



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN BASIC

**Semester Two
First Session**

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours Pages: 14

ELEMENT		Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
				Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
VOCABULARY	5					
GRAMMAR	5					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
TOTAL	60					

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-6)**(6 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between a father and his daughter.
Listen, and shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

1. Amal's friend is _____ years old.

 13 15 17

2. She has been feeling ill for a few _____.

 days weeks months

3. Now, she must _____.

 take pills have injections have an operation

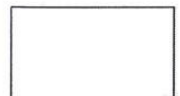
4. She doesn't _____.

 like sport have much money listen to people

5. Amal's father says diabetes patients should _____.

 stay in bed get a lot of exercise have a special diet

6. Amal will visit her friend _____.

 later today tomorrow next week

LISTENING 2 (Items 7-11)**(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a farmer talking about an environmental project in Argentina. Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

7. What does the speaker grow on his farm?

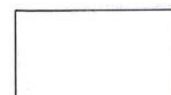
8. Why did he and his friends start their project?

Because of pollution in the _____

9. Who did they work with?

10. What did they produce together?

11. In the making of this product, what exactly did the speaker do?



LISTENING 3 (Items 12-15)

(4 marks)

You are going to hear four people speaking. Who are they?

Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble under the correct option.

an engineer	a manager	a parent	a photographer	a pilot	a tourist
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13.(2)

14.(3)

15.(4)

VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1-5)

(2½ marks)

Complete the text. For each item, shade in the bubble under the correct option.
(There are three extra words in the box.)

Anne Hathaway is one of my favourite ⁽¹⁾ _____. Her latest film, 'Les Miserables', was first shown in ⁽²⁾ _____ in December of last year. Hathaway plays the role of a mother who wants to be with her daughter during a war. 'Les Miserables' is full of dramatic ⁽³⁾ _____, and it's a good film to watch with your children because it's suitable for all ⁽⁴⁾ _____. If you want to read people's ⁽⁵⁾ _____ about the film, you can visit Anne Hathaway's website.

actors ages cinemas comments directors locations newspapers scenes

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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. He had a terrible toothache, so the dentist gave him Panadol to stop the **p** _ _ _ .
7. It's a very shy animal. It spends all its time in the **fo** _ _ _ _ , hiding in the trees.
8. The farmers' main **c** _ _ _ is rice, but they also grow fruit trees.
9. My parents **ea** _ _ a total of 1200 rials a month.
10. It's a **ch** _ _ _ _ _ organization, which raises money to help sick children.

**VOCABULARY
SCORE**

5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1–5)

(2½ marks)

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

1. Hotels are a service industry, _____?
 doesn't it isn't it don't they aren't they
2. "I left my Science book _____. Have you seen it?"
 somewhere everywhere nowhere anywhere
3. "If I only _____ my finger, I wouldn't go to see the doctor!"
 break broke breaks broken
4. _____ novel are you reading at the moment?
 Who Where Which When
5. After the interview, Mona _____ the job, but she decided not to take it.
 has offered was offered was offering is offering

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GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6–10)

[2½ marks]

Complete the text. Fill each gap with **ONE** word only.

My brother is ⁽⁶⁾ _____ great movie fan. He's only ten, ⁽⁷⁾ _____ he already knows about all ⁽⁸⁾ _____ latest movies at the cinemas. He says that, when he grows up, he's going ⁽⁹⁾ _____ open his own cinema. In fact, he ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ already started saving money for this business.

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**GRAMMAR
SCORE**

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READING 1 (Items 1-5)

(5 marks)

Match the five texts on the left with the texts in the box.

Shade in the bubble under the correct option. (There are two extra texts in the box.)

1. We have some new evidence about the robbery which took place at your hotel last week.
2. When Ahmed was seventeen, he used to smoke about twenty cigarettes a day, and sometimes thirty!
3. Your brother borrowed my HP printer and he still hasn't returned it.
4. Last Tuesday, an earthquake hit Tokyo in the middle of the night.
5. More than twenty thousand Omanis welcomed the return of the national football team.

A. I need it as soon as possible. I have to prepare a lot of hand-outs for my presentation next week.
B. They were waving flags and shouting. Balloons filled the air as the players entered the stadium.
C. Later on, I wrote many well-known books and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.
D. So please come to the police station tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. We wish to ask you some questions.
E. We have already made your booking. It's for three days, including breakfast.
F. Now, as an old man, he's got lung cancer, and has gone into hospital for treatment.
G. Many buildings in the city were damaged, leaving 500 injured and 5,000 homeless.

