



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN BASIC

**Semester Two
 Second Session**

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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 two doctors who are at a conference. Listen, and shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

1. The conference is taking place in _____.
 the UAE Canada India

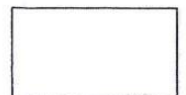
2. The woman has just heard about a new _____.
 diet drug operation

3. The man's friend had _____ cancer.
 stomach throat lung

4. He was _____ when he died.
 30 40 45

5. The woman is an expert on _____.
 cancer heart disease diabetes

6. The man invites the woman to visit his hospital _____.
 next week later this year next year



LISTENING 2 (Items 7-11)

[5 marks]

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

7. Why are animals in the region in danger?

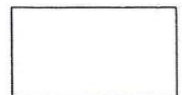
Because of _____

8. Who organized the project to protect these animals?

9. How did the speaker and his friends travel around?

10. What exactly did the speaker do for the project?

11. What kind of animal do they plan to protect **next** year?



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.

a cook	a customer	a driver	a film director	a pilot	a sportsman
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**LISTENING
SCORE**

15

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.)

Everybody knows the actor, Will Smith. He is a ⁽¹⁾ _____ who is always on TV and in the newspapers. The ⁽²⁾ _____ of his best-known film is 'Seven Pounds'. In this film, Smith plays a ⁽³⁾ _____ who causes the death of seven people in a car accident. Because of this tragedy, he decides to help seven other people. There is a lot of ⁽⁴⁾ _____ in the film, because you never know what is going to happen next. It also has a surprise ending. You can find out more ⁽⁵⁾ _____ about this film, and about Will Smith, on the Internet.

celebrity	character	comedy	inform- ation	magazine	publicity	suspense	title
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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. You should have a healthy **di** _ _ including lots of fruit and vegetables.
7. Fatma's got a well-paid job. Her **sa** _ _ _ _ is 800 rials per month.
8. My brother likes to **col** _ _ _ _ phone cards. He's got hundreds of them. He keeps them in a big box.
9. Yesterday, Rashid cut his hand with a sharp knife. There was **bl** _ _ _ everywhere!
10. When my mother heard me **sn** _ _ _ _ , she asked me: "Have you got a cold?"

**VOCABULARY
SCORE**

5

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5)

[2½ marks]

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

1. _____ have you decided to do this evening?
 Where What How When
2. Yesterday, I met _____ called Khalid. He said he knew you.
 everybody anybody nobody somebody
3. If I were overweight, I _____ some sports.
 will do would do have done had done
4. Mammals don't lay eggs, _____?
 do they are they does it is it?
5. Both of my mobile phones _____ last month. I had to buy two new ones.
 were stealing are stealing were stolen are stolen

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GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6-10)

[2½ marks]

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

(6) _____ I was a teenager, I used (7) _____ buy a lot of magazines. I enjoyed reading about different topics, but for me, the (8) _____ interesting magazines were about technology. However, since then, I (9) _____ changed. I'm still interested (10) _____ technology, but nowadays I mostly read books.

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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. Salim is bad at managing his time and he often misses deadlines.
2. Nasser's been studying Engineering at the university. He's just finished his final exams.
3. Fatima's an author. Her writing skills have developed a lot in the past three years.
4. Be careful when you cross the road and make sure you follow the rules.
5. Our parents won't let us go to the public swimming pool at the weekend.

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| <p>A. They're worried because it's very crowded and there aren't any life guards.</p> |
| <p>B. Wherever possible, use a zebra crossing, and make sure you look right and left.</p> |
| <p>C. She had a baby a month ago, but she became sick and had to be taken to hospital.</p> |
| <p>D. However, when he has a good day, he is probably the best worker we have.</p> |
| <p>E. She's just finished a collection of short stories, and plans to publish them in December.</p> |
| <p>F. He hopes to get good marks, so he can get a job with a big oil company.</p> |
| <p>G. He comes to school on time and is always the first to hand in his homework.</p> |

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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.

Is television bad for our children, as some people say? As a parent, I often ask myself this question. I work as a photographer for a well-known newspaper, and my wife, Ameera, designs posters for an advertising company. We have three children: Jasim (16), Sara (14) and Sami (8).

They all enjoy TV, of course, but they watch different types of programmes. Jasim is interested in wildlife documentaries and — just like me! — always watches the world news. Sara loves movies, and will watch anything: comedies, historical dramas, romantic stories, action movies, and even horror films. As for Sami, he spends all day watching cartoons!

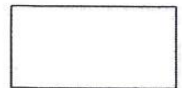
Last night, Ameera and I sat down and discussed this together. We are both happy enough with Jasim, who's doing very well at school. Actually, he probably works too hard; he should relax a little! As for Sara, I said we should be careful that she doesn't watch unsuitable films. Ameera agreed, but also thought that films are good for her imagination. In fact, she showed me a short story that Sara had just written: I read it later, and it was really good. I wish I could write like that!

