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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE ELEVEN 'CORE'

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
				Maine	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
GRM/VCB	10					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
TOTAL	60					

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)

(7 marks)

You are going to hear a conversation between mother (and) her son. Listen, and shade in the bubble \bigcirc next to the correct option.

1.	John wants to join a		club.		
	mountaineering	0	football	0	swimming
2.	His brother joined the				
	swimming	0	mountaineering	0	football
3.	His mum doesn't want him to	join	this sport as		
	it is dangerous	0	he is too weak	0	it is expensive
4.	In the first week, John will lea	arn al	oout	_•	
	o rock climbing				techniques and moves
5.	After hearing about the cours	e, his	s mother became more		·
	scared	0	worried	0	relaxed
6.	His mum is still hesitant abou	ıt Joh	n		
	o joining the club	0	taking the course	0	attending seminars
7.	She will read more about the	sport	from the		_•
	flyers	0	club magazine	0	the internet

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

(8 marks)

You are going to hear a text about a festival.

<u>Part</u>	One	: Listen and for each	item, w	rite a <u>short</u> answer (not	more	e than FOU	JR WORDS).
8. W	/hat i	s the main event in th	e festiva	l?			
9. W	/hen	did it first start? (year)				
10.	Why	was the festival held y	ear afte	r year?			
11.	How	long does the tomato	fight tak	e?			
<u>Part</u>	Two	: For each item, sha	de in the	e bubble O next to the	— corre	ct option.	
12.	The	number of participant	s is limit	ed because			
	0	of safety reasons	0	of limited amount of tomatoes	0	local peopl complained	
13.	The	participants of the fes	stival can	throw			
	0	anything	0	tomatoes only	0	tomatoes a fruit	and other
14.	Sim	ilar celebrations in oth	er count	ries are held			
	0	at the same time	0	just after La Tomatina	0	at differen	t times
15.	The	tomato festivals were	stopped	l in			
	0	Costa Rica	0	India	0	Colombia	
						Γ	
					LI	STENING	
						SCORE	15

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 \underline{c} \underline{h} \underline{e} \underline{n} .
(a	idjective) ger	nerally flat and even surface.
e.	g. This stone	is perfectly smo
2. (r	noun) a televi	sion or a radio programme that deals with real events,
	people	or nature.
e.	g. Planet Ea	rth is a docume $____$ series produced by the BCC for the
D	iscovery Chai	nnel.
3. (r	noun) the late	est date by which something should be completed.
e.	g. Next Wed	nesday will be the dead $_$ $_$ $_$ for submitting the project.
1. (\	verb) cause so	omeone to remember something.
e.	g She folded	the top of the page to rem herself of homework.
5. (adjective) ful	l of people leaving no space for movement.
е	.g. The roads	were more cro than usual.

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6-10)

(2½ marks)

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

Asian Ginseng is a kind of plant roots. In traditional Chinese medicine, Asian									
ginseng was ⁽⁶⁾ as a tonic that was believed to boost energy.									
Nowadays, ginseng capsules are used in energy drinks and coffee to									
(7) energy. Ginseng can also ⁽⁸⁾ learning, memory and the									
al	oility t	o concentrate. S	evera	al studies on peop	ole ha	ive also (9)		that	
A	sian g	inseng may sligh	itly re	educe the level of	bloo	d sugar. Moreov	er, it		
tr	eats c	liseases like bloc	d pre	ssure, flue and c	ancer	Ginseng is prot	ective	e	
ag	gainst	some kinds of c	ancer		_ lun	g, stomach, and	liver.		
_									
6.	0	uses	0	used	0	use	0	using	
7.	0	stimulate	0	stimulates	0	stimulated	0	have	
								stimulated	
8.	0	improves	0	improved	0	improving	0	improve	
9.	\circ	shown		showed	\circ	show	\circ	showing	
-				00		0	_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
10.	0	includes	0	included	0	include	0	including	

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11-20)

(5 marks)

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

EXAMPLE:

"Go<u>od</u> morning! M<u>y</u> name's Ahmed Al-Zedjali a<u>nd</u> I'm a stu<u>dent</u> at a sch<u>ool</u> in Muscat. I'm in Gr<u>ade</u> Six. My favo<u>urite</u> subject is Maths."

