

### Diploma Examination for General Education

#### Semester One – First Session

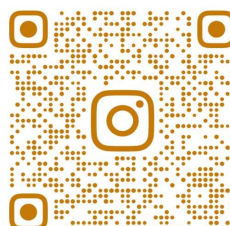
#### English Language ‘Core’

**MOCK EXAM BASED ON THEME 1&2**

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ELEMENT	Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
			Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY/ GRAMMAR	10				
READING	25				
WRITING 1	10				
WRITING 2	10				
TOTAL					



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**Mock Exam based on Theme 1&2****LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)****(7 marks)**

*You are going to hear a conversation between a customer and a customer service employee.*

*Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.*

1. He purchased the TV on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **Saturday**                      ☐ **Sunday**                      ☐ **Thursday**
  
2. He complains that there is a problem with the \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **power**                      ☐ **sound**                      ☐ **screen**
  
3. He cannot read the instructions because \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **there is no manual**                      ☐ **they are not clear**                      ☐ **they are in a foreign language**
  
4. She first explained to him how to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **fix the problem**                      ☐ **email the repair team**                      ☐ **return the TV to the shop**
  
5. He is unhappy about the repair team option because of the required \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **cost**                      ☐ **time**                      ☐ **documents**
  
6. They agree to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **exchange the TV**                      ☐ **refund the money**                      ☐ **repair the TV**
  
7. At the end of the phone call, she advises him to meet the \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **repair team**                      ☐ **manager**                      ☐ **customer service department**





### LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

(8 marks)

*You are going to listen to a story about a community garden.*

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

8. When was the PCG started?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. What do they grow in the community garden?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. What encouraged the speaker to become a member of the PCG?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. How do women benefit from the PCG?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

12. The gardeners visited other community gardens to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ borrow pots      ☐ buy soil      ☐ get ideas

13. Some local people gave \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ kitchen waste      ☐ chemicals      ☐ plants

14. The PCG saves \_\_\_\_\_ for future seasons.

- ☐ flowers      ☐ seeds      ☐ land

15. The PCG was awarded for \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ hiring old people      ☐ being an educational place      ☐ growing fruit

LISTENING  
SCORE

15



### VOCABULARY (Items 16–20)

(2½ marks)

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

16. Physical \_\_\_\_\_ was necessary after the man injured his lower back.

- ☐ **therapy**      ☐ **bargaining**      ☐ **control**      ☐ **powerful**

17. Graduates are finding it more difficult to find \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ **employer**      ☐ **employment**      ☐ **employee**      ☐ **employ**

18. I asked Ali to \_\_\_\_\_ this article before publishing. He is good at correcting language mistakes.

- ☐ **edit**      ☐ **influence**      ☐ **control**      ☐ **prevent**

19. Aysha feels \_\_\_\_\_ because this is her first time to study abroad.

- ☐ **homesick**      ☐ **happy**      ☐ **worry**      ☐ **homesickness**

20. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the \_\_\_\_\_ for completing the project.

- ☐ **deadline**      ☐ **headline**      ☐ **deadly**      ☐ **heading**





### GRAMMAR (Items 21–25)

(2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

**Speaker A:** (21) ☐ Did / ☐ Do you watch the game last night?

**Speaker B:** Yeah, I did! But I was disappointed because when I got home, they

(22) ☐ has scored / ☐ had scored two goals.

**Speaker A:** Oh no! I had heard it (23) ☐ is / ☐ was an intense match. Did your  
team win?

**Speaker B:** They did, but just barely. They had played so well in the first half, but then  
they started losing momentum.

**Speaker A:** I can imagine. I had watched a similar game two weeks (24) ☐ ago / ☐ for,  
and it was just as nerve-racking.

**Speaker B:** Sports can be unpredictable. I had never (25) ☐ seen / ☐ seeing a  
comeback like that before!







## GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 26–30)

(5 marks)

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

Malls and markets **(26)** \_\_\_\_\_ popular places where people shop. A mall is a large building with many stores, restaurants, and sometimes even movie theaters. It's a place **(27)** \_\_\_\_\_ you can find almost anything, from clothes to electronics. Malls are usually clean and have air conditioning, which makes them **(28)** \_\_\_\_\_ to visit. On the other hand, markets are often outdoor areas with many small shops or stalls. They sell fresh fruits, vegetables, clothes, and handmade items. Markets can be crowded and noisy, but they have a lively **(29)** \_\_\_\_\_. While malls are modern and convenient, markets offer **(30)** \_\_\_\_\_ items and a more local experience. Both are great places to explore and find what you need.