Then we talked about Sami. The first problem is how much television he watches. He seems to spend all his time in front of the screen. Ameera then mentioned how much violence there is in the cartoons he watches. I'd never actually thought of that, but later I watched an episode of 'Tom and Jerry', and she's absolutely right!

Anyway, in the end, we both agreed: all the children, especially Sami, need to watch less television and get out of the house more often. So we're going to start next weekend with a nice camping trip to the mountains.

READING 2 (cont'd)

6. In their jobs, the writer and his wife **both** work with _____.
- children words pictures
7. _____ is the most serious of their three children.
- Jasim Sara Sami
8. _____ is a talented writer.
- Jasim Sara Sami
9. The child they are most worried about is _____.
- Jasim Sara Sami
10. Both parents comment on the violence in _____.
- horror movies cartoons news programmes
11. At the end, they decide to _____.
- stop their children watching TV leave things as they are organize outdoor activities



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

Read the text. Then, complete the task.

My name is Hamed and I started working as an engineer in 2000. However, my office was far from home and I could only see my family at weekends. I missed my wife and missed my children even more. (I have two sons and a daughter.) So, after six years, I decided to leave my job and start my own business. I wanted to open a shop in my hometown because my children were getting older and needed me.

I talked to my friend, Salah, a successful businessman who had several shops and made a lot of money. I asked him how I could start my own small business. He gave me some important information and ideas. I became very enthusiastic and so did my wife.

So, in March 2007, I finally opened my shop, selling building materials. I hired a manager, who was honest and very good at his job, and my business was very successful. Every year, I made a profit of about RO 15,000. So after four years I was able to buy the building next door and double the size of my shop. After that, my profits increased to RO 25,000 per year.

However, this year, on 15 April, it all came to an end. In the middle of the night, I was woken by a phone call. They told me there was a fire at the shop! Shocked and scared, I drove there as fast as I could. But when I arrived, it was too late — there was nothing left! Despite the efforts of the firefighters, my shop was completely destroyed!

Of course, I felt very upset, and so did all my family. For weeks, I was still in shock. But then Salah phoned me and told me not to give up. He's right, of course — so I've decided to try again. I mean, people will always need building materials, won't they?

READING 3 (cont'd)

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

12. What did Hamed's shop sell?

13. Who has been his main adviser?

14. What disaster happened a few weeks ago?

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

15. Hamed stopped working as an engineer because he wanted to _____.

- do something more interesting be close to his family become very rich

16. In 2011, he decided to _____.

- make his shop bigger move to a new shop open a second shop

17. Now, he will _____.

- go back to his engineering job set up a new kind of business start again with his old business

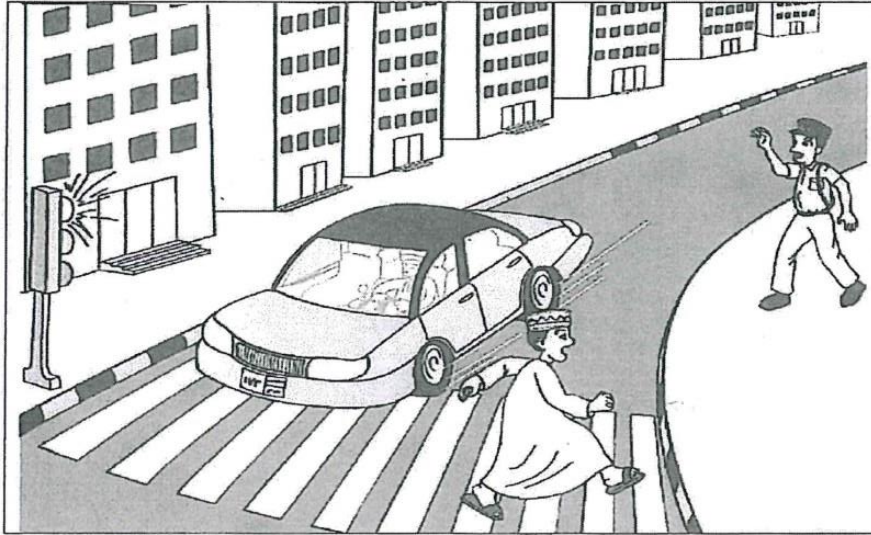
**READING
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WRITING 1

[5 marks]

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



Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING 2

[10 marks]

Complete the following task. Write at least 100 words.

Situation: You are Sami/Samiya. Your British penfriend, Paul/ Paula, has written to you about outdoor activities in the UK. Reply to his/her **letter**. Describe the **outdoor activities** that are popular with young people in Oman, and say what you yourself do.

*Your writing should be **friendly** and **interesting**. (Do not write an address.)*

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING SCORE	
	15