TEXT

If you want your free time to be really <u>use</u> , don't allow everyday <u>rou</u>	to get
into it. This is <u>beca</u> your free time is important to <u>refr</u> you and	to
increase your energy. Therefore, \underline{y} are advised to avoid answering \underline{e} - \underline{m}	
watching TV and playing $\underline{\text{wi}}$ electronic devices. Free time should contain $\underline{\text{so}}$	space
for daydreaming <u>a</u> reflection. Instead, you can practise your <u>favo</u> h	obbies
and enjoy your time with your family.	
ODW/WOD	
GRM/VCB SCORE	
SCORE	10

READING 1 (Items 1-5)

(5 marks)

Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text <u>**True**</u> or <u>**False**</u>? For each item, shade in the bubble under the correct option.

1. Tim Doner is a 17 years old boy from the USA. He learned French at the age of 8 and has been teaching himself languages since he was 13. He now speaks 23 languages. Tim practises his language skills by speaking to people in the street and to his classmates. He also reads 8 –10 languages via newspapers every morning.

Statement

True False

0

Tim improves his language skills by speaking and writing.

2. Lewis Hamilton is a British racing driver, currently racing for the Mercedes team. Hamilton won the British Formula Renault, Formula Three Euro series, and GP2 championships as his racing career advanced. He lost the 2016 Mercedes championship because of some mechanical problems and driving errors.

Statement

True False

Hamilton won four championships and lost one.

3. The novel "Sisterland" by the best-selling author Curtis Sittenfeld tells the story of twin girls who have a supernatural connection. Though it is a fictional story, it draws upon a common belief that twins share some sort of unexplained mental or spiritual connection.

Statement

True False

The novel "Sisterland" is based on a true story of real twins.

READING 1 (continued)

I get a lot of inspiration from long walks through my neighborhood. I love nature and the organic shapes of flowers, leaves, and trees, and I often use these types of shapes in my work. I'm also hugely inspired by colours and I love combining them in unusual ways, whether it's on a cloth with paint or on my computer screen.

	Statement	True	False
	The writer is inspired by nature.	0	0
5.	The tallest trees in the world are redwoods which are more than 107 m the redwoods, a tree named Hyperion dwarfs them all. The tree was di 2006, and it is 115.7 metres tall. The heavy annual consistent rainfall climate are the main reasons for this great height.	scovered	in
	Statement	True	False
	The Hyperion is a kind of redwood trees.	0	0

READING 2 (Items 6-11)

(6 marks)

Read the two texts and answer the questions that follow.

Then, for each item, shade in the bubble onext to the correct option.

TEXT 1

It is believed that older youth will make more responsible decisions behind the wheel. Therefore, it seems really necessary to increase the age of driving to 21 years. There are, in fact, many good reasons for such change.

First of all, younger teenagers use smart phones and other devices while driving. At the age of 21, some psychological adjustments happen, so technology does not become as important as driving when compared to the age of 18. Additionally, the brain isn't fully developed at 18; typically that doesn't happen until mid-20s. Thus, emotional maturity increases with age and experience which in turn improves safety.

High speed excitement is often part of the teenagers' driving experience. An 18-year-old may drive faster than it is safe, just because he or she wants to show off. However, that same teenager may have the maturity to consider the consequences of speeding at the age of 21.

Keeping teenagers safe should be the primary reason for raising the driving age. At the current driving age, which is 18, the risk of deadly accidents increases twice. Therefore, keeping them away from driving unsupervised could prevent injury and death not only to these teenage drivers, but also for the passengers and other drivers.