26. ☐ is ☐ are ☐ were ☐ was
27. ☐ where ☐ who ☐ which ☐ when
28. ☐ narrow ☐ comfortable ☐ responsible ☐ awful
29. ☐ college ☐ theatre ☐ atmosphere ☐ campus
30. ☐ brand ☐ crowded ☐ modern ☐ unique

VOC/GRM  
SCORE

10

## READING 1 (Items 31-37)

(7 marks)

Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

31. Prince Rupert is an amazing city. You can enjoy walking on its white sandy beaches. Also, you can visit its beautiful new port, Cow Bay, where you can taste fresh seafood and shop in modern boutiques.

Statement

True	False
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Prince Rupert is a coastal city.

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32. A language course in Europe will cost a fortune. However, learning a foreign language in your own country is also possible if you have a good teacher and practise as much as possible. In my opinion, learning a language in your home country can save you time and money.

Statement

True	False
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It is more expensive to study a foreign language in your own country.

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33. In Ireland, the 'Tidy Towns' programme was set up over fifty years ago to encourage citizens to take good care of area in which they live. A competition "Make your Town Better" was initiated, with the objective of promoting a positive change. This project has had positive impact on local people and the environment.

Statement

True	False
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The 'Tidy Towns' programme has been successful.

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34. According to the '2019 Best Jobs Report', there will be a great demand for nurses, physicians and other medical specialists over the next ten years. Many students are willing to specialize in these professions because of the employment opportunities and high salaries available.

Statement

True	False
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Health care jobs will increase in the future.

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**READING 1 (continued)****35.**

I went to my hometown to attend my brother's wedding last month. Many of my family members, the bride's relatives and some of my old friends were present. It was a wonderful party, though I didn't get the chance to stay till the end, as I felt very sick and had to return to Muscat. This upset me a lot.

**Statement**

True	False
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**The writer was there until the end of the wedding.**☐ ☐**36.**

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
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**Hamilton won four championships and lost one.**☐ ☐**37.**

I think that people in my village celebrate the birth of a child in a very interesting way. On the day the child is born, the father dances to traditional music in the presence of the entire village members. He dances alone for one hour to show how happy he is and then everybody joins in. I love it when babies are born in my village.

**Statement**

True	False
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**The writer thinks that these traditions are exciting.**☐ ☐





### READING 2 (Items 38-45)

(8 marks)

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

Dear Hamed,

How are you? I hope you're OK. As for me, I'm still in Qatar attending the Gulf Careers Exhibition. To my surprise, I met an old friend there. His name is Salah Al-Alyani, and it so happens he is now Deputy Director of Air Traffic Controller Training here. He invited me to go with him to the centre, which is not far from the exhibition hall.

I must say, I was very impressed. It's a fascinating place with brand-new buildings and all the latest facilities. I thought I was in a real airport, not just a training centre! After having coffee and chatting for some time, he was keen to show me their full package of training courses. He also took me on a tour around the centre. It was very interesting. The training involves using computerised aviation games which are just like real life. I also talked to some of the trainees. They all showed great interest in what they were doing, and were obviously working very hard.

When we got back to his office, I told him about you. I said you have already graduated from the College of Engineering at SQU, but are not sure about what to do next. Then I asked him about the acceptance conditions for a place at the centre. He was delighted at the idea and assured me that everything would be alright, as you already have an engineering qualification. So, if you're interested, all you have to do is send in your CV and then attend an interview with the trainers.

The interview will be in English, as that is the language of instruction for the whole course. I have no doubt about your language skills or your knowledge of general science and engineering. But one tip: I'd suggest that, before the interview, you familiarize yourself with aviation-related topics. I'm sure there are lots of sources, such as magazines, newspapers and, of course, the Internet.

I also asked Salah about the course itself. It is very demanding, but I know you are not afraid of hard work! It consists of two parts: a general course lasting three months, followed by a specialized course lasting six months. Classes start early in the morning, and then again in the afternoon — and you are also expected to continue studying independently in the Learning Centre for two or three hours every evening.

The next course will start in April, with interviews in January. So you'll have to make up your mind quickly! But I really would recommend that you grab this opportunity. I'm attaching the website details, in case you have any queries. The exhibition goes on for three more days, then I'm flying back home. So we can discuss it further then...

