



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST**

**GRADE ELEVEN 'A'**

**Semester Two  
Second Session**

<b>Name</b>			
<b>School</b>		<b>Class</b>	

**Write your answers on the Test Paper**

**Time: 2½ hours**

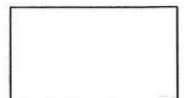
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<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Red Marker</b>		<b>Green Marker</b>	<b>Blue Marker</b>
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<b>LISTENING</b>	<b>15</b>				
<b>GRM/VCB</b>	<b>10</b>				
<b>READING</b>	<b>20</b>				
<b>WRITING</b>	<b>15</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>				

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

You are going to hear a conversation between a Vietnamese mother and her son, who is in the USA. Listen, and shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.

1. The son is \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.  
 working                       on holiday                       studying
2. He celebrated the Vietnamese New Year by going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 the embassy                       a friend's house                       a restaurant
3. He has \_\_\_\_\_ been away from home at New Year before.  
 never                       only once                       often
4. Because he was not at home, he couldn't help his parents with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 putting up decorations                       preparing the food                       receiving the guests
5. He needs some money because he wants to have better \_\_\_\_\_.  
 transportation                       equipment                       accommodation
6. His mother promises to send him the money \_\_\_\_\_.  
 tomorrow                       next week                       at the end of the month
7. He will return to Vietnam in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 January                       April                       June



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

You're going to hear someone talking about a special project for an endangered species.

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

8. In which part of China is the Research Centre at Chengdu?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. How long does it take to prepare pandas to be released into the wild?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. How many have so far been released?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What must they learn before they can be released?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

12. The centre is looking for volunteers from \_\_\_\_\_.

the Middle East

South-East Asia

North America

13. The speaker says that the **most** important requirement for volunteers is \_\_\_\_\_.

love of animals

hard work

experience

14. Volunteers should send in their applications by \_\_\_\_\_.

23<sup>rd</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> April

31<sup>st</sup> May

15. \_\_\_\_\_ applicants will be accepted.

Five

Ten

Twenty

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**LISTENING  
SCORE**

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**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1-5)****[2½ marks]**

For each item, read the definition and the example.

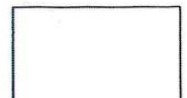
Then complete the word in the space provided.

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

Make sure your **spelling** is **correct**.

Example: (noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked  
e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit c h e n**.

1. (verb) say that you are annoyed or unhappy about something  
e.g. You always **com** \_\_\_\_\_ about the food in every restaurant we go to!
2. (adjective) extremely good; excellent  
e.g. We had a **fan** \_\_\_\_\_ day at Disney World!
3. (noun) a suggestion about what someone should do in a particular situation  
e.g. You should listen to your mother's **ad** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. (noun) a person who has won an important competition, especially in sport  
e.g. Who was the world **cha** \_\_\_\_\_ racing driver last year?
5. (verb) keep someone/something safe from harm or damage  
e.g. Put on your sunglasses. They'll **pro** \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes from the sun.



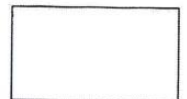
## GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6–10)

[2½ marks]

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

Lobola is <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ old African tradition which is still <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ today. According to this custom if a young man wants <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a girl, he must <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ money to the parents. Although this custom has often <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by critics, it is still common in today's African societies.

6.  a                       an                       the                       that
7.  follow                       followed                       following                       has followed
8.  marry                       to married                       marrying                       to marry
9.  pay                       to pay                       pays                       paying
10.  attacked                       been attacked                       attacking                       been attacking



**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11-20)**

**[5 marks]**

Complete the unfinished words in the text.  
Make sure you **spell** each word **correctly**.

**EXAMPLE:**

"Go od morning! My name's Ahmed Al-Zedjali a nd I'm a student at a school in Muscat. I'm in Grade Six. My favourite subject is Maths."

**TEXT**

Speaker A: Why didn't you answer my ca\_\_\_\_ last night? I tr\_\_\_\_ to phone you several times!

Speaker B: I was t\_\_\_\_ busy. I was watching my favourite tennis player, Tony Parsons, on TV.

Speaker A: Who's he? I've never he\_\_\_\_ of him!

Speaker B: What!? But everybody kn\_\_\_\_ him! He's world-famous! I mean, he won the gold me\_\_\_\_ at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Speaker A: I really don't understand how you can get so exc\_\_\_\_ about a silly game li\_\_\_\_ tennis.

Speaker B: That's because you've never pla\_\_\_\_ it yourself. I've been practising si\_\_\_\_ I was five years old.

**GRM/VCB  
SCORE**

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**READING 1 (Items 1-8)****[8 marks]**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Yesterday, I decided to update my anti-virus software. So I went to the nearest computer shop and had a look at the prices there. You know, the average cost was about \$40 for almost all the software available in the shop! So, instead I just decided to renew the license of my old antivirus.

