



سُلْطَنَةُ عُومَانِ

وِزَارَةُ التَّوَسُّلِ وَالتَّجْلِيلِ

امتحان شهادة دبلوم التعليم العام

للعام الدراسي ١٤٣٣/١٤٣٤ هـ - ٢٠١٢ / ٢٠١٣ م

الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الثاني

حاضر

غائب

رقم الورقة	
رقم المغلف	

• زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.

• الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تنبیه: • المادة: 'A' English Language

• الأسئلة في ( ١١ ) صفحة.

#### تعليمات وضوابط التقدم للامتحان:

- الحضور إلى اللجنة قبل عشر دقائق من بدء الامتحان لأهمية إبراز البطاقة الشخصية لمراقب اللجنة.
  - يمنع كتابة رقم الجلوس أو الاسم أو أي بيانات أخرى تدل على شخصية الممتحن في دفتر الامتحان، وإلا ألغى امتحانه.
  - يحظر على الممتحنين أن يصطحبوا معهم ممرز الامتحان كتباً دراسية أو كراسات أو مذكرات أو هواتف محمولة أو أجهزة النداء الآلي أو أي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان كما لا يجوز إدخال آلات حادة أو أسلحة من أي نوع كانت أو حقائب يدوية أو آلات حاسبة ذات صفة تخزينية.
  - يجب أن يتقيد المتقدمون بالزي الرسمي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للطلاب والدارسين والزي المدرسي للطالبات واللباس العماني للدارسات) ومنع النقاب داخل المركز ولجان الامتحان.
  - لا يسمح للمتقدم المتأخر عن موعد بداية الامتحان بالدخول إلا إذا كان التأخير بعذر قاهر يقبله رئيس المركز وفي حدود عشر دقائق فقط.
- يتم الالتزام بالإجراءات الواردة في دليل الطالب لأداء امتحان شهادة دبلوم التعليم العام.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل (○) وفق النموذج الآتي:
- س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
- القاهرة  الدوحة
- مسقط  أبوظبي
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (●) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.
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## LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 7)

[7 marks]

You are going to hear a conversation between a young man and his aunt.  
Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Rashid's parents are out \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 at a wedding                       on business                       shopping
2. Aunt Fatma is a \_\_\_\_\_ nurse.  
 retired                       part-time                       full-time
3. Rashid specialises in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Aviation                       Medicine                       Information Technology
4. He works \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 alone                       with a partner                       for a large company
5. He often suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 back pains                       sleepless nights                       headaches
6. Aunt Fatma thinks he should \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 take some medicine                       wear glasses                       improve his diet
7. She also advises him to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 get married                       take a holiday                       get a hobby

**LISTENING 2 (Items 8 – 15)****[8 marks]**

You are going to hear a radio programme about a water project in Madagascar.

**Part One:**

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

8. How long has the project been running?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. What is the main crop in this part of Madagascar?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Which country has helped Madagascar with the project?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Where does the water brought by the new pipes come from?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

12. Because of problems with the water supply, Neolina used to \_\_\_\_\_.

waste a lot of time

become ill a lot

spend a lot of money

13. Now she makes money by \_\_\_\_\_.

selling water

making clothes

growing vegetables

14. Her brother now has a job \_\_\_\_\_.

digging wells

training young people

repairing pipes

15. Her village now has better \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

roads

schools

medical facilities

**VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1 – 5)****[2½ marks]**

Complete the text. Use the words in the box.

For each item, **shade in the bubble** () under the correct option.

'Global March' is the largest NGO to promote and <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the rights of all children, especially the right to <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a good education. It runs programmes to free children from doing any work that is likely to <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them from developing both physically and mentally. It also works to <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the world's attention on child labour through research and action. Meanwhile, its international network of partners is growing fast, and by 2020 it hopes to <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this network to every country in the world.

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**VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)****[2½ marks]**

In each sentence, complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word.

Make sure your **spelling is correct**.