As ever,

Uncle Saif

**READING 2 (continued)**

38. Saif is in Qatar \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **sight-seeing**      ☐ **on a business trip**      ☐ **for medical treatment**
39. He met his old friend, Salah, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **an exhibition**      ☐ **a coffee shop**      ☐ **the airport**
40. When he visited the training centre, he was surprised by its \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **architecture**      ☐ **size**      ☐ **modernity**
41. To be accepted on the Air Traffic Controllers' course, Hamed needs to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **take a test**      ☐ **pass an interview**      ☐ **get a degree**
42. Saif advises him to improve his knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **aviation**      ☐ **engineering**      ☐ **languages**
43. The whole course will take \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
☐ **3**      ☐ **6**      ☐ **9**
44. If he is accepted, Saif will begin studying in \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **January**      ☐ **April**      ☐ **December**
45. For more information, Hamed should \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ **visit the centre's website**      ☐ **write to Salah Al-Alyani**      ☐ **fly to Qatar immediately**





### READING 3 (Items 46–55)

(10 marks)

*Read the text. Then complete the task.*

(‘The Times’, 3rd September 2019): Currently, ‘Formula One’ car races attract a worldwide audience and a great deal of money. However, with the noise and environmental pollution they cause, many people are beginning to lose interest. So, people have come up with a new idea: ‘Formula E’.

‘Formula E’ is a new competition that uses ‘e-cars’, that is, racing cars powered by electricity. The first-ever season is scheduled to start on the streets of Beijing in ten days’ time, and will finish in London on 27th June next year. Altogether, there will be ten races in Asia, South America, North America and Europe. The plan is to run these races on short circuits, just 2.5 km to 3 km long, specially built in city centres.

At each race, the programme will consist of three phases: practice, qualification, and finally the actual race. Unlike ‘Formula One’, in which each of these phases takes place on a separate day, everything will happen on the same day, with the race itself in the evening. It is hoped that this will make the event more interesting, and much cheaper, for fans. The race will be 50-60 minutes in length, and will include one very unusual feature. Halfway through, the drivers will have a special ‘pit stop’, during which they will jump out of their cars, get into a new car, and then continue racing! They have to do this because the batteries which power their cars’ engines only last for half-an-hour.

Ten teams will compete against each other, with each team consisting of two drivers. These drivers are mostly young, but also include some famous names — former Formula One drivers like Alain Prost — and three women. In Season One, everybody will use the same type of e-cars, the ‘Spark-Renault SRT’. But in the second season, each team will design its own cars, as in ‘Formula One’.

In many ways, these cars are not very remarkable. In size and shape, they are similar to ‘Formula One’ cars. With a top speed of over 300 kph, the latter are still about 30% faster, but ‘e-cars’ are still already surprisingly quick — capable of achieving a speed of 215 kph — and will surely become quicker as the technology progresses, especially in the form of lighter, longer-lasting batteries. The most obvious difference is that ‘e-cars’ have very quiet engines, which only make a high-pitched ‘whooshing’ sound, rather than the deep-throated roar of a petrol engine. This makes the whole experience of driving the cars, and watching the races, very different indeed!

The main goal of ‘Formula E’ is, of course, to promote the use of electric cars throughout the world, helping to reduce environmental pollution and improve human health. So the founders believe in it; the teams and the drivers trust it; several celebrities have spoken out in support of it; but will the public accept it? We shall see...

### READING 3 (continued)

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

46. When will the first race take place?

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47. Where will the race tracks be built?

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48. What is the maximum length of each race?

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49. Who designed the cars for the first season?

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50. At present, how fast can 'e-cars' go?

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51. What will teams change in the middle of each race?

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

52. Engineers will focus most of their attention on improving the e-car's \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ engines

☐ shape

☐ batteries

53. The biggest difference between the two types of cars is in their \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ appearance

☐ speed

☐ sound

54. The long-term aim of 'Formula E' is to \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ save the environment

☐ sell more cars

☐ make driving safer

55. The writer is \_\_\_\_\_ about the future success of 'Formula E'.

☐ open-minded

☐ confident

☐ doubtful

READING  
SCORE

25





**(10 marks)**

## **"Home-cooked food is healthier than restaurant food."**

*Your writing should be **clear** and **convincing**.*

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**(10 marks)**

Your writing should be **lively** and **interesting**.

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