All of this reminded me of the awful experience I had last year when buying it online. Actually, it was the first time I had ever used online shopping. My friends *always* buy things online, so they advised me to do the same, saying that it would save me a lot of money. After finishing registering my information for an online purchase, I thought that the antivirus would only cost me \$20. The trouble was, I didn't bother to read the conditions or notice that I had also clicked on the CD version, which required a shipping cost of about \$15. I waited for three days, but I didn't receive any confirmation of my purchase. So, I cancelled it, and felt that I would not be billed.

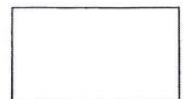
So imagine how I felt when, five days later, I received from my checking account a bill of \$35 for an online purchase! I got the number of the company from the bank and called them. I asked them why I had been charged, and they said it was because they had sent me an antivirus CD by post. The problem was, I was sure that I had cancelled the online purchase! So I asked them why they had sent me the software without my permission. I also asked for a refund, but they refused my request, saying they were not responsible. According to them, it was my fault of not confirming the cancellation within the 24 hours stated in the payment agreement.

All of this made me pretty angry at the time, but maybe they were right. Although I was sure that I had cancelled it, I also remember that during this process my computer got stuck for a while and shut down. Perhaps that was the cause of the problem. To be honest, I don't really know. But anyway, whatever I paid for it, at least I got a highly efficient virus catcher!

**READING 1 (cont'd)**

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

1. **Yesterday** the writer went to a computer shop to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 compare prices       buy a computer       buy a CD
  
2. Then he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ antivirus.  
 download a free       buy a new       renew his old
  
3. **Last year** he bought an antivirus \_\_\_\_\_.  
 from a shop       on-line       from a friend
  
4. It cost him \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \$15       \$20       \$35
  
5. He received a bill \_\_\_\_\_ after cancelling his purchase.  
 24 hours       3 days       5 days
  
6. He received the antivirus by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 post       e-mail       personal delivery
  
7. After he phoned the company, they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 didn't give him any refund       gave him a full refund       shared the costs
  
8. **Today**, he \_\_\_\_\_ about what happened.  
 feels very happy       has mixed feelings       feels very angry





**READING 2 (Items 9–16)****[12 marks]**

Read the text. Then complete the tasks.

'On My Honor' is a short novel by the American writer, Marion Bauer. It was first published in 1986. It is about two boys, Joel and Tony, who are close friends despite their very different characters. Tony likes challenging Joel and is always talking about his adventures. On the other hand, Joel is more responsible and cautious. One day, Tony decides that he wants to climb a steep cliff called Starved Rock. Joel knows this is dangerous and fears that someone will get hurt, but he does not want to appear afraid in front of Tony. So, in order to get permission to accompany Tony, Joel lies to his father and promises that they will only go to the park.

While they are on the way to the cliff, Tony suggests going swimming in the river. The river is known for its pollution and people normally stay away from it. But the two boys ride there on their bikes. Then Tony suddenly jumps into the water, challenging Joel to swim across the river with him. Joel doesn't want to, but when Tony gets into difficulties, he dives in and tries to save him. However, Tony drowns. Joel feels very guilty, and at first keeps his friend's death a secret. Then finally he decides to tell his father, who informs the police.

This is one of the most tragic stories that I have ever read. The adventurous spirit of Tony, and the weakness and broken promises of Joel, all lead to terrible consequences. The big question asked by the book is about responsibility when something tragic happens. When, at the end, Joel's father says that 'the smell won't go away', he is not talking about the polluted river!

'On My Honor' is a very serious book, but it is not a difficult book to read. The vocabulary is mostly simple and its ninety-six pages of fairly large print make it accessible and non-threatening for less able readers. Its fast-moving plot and dramatic action will grab the attention of all readers from Grade 7 to Grade 12. When I discuss this story with my students, they always ask me why it is called 'On My Honor'. However, I never answer directly; I just ask them to think about it and write down their thoughts for homework!

**READING 2 (cont'd)**

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

9. Where is the story set?

\_\_\_\_\_ (country)

10. Why is the river dangerous?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. How many people die in the story?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. What is the occupation of the review-writer?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

13. The book is intended to be read by \_\_\_\_\_.

- children                       teenagers                       adults

14. Tony is best described as \_\_\_\_\_ boy.

- a clever                       an adventurous                       a considerate

15. Joel is best described as \_\_\_\_\_ boy.

- an honest                       a cheerful                       a quiet

16. This main theme of the story is \_\_\_\_\_.

- hatred                       compassion                       responsibility

**READING  
SCORE**

<b>20</b>

**WRITING 1**

**[5 marks]**

*Write a PARAGRAPH about a building called **Capital Gate**. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.*

**Capital Gate**

furthest leaning/ tower/ world	creative/ unusual design
combination/ historical/ modern	build/ 2011
floors/ 35	
160 metres/ tall	hotels/ offices
cost/ \$2.2 billion	Abu Dhabi/ UAE/

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**WRITING 2**

**[10 marks]**

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

Situation: Imagine that you have just received this e-mail from a friend:

Hi, As you know, I'm taking my driving test next week. But I'm really, really nervous. What should I do? Nasser/ Nasra

Write a **reply** to this e-mail, giving your advice.

*Your writing should be clear, friendly and helpful.*

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**WRITING  
SCORE**

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