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الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الأول

- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
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- **تنبيه:** المادة: English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٥) صفحة.

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- يجب على الممتحن اصطحب الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمين ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
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- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear an interview about a competition.

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

1. This competition was for _____ .
 teachers students bakers

2. Reem heard about the competition through _____ .
 Instagram an email WhatsApp

3. The theme for this year's competition was _____ .
 National Day birthdays weddings

4. Participants had to be between _____ years old.
 5 and 8 15 and 18 50 and 80

5. The criteria to select the winning prize was based on the _____ .
 design size taste

6. The main challenge for participants was the _____ .
 space provided time limit natural flavours

7. In the future, Reem wants to study _____ .
 engineering food photography business

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about '*Wilder, a famous American author*'.

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

8. Where did Wilder study when she was young?

9. How old was Wilder when she became a teacher?

10. How did Wilder's husband become disabled?

11. Why did Wilder and her husband move away from their farm?

Because _____

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

12. Wilder's first book was published in _____ .

1920s

1930s

1940s

13. There is a total of _____ books in 'The Little House' collection.

3

6

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14. The Laura Wilder's medal is awarded to _____ of children's books in the USA.

illustrators

writers

editors

15. Wilder stopped writing because she _____ .

was very ill

lost her husband

had no editor

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. The discovery of oil brought many financial _____ to the country.

- emotions benefits surfaces tracks

17. The hotel is in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.

- ritual habit version location

18. We always _____ our wedding anniversary by going out for dinner.

- celebrate reflect surround afford

19. The gym had _____ views of the mountains from every window.

- inedible challenging breathtaking responsible

20. His _____ has always been to run his own business.

- aviation ambition pollution collection

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Mariam: Hi Sameera! Is that a new baby car seat?

Sameera: Yes, it is. I've just ⁽²¹⁾ **buy** / **bought** it.

Mariam: Good for you. Is it the latest model?

Sameera: Yes, it is. It is ⁽²²⁾ **manufacture** / **manufactured** by the Graco4ever company.

Mariam: What's so special about it?

Sameera: Well, this one is equipped with the latest technology. Imagine Graco designers ⁽²³⁾ **have** / **has** been developing baby car seats since 1983!

Mariam: WOW! What exactly does this latest technology ⁽²⁴⁾ **do** / **did**?

Sameera: Well, ⁽²⁵⁾ **It** / **he** provides the latest protection for your child in case of an accident.

Mariam: That's good. I must get one!

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

Wellness tourism involves travelling (26) the purpose of improving one's health and well-being. It has become very popular (27) most people want to live longer and healthier lives. People go to wellness (28) to have spa treatments, and get advice on what kind of fitness routine they should follow to (29) their health. Nowadays, there are lots of wellness centres in India. It attracts tourists by offering various (30) activities such as hot spring therapy, yoga sessions, nature walks, and many others.

26. of to and for
27. such as although because so
28. conclusions destinations occasions situations
29. carry make maintain reduce
30. relaxing frustrating harmful stressful

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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. Nowadays, many universities offer part-time jobs to students. This helps students earn money to pay their fees and they also gain valuable experience in their subject area. For example, a student studying medicine might get work on a part-time basis at the university hospital.

Statement**True****False**

University students are allowed to apply for part-time jobs.

32. Dear Fahad,
Thank you for telling me about the Rumba café. The food was delicious, and the service was excellent. My friends really enjoyed the band and the lively atmosphere. However, I would not go there again as I could not hear what my friends were saying.
Salim

Statement**True****False**

Salim's friends did not like the music in the café.

33. 'This is my favourite ring. I bought it eleven years ago when I was with my husband on our honeymoon in France. I was such a shopaholic that time, that my poor husband had to borrow money from the bank before we returned to Oman.'

Statement**True****False**

In the past, the speaker was addicted to buying things.

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. I was working as a director in Tanzania when Covid 19 forced the company to close. I returned to my home in Germany. In 2022, I received an email informing me that the company would reopen and would like me to be the director. I was delighted and flew back immediately.

Statement

True

False

The writer is now working in Germany.

35. Dear Sir,
I am writing to complain about the vacuum cleaner I bought from your shop yesterday (receipts attached). As I was cleaning the carpet, the vacuum cleaner became very hot and went on fire. I had to call the fire brigade! I want my money back immediately.
Peter Wilson.

Statement

True

False

Peter is dissatisfied with the new vacuum cleaner.

36. Rottneest island is a nature reserve in Australia. It is home to several endangered species. It is looking for volunteers who can help plant trees, do beach clean-ups, study wildlife, and build fences. Only individual volunteers are needed, not groups. Accommodation and all meals provided free of cost.

Statement

True

False

Volunteers must bring their own food.

37. Albert Einstein, a famous scientist, founded the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in 1933. I joined this organisation when I was 25. I did intensive training to help me prepare for this type of work. Last August, I helped save many people from the terrible floods in Pakistan.

Statement

True

False

The writer helped establish the IRC.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.

