people. There is also the Sorenson Language Centre which supports advanced research in linguistics and technology for the deaf. The university's library is located in the Merrill Learning Centre and it is open to students as well as the public. Many university buildings will be restored in 2027 but will keep their historic design.

Today, this unique university is proud of its achievements. In 1988, students sent a formal letter asking for a deaf president. After several attempts, they succeeded, and Mr. Jordan became the first deaf president of the university. Gallaudet University also helps many countries with deaf education. Most recently, it helped India to establish a college for deaf students. Gallaudet believes that education is the key to making the world a better place for everyone.

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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. Who established Gallaudet University?

_____

47. How does Gallaudet University help poor students?

_____

48. Why did Gallaudet University admit non-deaf students?

Because they knew the _____

49. When will the buildings at Gallaudet University be restored?

_____

50. What did Gallaudet University students ask for in their 1988 letter?

_____

51. Which country did Gallaudet University help start a deaf college?

_____

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

52. Gallaudet is ranked _____ for the Best Undergraduate Teaching in the USA.

○ 10 ○ 18 ○ 40

53. Most of Gallaudet University's costs are paid for by _____.

○ the government ○ individual donations ○ private investments

54. International students at Gallaudet University prefer to study _____.

○ Communication ○ Psychology ○ Audiology

55. The central building at Gallaudet University is called the _____.

○ Merrill Learning Centre ○ Chapel Hall ○ Sorenson Language Centre

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

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

'Every town in Oman should have a sports centre.'

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 **a teacher who made your day at school very special**. Your story does not have to be true. Include details such as:*

- ***Who was the teacher?***
- ***What happened on that day?***
- ***Any other details***

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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LISTENING 1 (7 mks)						
1.	○	Sunday	○	Monday	●	Tuesday
2.	○	sea	●	mountain	○	garden
3.	○	35	○	105	●	115
4.	○	breakfast	○	lunch	●	dinner
5.	●	dolphin-watching	○	fishing	○	hiking
6.	○	private car	●	taxi	○	hotel bus
7.	●	Mastercard	○	Visa	○	cash

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

LISTENING 2 (8 mks)

Part One

8. (The) Metro man

9. Maths

10. 51/ Fifty-one years

11. bridges

Part Two

12.	○	heavy traffic congestion	○	serious air pollution	●	poor public transport
13.	○	two	○	three	●	four
14.	○	India	●	France	○	Japan
15.	●	film	○	magazine	○	book

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.	○ reply	○ win	● promote	○ inform
17.	● consumers	○ inventors	○ sellers	○ coordinators
18.	○ delicious	● inedible	○ fragrant	○ smooth
19.	○ career	○ building	○ foundation	● attraction
20.	○ noisily	○ happily	○ differently	● recently

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

GRAMMAR (2.5 mks)	
21. Those	**24.** at
22. fit	**25.** sent
23. bring	

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

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (5 mks)				
26.	○ sell	○ sells	● sold	○ selling
27.	● since	○ for	○ of	○ on
28.	● more	○ less	○ most	○ least
29.	○ emotions	○ challenges	○ cultures	● products
30.	○ soft	● long	○ hot	○ wild

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

READING 1 (7 mks)			READING 2 (8 mks)			
	True	**False**				
31.	●	○	**38.**	○ by phone	● in person	○ through the app
32.	○	●	**39.**	○ Chrome	○ Edge	● Firefox
33.	●	○	**40.**	● one hour	○ two hours	○ three hours
34.	○	●	**41.**	○ online gaming	○ video editing	● Powerpoint
35.	●	○	**42.**	○ update the system	● restart the laptop	○ format the device
36.	●	○	**43.**	○ remote repair	○ home site visit	● collect-and-deliver
37.	○	●	**44.**	● after-sales service	○ fast delivery	○ low prices
			45.	● full refund	○ repair service	○ new device

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

READING 3 (10 mks)

Task One

46. Amos Kendall

47. (By awarding them) scholarships

48. American Sign Language/ ASL

49. 2027

50. A deaf president

51. India

Task Two

52.	○	10	○	18	●	40
53.	●	the government	○	individual donations	○	private investments
54.	○	Communication	○	Psychology	●	Audiology
55.	○	Merrill Learning Centre	●	Chapel Hall	○	Sorenson Language Centre

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.]