6.	Psychological and emo	risky driving.	
	o can increase	o does not affect	o can reduce
7.	Speeding makes teens o excited	agers feel mature	o safe
8.	Teenagers at the age older drivers. two	of 18 get involved in accider three	nts times more than

READING 2 (continued)

TEXT 2

If having no experience is the cause of many accidents, then raising the driving age to 21 or 25 or even 40 will not change that fact. Teens have to get experience somehow and the only place to do that is behind the wheel.

Raising the driving age puts additional pressure on parents. Teens at 18 are not able to help their parents with everyday tasks if they don't have a driving license. In addition, many teenagers at 18 are getting ready to move out of the house either to get a job or go to college. Without a driving license, it becomes more difficult for them to find work.

Increasing the driving age communicates a lack of trust. Teenagers are doing more than just preparing themselves for their future. They are also establishing a status of trust in their community. Not having a driving license puts a challenge in the way of doing this.

The debate about raising the driving age to 21 is often based on accident statistics and facts about inexperience. If the only way to gain experience is to get behind the wheel to drive, then the above points must be considered when discussing the idea of raising the driving age.

9.	The writer thinks that teenagers are more likely to have accidents because they							
	o drive fast	are careless	0	lack experience				
10.	Parents	their kids to have driving l	icenses.					
	o like	o don't like	0	challenge				
11.	The writer	raising the driving age.						
	o is against	supports		is neutral about				

READING 3 (Items 12-17)

(9 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the tasks.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sumait was an Islamic scholar, medical practitioner but more importantly, a humanitarian. He was born in 1947 in Kuwait. He was famously known for his voluntary and charity work in more than 29 African countries.

Al-Sumait was a qualified doctor in internal medicine before becoming involved in charity work. In 1972, he graduated from the University of Baghdad with a degree in Medicine and Surgery and then he got a diploma in Tropical Diseases from the University of Liverpool in 1974. He completed his specialisation degree in medicine from McGill University in Canada in 1978. He published some scientific research articles and 13 different books.

Al-Sumait's interest in charity work started as a secondary school student when he observed poor workers waiting for transport in the heat. With some friends he decided to save up from their pocket money and buy an affordable car to drive these workers for free. At university, Al-Sumait used the majority of his monthly salary to purchase Islamic books and distribute them at mosques.

Al-Sumait became interested in Africa when he felt and saw that it was being neglected. African countries became the focus of his operations. In 1981, Abdul Rahman Al-Sumait founded the Africa Muslims Agency, which was later renamed as 'Direct Aid' society. He also established Kuwait Relief Agency and was the chief editor of Al-Kawthar Magazine. When he was 35 years old, he decided to move and live in Africa. He dedicated 29 years of his life there, helping millions of children with education, food, shelter, and religion.

'Direct Aid' provides extensive humanitarian assistance to poor Muslims throughout Africa. It has built 124 hospitals, 840 schools, 4 universities, 204 Islamic Centers, 214 women training centers and 2,200 mosques. The society has also established two colleges in Kenya and Zanzibar and offered 200 scholarships to Muslim African students to continue their higher studies in medicine, engineering and technology.

Although Al-Sumait's journey in Africa was a major success, it was full of difficulties. Because of his long travels in African jungles, he got high blood pressure, diabetes, and malaria. In Mozambique, Kenya, and Malawi, he was attacked by deadly cobras. Some armed groups in these areas also tried to kill him because of his impact on the poor and needy. However, he remained determined to accomplish his aim of bringing peace, aid, and relief to Africa.

