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Diploma Examination for General Education

Semester One – First Session

English Language ‘Core’

Belarab Bin Sultan School for boys (10-12)

ELEMENT	Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
			Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY/ GRAMMAR	10				
READING	15				
WRITING 1	10				
WRITING 2	10				
TOTAL	60				

Final Total in Numbers

Final Total in Words

Signature

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)

(7 marks)

You are going to hear a conversation between two head teachers.

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

1. The water project is in _____
 Somalia Oman Sudan
2. It was the idea of _____ at the boys' school.
 some students the geography teacher the head teacher
3. 3. It involves constructing _____ in a village.
 a well an artificial lake . irrigation channels
4. The school has provided a water pump costing _____ rials.
 500 600 700
5. 4. They raised the money by selling _____.
 food and drink second-hand clothes books and magazines
6. The head teacher has received a 'thank you' letter from _____.
 a village head an NGO a government official
7. At the end, the head teacher agrees to _____ at the girls' school.
 give a presentation visit classrooms show a film



You are going to hear a text about aspirin.

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

8. In what year was aspirin first developed?

9. According to the speaker, how much does one aspirin cost?

_____ balsa.

10. Which two diseases does aspirin help to prevent?

Heart disease and _____

11. By how much does it reduce the risk of heart disease?

_____ %

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

12. Aspirin can cause problems with a patient's _____

kidneys

liver

stomach

13. Aspirin starts to become effective if taken regularly for _____

one year

five years

eight years

14. _____ is a good age to start taking aspirin.

40

50

75

15. It is *best* to take aspirin with _____

juice

water

milk

(Listening Score)

15

VOCABULARY (Items 1-5)**(2½ marks)**

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

1. My neighbour has a very _____ lifestyle. He is always going on luxury holidays.

- afflict neglect affluent miserable

2. I need some money, could you please _____ some and I will return it back next week.

- take borrow lend rent

3. Some adverts try to _____ us by saying things that are not true.

- persuade advertise mislead tell

4. Please, could you _____ me a favour? Just bring some water while you are coming.

- have give make do

5. Some countries improve their income by _____ goods to other countries.

- producing exporting importing buying



GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks) For

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

Speaker A: How long have you been learning English?

Speaker B: (6) Since/ For at least a decade.

Speaker A: If you had the necessary skills, you (7) will \ would be hired.

Speaker B: (8) What \ Why a bad luck!

Speaker A: Never give up, maybe you will find another position in a better place.

(9) When \ If only you had got more courses.

Speaker B: I don't know (10) where \ what to go, travel abroad or stay in my country?

Speaker A: Just be optimistic and work hard.

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-15)

(5 marks)

The 'MCN' restaurant is a marvellous place located by the beach. It is (1)_____ by a friendly chef, who visits all the tables to make sure everything is OK. There is a (2)_____ of starters such as houmus, falafel and different kinds of bread. It is not a great place for (3)_____ as the main courses are all meat- or chicken-based. The restaurant has (4)_____ chairs with soft cushions and plenty of space between tables. It also (5)_____ a special children's meal and delicious desserts.

- 11. managed held expected ordered
- 12. pair draft timetable variety
- 13. waiters vegetarians employees immigrants
- 14. common tough comfortable popular
- 15. orders offers demands prefers

(Vocabulary and Grammar Score)

10

READING 1 (Items 1-8)

(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.

1. Many workers have been working in Muscat from different nationalities .They have begun since 1999.However,they feel very happy because they have a nice manager and good salary for living.

Statement

True	False
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The employees have been working in the city for 20 years.

2. My name is Bukhari.I am Sudanese.Im working as a teacher of English for 35 years. Now I am 60 years old. When I was young, I used to ride a horse in my uncle's farm. This year I am going to travel to my country and do my old habit.

Statement

True	False
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Mr Bukhari is still riding horses in his uncle's farm up till now.

3. Thank you for your letter Salim.I think you already know what you should do now. If you really want to lose weight, you must stop eating too much, especially all that junk food. You must start also physical exercises like walking and running.