Dear Ahmed,

I hope you are well. I would like to tell you about my school project on floating markets. Floating markets are found in places where boats are used to sell products like fruit, vegetable and handicrafts. These are run by local villagers. Today, most floating markets serve as tourist attractions providing travellers with an insight into a country's culture. Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia are famous for these kinds of markets. Based on an international tourism report in 2018, the oldest and most famous floating market is Damnoen Saduak which is located about 100 kilometres southwest of Bangkok, Thailand. It was founded in 1866.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market consists of three smaller markets: Ton Khem, Hia Kui, and Khun Phitak. Ton Khem is quite a large market. Hia Kui has souvenir shops on its canal banks which sell goods to tour groups led by guides. Khun Phitak is the smallest and least crowded of the markets. It is rare to find a foreigner or tourist there.

Each Damnoen Saduak Floating Market consists of a network of narrow canals. Female traders, wear traditional mo hom apparel (blue farmers' shirts) with wide-brimmed straw hats (ngob) and these images are regularly used to attract tourists to Thailand. They use small wooden boats called sampans to sell locally produced vegetables and colourful fruit. The market is generally very busy in the morning every day from 7 to 9 and it stays open until midday. A roof was installed so that it could operate in all kinds of weather throughout the year.

As you would expect, Damnoen Saduak Floating Market is full of foreign and local tourists. According to some tourists, traditional handicrafts are greatly overpriced. Bargaining is a common practice, although the prices of souvenirs and food are generally quite cheap. Cooks prepare traditional Thai food such as noodles, grilled fish and rice with coconut milk on their small boats.

According to the Tourism Authority of Thailand, the market attracts around 300,000 visitors during the weekends, on Saturdays and Sundays. Approximately, 180,000 of these are people from other countries and 120,000 are domestic. The market has also featured in several films. The 2008 film *Bangkok Dangerous*, starring Nicolas Cage, includes a scene that takes place at the market.

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Reading 2 (continued)

I am trying to persuade Mum and Dad to take us to Thailand next summer as I really want to visit this Floating Market and if I get there, I promise to take lots of photos which I will share with you.

Looking forward to hearing about your research project.

Regards,

Khalid

38. The floating markets are managed by _____ .
- tourists villagers guides
39. Damnoen Saduk was first built in _____ .
- 1866 2008 2018
40. The market that attracts the least number of tourists is _____ .
- Khun Phitak Hia Kui Ton Khem
41. Female traders on small boats sell local products such as _____ .
- hats vegetables shirts
42. The market opens _____ .
- only on weekdays every day at weekends only
43. Some tourists reported that traditional handicrafts are _____ .
- quite cheap reasonably priced very expensive
44. Around _____ foreigners visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market at weekends.
- 120,000 180,000 300,000
45. Khalid has a _____ opinion about floating markets.
- negative neutral positive

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)**

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

THE PALACE ON WHEELS

The Palace on Wheels is one of the top ten luxury train journeys in the world. It started operating in India on the 26th of January 1982 and is managed by India's National Railways. It runs once a week from September to April each year for eight days and seven nights. To avoid the monsoon season and the summer heat, it is recommended to go on this trip between the months of October and March.

The Palace on Wheels' goal is to provide 24-hour service to make every passenger feel as if they are kings and queens. This train has many modern facilities. There are 23 coaches on the train, and it can host up to a maximum of 104 passengers. Each coach has four cabins with luxury amenities such as individually designed single and double cabins, ensuite bathroom, wall to wall carpeting, entertainment system, Wi-Fi and personal assistants who do everything for their passengers, like making the bed, doing the laundry, etc. The train has two restaurants, *The Maharaja*, and *The Maharani*, that serve Indian, International, and Chinese cuisine. It has a magnificent lounge, library, and spa.

The train's journey is a seven-night, eight-day round trip that starts and finishes in Delhi, the capital of India. Passengers boarding the Palace on Wheels generally arrive in the afternoon at Safdarjung Railway Station where they are welcomed onto the train with flowers. The train departs at 18.30. While passengers are sleeping in their luxury cabins, the train arrives in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. It is also known as the 'Pink City'. After breakfast on day two, passengers have the entire day to explore the palace as well as the fort. On day three, passengers will find a very different type of adventure awaiting them. Stepping off the train at Sawai Madhopur, they are driven to the hills and forests of Ranthambore National Park for a safari in tiger country where these majestic animals can even be seen during the day.

The following morning, the train arrives in Udaipur, often referred to as the 'City of Lakes'. That night, passengers can experience a thrilling firework display from a traditional boat on one of Udaipur's beautiful lakes. The next stop, on day five, is the historic fort town of Jaisalmer. After lunch in a 7-star hotel, passengers are taken on a camel ride into the surrounding dunes where they enjoy displays of local music and dance as the sun sets.