READING 3 (continued)

VV	/hat	: made Al-Sumait a well-					
W	/hy	did Al-Sumait choose Afr					
Ве	ecaı	use it					
Н	How	many medical degrees o					
	_	For each item, shade in t umait's interest in charit			_		
		amare 5 meerese m ename	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	C began when he was _		 •	
(0	a school student	0	a university student	0	a doctor	
Т	Γhe	a school student charity organisation four Africa Muslims Agency	nded b	y Al-Sumait is now calle	ed		ır
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WRITING 1 (5 marks)

Write a paragraph about a building called **Palace of wonders**. Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Palace of wonders

Built /1883/Sultan of Zanzibar

Marble floor/ silver decoration/from Europe

today / museum attraction/ tourists

exhibit/ Zanzibari culture Paintings /Sultans

traditional ships/Portuguese canons/ old car

WRITING 1 (continued)			
	Marker A	Marker B	Awaraga
	Marker A	Marker B	Average
WRITING 2			(10 marks)
Complete the following task. Write at least 100 wo	rds.		
<u>Situation</u> : Imagine that you are Mazin/ Muzna, you had about a brave boy.	ave just finish	ned reading a	story
<u>Task</u> : Write a <i>letter</i> to your friend Sami/ Samia who a about the story. Say why <i>he/she should or shouldn't</i>			ell him/her
Your writing should be friendly and interesting.			

VRITING 2 (continued)	

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING SCORE 15

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MARKING GUIDE TOTAL MARKS: 60

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	LISTENING 1 (7 mks)						
1.	•	Mountaineering	0	football	0	swimming	
2.	0	swimming	0	mountaineering	•	football	
3.	0	rock climbing	•	navigation and weather	0	techniques and moves	
4.		It is a dangerous	0	he is too weak	0	it is expensive	
5.	0	scared	0	worried	•	relaxed	
6.		joining the club	0	taking the course	0	attending seminars	
7.		flyers	0	club magazine	0	the internet	
Note	Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .						

			LIS	TENING 2 (8 mks)		
8.	(Ton	nato) battle/throw/fight				
9.	1945					
10.	It was enjoyed/people enjoyed it					
11.	One	hour/an hour				
12.	•	of safety reasons	0	of limited amount of tomatoes	0	local people complained
13.	0	anything		tomatoes only	0	tomatoes and other fruits
14.	0	at the same time	0	just after La Tomatino	•	at different times
15.	0	Costa Rica	•	India	0	Colombia
Notes	One	mark each.				

<u>Qs 8-11</u>: (i) Complete accuracy in grammar & spelling is not required, but answers must be <u>clearly</u> and <u>convincingly</u> correct. (ii) In general, apply the '<u>not more than four words'</u>. HOWEVER, use common sense for any slightly longer, but <u>obviously correct</u> answers.

Qs 12-15: Responses must be indicated clearly.

	GRM/ VCB	1 (2.	.5 mks)		
1.	smo <u>oth</u>	4.	rem <u>ind</u>		
2.	docume <u>ntary</u>	5.	cro <u>wded</u>		
3.	dead <u>line</u>				
Note	Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct.				

	GRM/ VCB 2 (2.5 mks)							
6.	0	uses	•	used	0	use	0	using
7.	•	stimulate	0	stimulates	0	stimulated	0	have stimulated
8.	0	improves	0	improved	0	improving	•	improve
9.		shown	0	showed	0	show	0	showing
10	0	includes	0	included	0	include	•	including
Note	Notes: Half-a-mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.							

	GRM/ VCB 3 (5 mks)						
11.	use <u>ful</u>	16.	e-m <u>ails</u>				
12.	rou <u>tine</u>	17.	wi <u>th</u>				
13.	beca <u>use</u>	18.	so <u>me</u>				
14.	refr <u>esh</u>	19.	a nd				
15.	y <u>ou</u>	20.	favo <u>urite</u>				
Note	Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct, including grammatical endings.						

READING 1 (5 mks)				READING 2 (6 mks)					
	True	False	6.	0	can increase	0	does not affect		can reduce
1.	0		7.		excited	0	mature	0	safe
2.	0		8.		two	0	three	0	four
3.	0		9.	0	drive fast	0	are careless		lack experience
4.	•	0	10.	•	like	0	don't like	0	challenge
5.	•	0	11.	0	is against		supports	0	is neutral about
Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .			7.	Notes	s: One mark each.	Resp	onses must be indica	ated <u>c</u>	learly.

