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English Language 'Core'

(Mock Exam) Al-Warith Bin Ka'ab School (10-12)

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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					

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 foreign students at a university in the USA. Listen, and shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

1. The two speakers are going to the _____ .
 classroom library assembly hall

2. In Japan, the school year starts in _____ .
 February April September

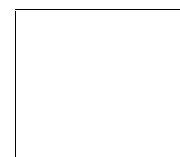
3. Japanese schoolchildren have _____ weeks' holiday every year.
 6 8 12

4. In Germany, uniforms are worn in _____ schools.
 no some all

5. Students have to tidy up the classrooms in _____ .
 Germany, but not Japan Japan, but not Germany both countries

6. Sophie studied _____ at school.
 French Latin Spanish

7. In Germany, exams consist mostly of _____ questions.
 essay short answer multiple choice



LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

(8 marks)

You are going to hear a woman talking about a trip to Thailand.

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

8. In what part of Thailand is the elephant camp?

9. What is the minimum age for visitors?

10. For safety reasons, what must all visitors be able to do?

11. How did they get from the camp to the park?

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

12. At the park, the speaker bought _____ .

- a wooden statue
- an interesting book
- an unusual painting

13. In the evening, she especially enjoyed the _____ .

- dance performance
- cooking lesson
- film show

14. On the _____ day, they went elephant-riding.

- first
- second
- third

15. The best rider in the family was her _____ .

- husband
- daughter
- son

(_____)

15

VOCABULARY (Items 1–5)**(2½ marks)**

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

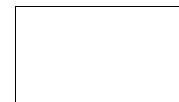
1. I've been following the same boring _____ for years. I need a change!
 quality routine condition obligation

2. On the front page, there was a huge _____. It said: "OMAN WINS GCC CUP".
 brochure publication headline easy

3. I tried to persuade her to see a doctor, but she _____ to listen to me.
 requested remained returned refused

4. The shortage of water in the region may lead to _____ between the tribes.
 damage conflict pollution irrigation

5. He's an _____ player, probably the best in the world.
 outstanding unsatisfactory official universal



GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: "What have you ⁽⁶⁾ _____ doing all day?"

Speaker B: "Cleaning the house. My sister ⁽⁷⁾ _____ visiting us tomorrow."

Speaker A: "⁽⁸⁾ _____ long will she be staying?"

Speaker B: "Only till Saturday. She has ⁽⁹⁾ _____ be back at work on Sunday."

Speaker A: "Oh, where ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ she work now?"

Speaker B: "In Muscat, with an insurance company."

Speaker A: "Pass her my regards."

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7. will

is

8. How

When

9. for

to

10. does

is



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)

(5 marks)

The *Pocket Mobile Printer* is a new mini-printer designed to (11) _____ in the palm of your hand. It is incredibly light, weighing only 200 grams. It (12) _____ many useful options. For example, you can edit your photos (13) _____ changing colour, brightness, contrast, etc. You can even add a frame to the edge of a picture to make it look really (14) _____! The *Pocket Mobile Printer* also allows you to make your own publications, (15) _____ newsletters.

11. enroll twist fit shift

12. has is have was

13. in by for on

14. flexible awful stylish clumsy

15. although such as because due to

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(_____)

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. Thank you for your letter, George. Try not to worry. It is not unusual for men your age to start going bald. You could use special cream to help it to grow again; or you could comb it a different way. If not, you could always wear something to cover your head – a cap for example.

Statement

True	False
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George is worried because he is losing his hair.

2. Join our "Cook and Win" competition - the five best recipes of the week will each win 10 Rials. But even if you're not a very good cook, you can take part and win some money. Just try all the winning recipes and let us know which one you like the best. That way you can win twice as much as the best cook.

Statement

True	False
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If you send your opinion, you could win 20 rials.

3. The football match between Brazil and Argentina was very exciting. At half-time the score was one-one. But in the second half, the Brazilians scored twice to win the match. So now Brazil is South American champion for the sixteenth time.

Statement

True	False
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The final score was: Argentina 1, Brazil 2.

4. The doctor told Amal to check the patient in Room 23. He was a seventeen-year-old boy with a serious illness. Amal went into the room to see if he was OK. She gave him a glass of water and then went back to report to the doctor.

Statement

True	False
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Amal is a nurse.

READING 1 (continued)

5. When we saw the house, it was filthy! There was dust all over the carpets, the walls were covered with writing, the kitchen was full of dead insects, and there was oil all over the garage floor. It was a week before we could move in.

Statement

True	False
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The house was clean.

6. There was a big fire at Khaleefa's house yesterday. His four-year-old son Salem was playing with matches, and he set fire to the furniture. Luckily the boy was rescued by the emergency services that hurried to the place quickly.

Statement

True	False
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The cause of the fire is unknown.

7. Our reporter from the scene of the accident has told us there were twenty nine passengers on board, Unfortunately, all of them were killed when the plane crashed and then exploded. Initial investigations assured that they had lost their life before the plane reached the ground.

Statement

True	False
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There were 29 survivors.

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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.

12th December 2018

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

8. Saif is in Qatar _____.
- sight-seeing on a business trip for medical treatment
9. He met his old friend, Salah, at _____.
- an exhibition a coffee shop the airport
10. When he visited the training centre, he was surprised by its _____.
- architecture Size modernity
11. To be accepted on the Air Traffic Controllers' course, Hamed needs to _____.
- take a test pass an interview get a degree
12. The whole course will take _____ months.
- 3 6 9
13. Saif advises him to improve his knowledge of _____.
- aviation Engineering languages
14. If he is accepted, Saif will begin studying in _____.
- January April December
15. For more information, Hamed should _____.
- visit the centre's website write to Salah Al-Alyani fly to Qatar immediately



READING 3(Items 16–25)**(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 centers.

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**).

16. When will the first race take place?

_____ (date)

17. Where will the race tracks be built?

18. What is the maximum length of each race?

19. Who designed the cars for the first season?

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

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

21. In the middle of each race, teams will change _____ .

- batteries drivers cars

22. Engineers will focus most of their attention on improving the e-car's _____ .

- engines shape batteries

23. The biggest difference between the two types of cars is in their _____ .

- appearance speed sound

24. The long-term aim of 'Formula E' is to _____ .

- save the environment sell more cars make driving safer

25. The writer is _____ about the future success of 'Formula E'.

- open-minded confident doubtful

(_____)

25