6. "Which colour would you prefer? Red or blue?" – "I don't **m** \_\_\_\_ .  
They're both OK."
7. "Professor Jones? I went to a **lec** \_\_\_\_ by him last week. He's a brilliant speaker!"
8. "It wasn't a fair trial, and as a result they sent an **inn** \_\_\_\_ man to prison!"
9. "You really must finish that report today! It's **ur** \_\_\_\_ !"
10. "Please don't **int** \_\_\_\_ me when I'm speaking! It's very rude!"

**GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)****[2½ marks]***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

1. They live \_\_\_\_\_ the west coast of the island.  
 in                       at                       on                       to
2. When he heard the news, Omar \_\_\_\_\_ very angry.  
 has become               became               was becoming               becomes
3. She didn't arrive until ten-thirty. I asked her why \_\_\_\_\_ late.  
 she was                       was she                       is she                       she is
4. If you want to know more about London, ask Saeed. He used \_\_\_\_\_ there.  
 to living                       to live                       living                       live
5. If we hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ out last night, we wouldn't have met them.  
 go                       went                       going                       gone

**GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)****[2½ marks]***Complete the text. Fill each gap with ONE word only.*

In our neighbourhood, we <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ celebrating 'Water Saving Day' today in order <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ remind everyone about the need to save water. Unfortunately, people <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ not seem to remember this issue during <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ rest of the year! For example, our roads are often covered with water after people <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ washed their cars and watered their plants.

**READING 1 (Items 1 – 10)****[10 marks]***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Is it important for colleagues to work together in the same place? Or is it better to have more flexible arrangements, allowing some of them to 'work from home', at least for part of the time?

Debate over this issue has just been revived by a surprise decision from Internet giant, Yahoo, where I myself work. Fifteen years after the company pioneered 'work-from-home' arrangements for its workforce, it has suddenly changed its policy. Every Yahoo employee, including me, has now received an official memo from the company's new Chief Executive Officer, Marissa Meyer. It tells us that, from the 1st August, all work-from-home arrangements will end. From that date onwards, every employee will be required to report to the office in person.

Ms Meyer probably realised that this might be unpopular, so in her memo she spends some time explaining her decision. She emphasizes that it's not about 'checking up' on employees, or 'forcing' them to work harder. The key word for her is 'creativity'. She argues that creating things is a social activity, and that the best ideas are generated when people interact with each other. In fact, she says that the best place for this to happen is not in formal meetings, but actually in the staff canteen, where people can talk about things freely and informally over a tasty meal.

This is a very interesting argument — and she's certainly right about formal meetings! — but personally I'm not convinced. After five years at Yahoo head office, I switched to working-from-home. That was two years ago, just after I'd given birth, and it's been ideal for me. At home, I actually work much better, and am much more productive. For a start, I don't have to listen to people with their nasty gossip, silly jokes and waste-of-time discussions! The other advantage is that I don't have to worry about my baby — I know that if anything happens, I'm right there and can do something.

Of course, it is useful to exchange information, ideas and feedback with my colleagues. But what I don't understand is this. How come a world-famous high-tech company doesn't seem to have heard of modern communication technology! Over the last two years, I've written e-mails; attached documents; taken part in video-conferencing; talked to people on my mobile phone; the only thing I haven't done is send text messages, which I've always hated! Surely, with all of these tools available, distance is no longer an obstacle. So why not use them to work from home?

As you can see, I'm not very happy with the management's decision. I've even thought of going to see Ms Meyer myself, but in the short time she has been here, she hasn't shown much sign of listening to us, so I probably won't bother! So what am I going to do in August? It would be easy to leave, but the problem is I love the job — and the money's very good! So I'll probably just try the new system and see what it's like.

