

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE NINE

Semester Two

First Session

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper
Time: 2 hours **Pages: 10**

TEST SCORES	LISTENING	10	
	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear five people speaking. What are they taking about?

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

	Handcrafts Hall	Different kinds of puppets	Mass tourism	Some tips for learning English	Youth working during holidays	The importance of keeping languages alive
1.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)**(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a story named "**An honest man.**"

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

6. Where did this story happen?

7. What did the beggar find ?

8. What did the rich man offer?

9. Where did the beggar and the rich man go?

_____.

10. What did the Kind decide to do?

_____.

**LISTENING
SCORE**

10

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. _____ (noun) A building where people go to watch a performance.
e.g. last week, I went to the **the** _ _ _ _ to see a play.
2. _____ (adjective) frightened of somebody or something.
e.g. She is **sca** _ _ _ of walking home alone in the dark.
3. _____ (preposition) showing purpose or use.
e.g. Let's go **f**_ _ a walk.
4. _____ (verb) to close.
e.g. He **s** _ _ _ his eyes and tried to go to sleep.
5. _____ (adverb) when you are pleased about something.
e.g. They all lived **happ** _ _ _ together.



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6-10)

(2½ marks)

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

Tawfik el Hakim is thought to be one of the best 20th Century Arab Playwrights. He **(6)** _____ born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1898 and died in 1987. He went to school in Cairo and in Paris. When he returned **(7)** _____ France, he worked for the Egyptian government in the city and the regions. This helped him find out a lot about people in his country, which he used as ideas for some of his plays. He wrote his first play in French. One of his most popular plays **(8)** _____ called "The Fate of Cockroach", which he wrote in 1967. This play tells the story of the King of Cockroaches, **(9)** _____ falls into a lake which is sometimes full and sometimes empty. While the other Cockroaches try to work out what to do, some humans are looking at **(10)** _____ bathtub which has a Cockroach in it and are deciding what to do as well.

	most	who	from	them	there	for	is	when	was	their
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7.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11-20)**(5 marks)**

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

EXAMPLE:

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

TEXT

Britain is a multicultural society. It is amazing to think that about 4.6 million **(11) peo** _ _ _ in Britain today are from other**(12) cult** _ _ _ _ . If you decide to walk**(13) do** _ _ a city street in Britain, you will meet people with **(14)diff** _ _ _ _ _ hair, skin and eye colour and speaking different languages. People moving to Britain have brought their own cultures and try to keep the two cultures alive. For **(15) exa** _ _ _ _ , if you want to experience Caribbean culture, you can visit the Notting Hill Carnival **(16) wh** _ _ _ is now an important celebration in London. More **(17) t** _ _ _ three million people living in the United kingdom were born in countries where English is not the **(18) nati** _ _ _ _ language. One teacher said, "It's wonderful to work in London. Over 300 different languages are **(19) spo** _ _ _ by London schoolchildren! Many of the children in my class **(20) a** _ _ learning to speak English as a third or fourth language."

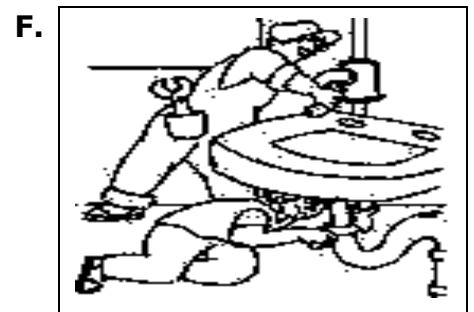
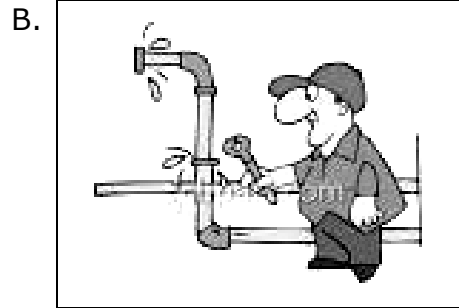
**GRM/VCB
SCORE**

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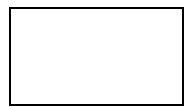
READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

Match the texts with the pictures. For each text, shade in the bubble under the correct option.



		Pictures					
	Texts	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Ahmed is 45 years old. He has a big workshop. He makes furniture and things out of wood. He likes his job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.	Sheika is 35 years old. She is married and has a small family. She helps people with legal problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.	Hamad is 30 years old. He works for a big company in Nizwa. He plans the building of roads, bridges and machines.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4.	Khalid is a very active man. He lives in Salalah with his parents. He spends his time repairing water pipes and putting in bathrooms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



READING 2 (Items 5–10)**(6 marks)**

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

We all love being on our laptop, smart phones and iPads, the internet is the big reason behind us spending so much time on these gadgets. The internet is probably one of the greatest inventions of the century. Before this invention we had to go to the library to do our researches but now, all we have to do is go to Google and do our researches. We can do many things with the internet; we can shop, chat with our friends in Facebook or Skype, watch videos in YouTube, earn money from blogging, and many more!

The internet is really useful and has a lot of advantages. Now, you can communicate in a fraction of second with a person who is sitting in the other part of the world. With the help of such services, it has become very easy to establish a kind of global friendship where you can share your thoughts and explore other cultures. Information is probably the biggest advantage that Internet offers. Internet is a treasure of information. Any kind of information on any topic under the sun is available on the Internet. Entertainment is another popular reason why many people prefer to surf the Internet. One cannot imagine an online life without Facebook or Twitter.

Social networking became so popular amongst youth. One of the most disadvantages of internet is "Theft of Personal Information" . If you use the Internet for online banking, social networking or other services, you may risk a theft to your personal information such as name, address, credit card number etc. so one need to be very alert when using the internet. Another disadvantage is " Social Disconnect". Thanks to the Internet, people now only meet on social networks. More and more people are getting apart from their friends and family. Even children prefer to play online games rather than going out and playing with other kids.

READING 2 (cont'd)

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

5.	People spend too _____ time on the internet.					
	<input type="radio"/>	much	<input type="radio"/>	little	<input type="radio"/>	many
6.	Internet made life _____					
	<input type="radio"/>	more difficult	<input type="radio"/>	easier	<input type="radio"/>	less interesting
7.	By using the internet, you can _____					
	<input type="radio"/>	have a lot of friends	<input type="radio"/>	build a new house	<input type="radio"/>	Plant a lot of trees
8.	You can _____ any kind of information on any topic under the sun on the Internet.					
	<input type="radio"/>	spend	<input type="radio"/>	invent	<input type="radio"/>	find
9.	People need to be very _____ when using the internet.					
	<input type="radio"/>	strong	<input type="radio"/>	careful	<input type="radio"/>	interesting
10.	Theft of Personal Information is one of the internet _____.					
	<input type="radio"/>	advantages	<input type="radio"/>	social networking	<input type="radio"/>	disadvantages

READING SCORE	
	10

WRITING 1

(4 marks)

Write a paragraph about **Food is a very important part of culture** Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Different people – different things/Omani Halwa

Offer visitors/show hospitality/special events/delicious

sweet/made with-water-sugar-wheat starch

Put in-cooked over /symbol of.

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING 2

(6 marks)

*Complete the following task. Write at least **75 words**.*

Situation: Imagine that you have recently moved to a new city, or a new part of the city where you live now. Write a **letter** to a friend from your old neighbourhood, telling him about : buildings, parks, sports facilities, entertainment, other things to do, public transport, traffic and your journey to work, shopping, safety etc.

*Your writing should be **clear** and **well organized**.*

Marker A	Marker B	Average

**WRITING
SCORE**

10