			RE	ADING 3 (9 mks)			
12.	12. voluntary and charity work						
13.	3. was neglected						
14.	3/ thi	ree (degrees)					
15.	•	a school student	0	a university student	0	a doctor	
16.	0	Africa Muslims Agency		Direct Aid society	0	Al-Kawthar Magazine	
17.	•	engineering and technology	0	education and technology	0	agriculture and medicine	
Note	Notes: One-and-a-half marks each.						
Oc 1	Oc 12.14: (i) Complete accuracy in grammar & coelling is not required, but answers must be clearly and						

<u>Qs 12-14</u>: (i) Complete accuracy in grammar & spelling is not required, but answers must be <u>clearly</u> and <u>convincingly</u> correct. (ii) In general, apply the '<u>not more than four words</u>'. HOWEVER, use common sense for any slightly longer, but <u>obviously correct</u> answers.

Qs 15-17: Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u>.

WRITING (GENERAL NOTES)

- The wording of the descriptors in the relevant Rating Scale should form the basis of all decisions (and discussions) on the marks to be awarded.
- There may be different individual ways of interpreting instructions and approaching a task, but a basic requirement for all answers is that they are **relevant**.
- If answers are clearly not relevant and the student has clearly not attempted the task that was set, no marks should be awarded.
- However, if a student has **genuinely attempted the task**, but their answer is only **partly** relevant, then a **reduced** mark (<u>not</u> zero) should be awarded.
- If markers are in any doubt, they should consult with other markers and with the Table Head.

	WRITING 1 (5 mks)
5	- Presents all the information fully and clearly. - Writing is well-organised and coherent. Only minor language errors.
4	- Presents most of the information clearly enough Language is mostly correct, despite a few noticeable errors.
3	 Presents some of the information, but with gaps or lack of clarity. Language is reasonably correct, but writing sometimes lacks coherence.
2	 Manages to present only a limited amount of information; important points are missing or unclear. Language contains frequent errors, some of which obscure meaning.
1	 A <u>very</u> feeble attempt at the task, presenting very little relevant information. Language used is extremely limited and/or seriously distorted.
0	No attempt at the task: EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the topic/ information provided) OR Just copied from the Q-paper OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

	WRITING 2 (10 mks)
10	 Impact on intended reader is <u>very positive</u>. Writing clearly succeeds in achieving its purpose. Uses language which is appropriate to the reader and context. A fair range of grammatical structures and vocabulary, with a good level of accuracy.
8	 Impact on intended reader is <u>fairly positive</u>. Writing has reasonable success in achieving its purpose. There are clear attempts to use language appropriate to the reader and context. Grammar and vocabulary are reasonably correct, though limited in range.
6	 Impact on intended reader is mixed. Writing has partially achieved its main purpose, but: Some of the language used is inappropriate to the reader and context. There is a noticeable lack of accuracy in the use of grammar and vocabulary.
4	 Impact on intended reader is <u>rather negative</u>. Writing only has very limited success in achieving its purpose. There is little evidence of any attempt to use appropriate language. Grammar and vocabulary contain frequent serious errors.
2	 Impact on intended reader is <u>very negative</u>. Writing clearly fails to achieve its intended purpose. There is little evidence of any attempt to use appropriate language. The grammar and vocabulary used is extremely limited and/or seriously distorted.
0	No attempt at the task: EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the task/ instructions) OR Just copied from the Q-paper OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

<u>Note 1</u>: The task is to write a **letter**/ an **e-mail**, so students <u>must</u> include a greeting at the start <u>and</u> a closing at the end. If they do not, they will lose marks. <u>PROCEDURE</u>: Each marker marks the <u>content</u> of the e-mail according to the Rating Scale — then, if either the greeting or the closing are <u>missing</u>, **deduct two marks** from the content-score.

Note 2: No marks should be awarded or deducted for the address. Any addresses should be ignored.