**READING 1 (cont'd)**

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

1. Yahoo employees know about the new policy from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a staff meeting       a memo       the newspaper
2. The policy is intended to make them more \_\_\_\_\_.  
 innovative       independent       hard-working
3. It will start \_\_\_\_\_.  
 immediately       at the beginning of August       at the end of August
4. The CEO believes that the best work discussions take place \_\_\_\_\_.  
 at formal meetings       at people's desks       while eating
5. The writer has been with Yahoo for \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
 two       seven       fifteen
6. She started 'working from home' in order to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 look after a child       recover from an illness       take a course
7. She says she works better at home because she is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 not tired from driving to work       able to make her own work schedule       not disturbed by noisy colleagues
8. She doesn't like communicating with people by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 e-mails       video-conferencing       text messages
9. She thinks the CEO should \_\_\_\_\_.  
 listen more       work harder       pay her more
10. She will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 complain to the CEO       decide later what to do       leave her job

## READING 2 (Items 11 – 20)

[15 marks]

Read the text, Then complete the task.

### Prisoners Escape By Helicopter

Two prisoners have made a daring daylight escape from a prison in Canada, but are now safely back in police custody.

On Sunday afternoon, at about two-thirty local time, police received a call from staff at the St-Jerome prison near Montreal. They reported that two prisoners named Benjamin Barbeau and Danny Provencal had succeeded in escaping by climbing a rope which had been let down from a helicopter flying above the prison yard.

The police swung into action, and followed the helicopter until it landed in a remote rural area about fifty kilometres north of St-Jerome prison. The two men then got into a waiting car, but after a twenty-kilometre chase, they were forced to stop. "When they got out of their car, they started shooting at our officers", said a police spokesman. "But fortunately, none of our men were hit."

Barbeau was arrested on the spot, but Provencal managed to escape on foot and hide in a nearby house, which was then surrounded by the police. Police negotiators kept him talking for six hours and persuaded him to surrender, which he finally did just before midnight. Police are still searching for two other men who were in helicopter.

Meanwhile, the pilot was taken to hospital and treated for shock, before being questioned by police. Apparently, he is claiming that he was forced to fly his helicopter over the prison by two men who held him at gunpoint. "We believe he is probably telling the truth," said a senior detective, "but, to be on the safe side, we are currently checking his background to see if he has any criminal connections."

Regarding the two escapees, Provencal is already back in his prison cell, while Barbeau is under police guard in the hospital. It seems that he was injured, not during the shoot-out with police, but earlier, while he was hanging onto the rope beneath the helicopter. Both prisoners have a history of violent crime. Barbeau, 33, was arrested in February and is charged with a series of murders. Provencal, 36, is serving a seven-year prison term for involvement in drug-dealing.

While expressing satisfaction that the two men had been re-captured, prison boss Raymond Galarneau announced that there would be a full and immediate investigation into the escape itself. "I have to admit," he said, "we were taken totally by surprise. In three decades on the job, I have never seen an escape as dramatic as this. No one ever expected that a helicopter would be used in this way. But, I promise you, we will be better prepared next time!"

One thing that Mr Galarneau did **not** mention during that press conference was the support given to the two escapees by their fellow-prisoners. It seems that, seconds before the escape, some of the other prisoners set fire to a mattress, hoping that the smoke would draw the prison staff's attention away from what was really happening!



## READING 2 (cont'd)

**Task 1:** For each item, write a *short answer* (not more than **FOUR WORDS**).

11. How did the two prisoners get into the helicopter?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. How far did they fly after that?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. How many people were injured during the shootout?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Where was Provençal when he was captured?

\_\_\_\_\_

15. How many men are the police still looking for?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Task 2:** For each item, *shade in the bubble* () next to the correct option.

16. The escape took place \_\_\_\_\_.

in the morning

at night

in the afternoon

17. The other prisoners helped the men escape by \_\_\_\_\_.

starting a fire

attacking the guards

giving them guns

18. The police will \_\_\_\_\_ put the pilot of the helicopter on trial.

definitely not

probably not

certainly

19. Bardeau is in prison for \_\_\_\_\_.

robbing a bank

killing several people

selling drugs

20. The two prisoners were free for \_\_\_\_\_.

less than 24 hours

two days

more than a week



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**WRITING 2**

**[10 marks]**

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

Situation:

Imagine that you are Nasser/ Nasra. You are away from home studying at university. You are worried about your father, who is getting old, but is still working. Write a **letter** to him. Try to persuade him to stop working.

*Your writing should be clear and convincing.*

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