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READING 2 (Items 6-11)**(6 marks)**

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

I often hear parents complaining about how their children do not make good use of their free time. I myself have often complained to my husband about our own two children — Amer (14) and Mayram (12) — spending all their time in front of the television and the computer. So imagine how I felt when I found them, one evening, having a huge argument about whose turn it was to play a video game. This didn't stop until I switched the video game off altogether and told them to go to bed early!

Later on, I calmed down and discussed the matter with my husband. We decided to finally do something about it. We agreed on a plan to organize our children's free time. We wanted to spend more time with them and teach them to be more open and more sociable. First, we tried to arrange regular picnics at the weekend. Unfortunately, this plan didn't work. The children were keen, actually, it was our fault, not the children's — we were always so busy at the office, even at the weekends.

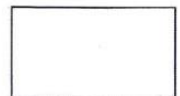
Then we tried inviting them out to the cinema to watch an entertaining film called 'Ice Age'. At least, we thought it was entertaining — they didn't like it at all!

So we tried something else. My husband suggested a 'Drop-Everything-And-Read' hour every Friday at home. I didn't think it would work at all, but to my great surprise, it was a big success. The children loved it! In fact, as soon as they finished reading their books, they suggested going to the bookshop and buying some more! So now there is peace and quiet togetherness in the house — which is exactly what we wanted!

So it seems from this example that teenagers cannot always make their own decisions about how to spend their time. They need some direction from their parents. In other words, it is the parents who should shape the future of their children.

READING 2 (cont'd)

6. The writer's children were arguing about a _____.
- TV programme video game a book
7. When this happened, she _____ them.
- discussed it with ignored punished
8. The 'picnic' idea was not a success because of _____.
- bad luck with the weather her husband's work schedule the children's lack of interest
9. The 'cinema' idea was not a success because _____ enjoyed the film.
- only the parents nobody only the children
10. The successful idea of the 'reading hour' came from the _____.
- writer herself writer's children writer's husband
11. The writer's conclusion is that _____.
- her own children are different from other children parents should not complain, but take action children should choose what to do with their free time



READING 3 (Items 12-17)**(9 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the task.

I've always dreamed of running my own beauty salon and, in 2009, I finally decided to try. It then took a year to set everything up and make all the preparations. I rented a flat close to my home. It was just a simple place, but I wanted to focus on friendly atmosphere and the quality of the beauty services provided to customers.

At the beginning, I invited my friends to try these services. They soon became regular customers and told their friends, too. So, after just six months, without any real advertising, I started to make a profit. I was delighted because I was enjoying what I was doing and making some money!

Two years later, some of my friends persuaded me to open a second salon. I wasn't very sure about it, but I didn't want to disappoint them. I now needed more staff, of course, so I hired my friend's sister, Aysha. She was a trained beautician and I knew she would be an ideal manager. Then one of my neighbours asked me to hire her daughter because she needed the money. I wasn't very happy about it, but I felt sorry for the girl, so I accepted her. Then, my cousin asked for a job, and I couldn't really say 'no'. And so it went on, until suddenly I had a manager and eight assistants — and only the manager actually knew anything about this kind of work!

Not surprisingly, with all these salaries to pay, my profits started to decrease. My staff did their best, but they were all new to the job and often made mistakes, so I started to lose good customers. In the end, I had to make a difficult decision. I closed the second salon, and went back to my previous situation, taking Aysha with me, of course. Since then, my customers have started to come back, and business is building up again. Now I think I'll keep things as they are for a while. It's important to learn from your mistakes and not repeat them.

READING 3 (cont'd)

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

12. When did the writer open her first beauty salon?

_____ (year)

13. How long did it take her to start making a profit?

14. How many staff from the second salon still work for her?

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

15. The writer's early success came from _____.

- advertising on radio and TV
 friends and making contacts
 having a beautiful salon

16. Her employees in the second salon were _____.

- lazy
 inexperienced
 unfriendly

17. She made the mistake of being too _____.

- kind-hearted
 greedy
 confident

READING SCORE	
	20

WRITING 1

(5 marks)

Describe and comment on the picture. Write 40-50 words.



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WRITING SCORE	
	15