Statement

True	False
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Salim is worried about obesity and being obese.

4. It has been a quiet day for Faisl.He had to go to the airport and meet a visitor and take him to his hotel.Then he drove his boss across the city to an important meeting.Now,while he is waiting for the meeting to finish,he is cleaning the car.

Statement

True	False
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Faisl is a diver in a famous company.

READING 1 (continued)

5.

I am really shattered. I have not had any sleep for the last twenty four hours. I haven't even a chance to sit down. But I have to keep going on till the work is finished. Right now I am going to make myself another cup of coffee.

Statement

True	False
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The writer seems to be comfortable in his work.

6.

The Ultra-Lex is full of information. It tells you the meaning of the word, how it is spelt, how it is pronounced and how it is used. It also provides real life examples of more than 10,000 words of English language. Available as a book or as a CD.

Statement

True	False
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The advertisement is about an English comic.

7.

The tourist guide told us that the trip would start at 8 o'clock. Therefore, we got up early and waited patiently at the entrance of the hotel. However, the bus was forty-five minutes late. As a result, we did not reach the fort until eleven o'clock.

Statement

True	False
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The tourists caught the bus at quarter to nine.

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READING 2 (Items 8-15)**(8 marks)**

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

15 November 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with a laptop that I purchased from your shop in Ruwi ten days ago. However, before that, there is another matter:

i.e. the fact that I actually wrote to you about this laptop five days ago, and I have not yet received any reply at all! And before that, when I tried to phone your salesman about the problems I was having, his mobile was permanently engaged, and he never called back. Is this what is meant by your company's slogan: 'Customer Service: Our First Priority!'

Regarding the laptop, there are four problems which I would like to point out. The first of these is perhaps not very important, but I should mention it. I had clearly stated when ordering the laptop that black was my preferred colour. So imagine my surprise when it was delivered, later the same day, and I opened the box to find a device that was bright pink! I wouldn't have minded grey or even silver, but pink!

More seriously, instead of the large-screen (17-inch) format that I had specified to your salesman, I received a laptop with only a 15-inch screen. When you design buildings for a living like I do, a small screen is a major disadvantage!

The third problem with the laptop is also related to my work. I have noticed that there is no icon for the graphic design application that I asked for. This can only mean that it has not been installed, despite my very specific instructions!

In addition to these three problems, there is one more thing. Even if everything else was satisfactory, I could not operate the laptop anyway, because the default language is not Arabic, or even English, but Japanese! I am really amazed by this particular mistake: I am not aware that I look in any way like a Japanese gentleman! I have, of course, tried to change the default setting, but this is rather difficult when everything is in a language that you do not understand!

All in all, I am very disappointed both with your product and with the service that I have received. This is not what you promise in your advertisements. Now, every time I see one of those huge posters that you have put up all over the city, I realize that there is a difference between words and reality. In particular, I would recommend that you find some staff who have a better attitude towards their customers and who understand the idea of earning their salaries.

I therefore request the immediate replacement of the laptop. I need something that actually meets the requirements that I stated so clearly to your salesman.

Looking forward to a speedy response.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Sadiq

Mr Sadiq bought the laptop on_____.

8.

- 5 November 10 november 15 November

9. Before writing this letter, he has already tried to complain _____.

- Once Twice Three times

10. He is _____.

- A teacher Architect journalist

11. The laptop that was sent to him was_____.

- Black Grey Pink

12. He complains about the _____of the screen.

- Size Clarity brightness

13. The_____that he wanted is missing.

- operating system Additional hardware application

14. He had difficulty in understanding the instructions because they were _____.

- Too complicated
- In a foreign language
- Badly organized

15. At the end, he asks for _____.

- New laptop
- His money back
- meeting with the manager

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(Reading Score)

15

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WRITING 1 (continued)

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Marker A	Marker B	Average

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10

WRITING 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write at least 100 words.

One day, you went on a trip at Wahiba Sands with a group of tourists. At the end of the day, you found out one tourist was missed.

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

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WRITING 2 (continued)

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Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10