The following day, the train arrives at Jodhpur. This is a fabulous city full of palaces, forts, and blue-painted houses that passengers can view seated on top of majestic elephants. The next day is spent in Agra, home to the fabulous Taj Mahal, one of the new seven wonders of the world. That evening, passengers are treated to a spectacular sound and light show followed by a feast on board the train. On the final day, day 8, passengers say farewell to the staff who have done everything to make their time on board, the Palace on Wheels, their most memorable ever.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. Where can you find the 'Palace on Wheels'? (country)

47. When did the 'Palace on Wheels' make its first journey? (year)

48. How often does the 'Palace on Wheels' run between September and April?

49. How many passengers can travel on the 'Palace on Wheels'?

50. Who looks after the passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels'?

51. What kind of food is available on the 'Palace on Wheels'? (List one)

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

52. A trip on the 'Palace on Wheels' takes _____ days.

5

7

8

53. On Day 3, passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels' can see _____.

tigers

camels

elephants

54. Passengers on the 'Palace on Wheels' can enjoy a _____ in Udaipur.

music and
dance show

spectacular
firework display

sound and light
show

55. The _____ is home to one of the new seven wonders of the world.

City of Lakes

Pink City

City of Agra

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Writing 1

(10 marks)

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Each family in Oman should only have one car"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **clear and well-organised**.

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Writing 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write a narrative text of at least **100 words**.

"A day with my friends"

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صحيح ■ غير صحيح □



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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Sara and Mousa about a trip.

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

1. Mousa was disappointed with his trip because of a problem with the _____.
 hotel flight weather

2. Salim is Mousa's _____.
 colleague neighbour brother

3. The first hotel that Mousa had selected was _____.
 in the city centre close to the airport outside the city

4. The car that the travel agency promised to organise was _____.
 affordable full free

5. Mousa was informed about the new hotel reservation by _____.
 email the receptionist phone

6. The second hotel that the agency booked for Mousa was _____.
 quiet dirty nice

7. Mousa plans to ask the travel agency for _____.
 an apology his money back a free trip

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a boy called Ben.

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

8. What was Ben's other name?

9. Where was Ben from? (country)

10. How old was Ben when he lost his sight?

11. Which animals use echolocation? (Name one)

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

12. At home, Ben was treated _____ his brothers and sisters.

- the same as differently to better than

13. Ben did not go to the school for the blind because _____.

- they did not accept him it was far away his mother refused to send him there

14. Ben died at the age of _____.

- fourteen sixteen nineteen

15. The book 'Echoes of an Angel' was written by _____.

- Ben Oprah Winfrey Ben's mother

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. The restaurant was so _____ that it was impossible to find a table.
 charged addicted crowded organised
17. This shop sells a lot of electronic _____ at reasonable prices.
 consumers habits amenities devices
18. The farm _____ the supermarket with fresh fruit and vegetables every day.
 supplies allows creates spends
19. Online advertisements are _____, and always give false information.
 arranging misleading terrifying relaxing
20. Khalid was driving at a _____ of 160 kph when the ROP caught him.
 risk delay speed match

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

- Sulieman:** Hi Juma! Naseeb ⁽²¹⁾ **has** / **have** just told me that you have been promoted.
- Juma:** Yes, Sulieman. I am now working as the Director of Sales at Muscat International Airport.
- Sulieman:** Congratulations. How ⁽²²⁾ **long** / **far** have you been working there?
- Juma:** I've been there ⁽²³⁾ **for** / **since** January 2022.
- Sulieman:** And did you have any previous sales experience?
- Juma:** Yes, of course. I ⁽²⁴⁾ **work** / **worked** as Assistant Head of Sales at Doha International Airport for five years.
- Sulieman:** I see. So, are you enjoying your new job?
- Juma:** Yes, it's very exciting as we are ⁽²⁵⁾ **expanding** / **expand** the business.
- Sulieman:** That's great news. Well done, Juma!
- Juma:** Thanks Sulieman.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

Between the age of seventeen and eighteen, you have to make one of the biggest decisions (26) your life. 'Do I go to college or university? Do I look for a job and start working, or do I begin a training (27) ?' The decision is yours, but it may be useful to (28) two very important things; there is more unemployment (29) those who have not been to college or university. Job applicants who have the right (30) will have a big advantage when competing for well-paid jobs.

26. of to with on
27. mall meeting course draft
28. retail reduce reinvent remember
29. with between through among
30. notes qualifications arts methods

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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. Hi Yousuf,

Just to let you know that I enjoyed a delicious meal at Saffron's last night. There was an enormous buffet that included salads, seafood, all kinds of rice and biryani. I ate so much that imagine, when it came to desserts, I couldn't eat a thing!

Anwar

Statement**True****False**

The writer enjoyed the sweet course.

32. If you would like to drink olive oil, it is best to mix a drop or two of it in a teaspoon of honey or water. It is not recommended for children. Not all brands of olive oil are suitable for drinking, so make sure you check the label before purchasing.

Statement**True****False**

Children should not drink olive oil.

33. Are you tired of bringing your car to the garage for every small problem? If so, why not join our three-week car maintenance course? We will teach you some basic skills, including oil and filter servicing. This course will involve working on vehicles in our workshop alongside our mechanics.

Statement**True****False**

The course provides detailed information about car maintenance.

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. Several months ago, my mother and I went on a shopping spree to Istanbul. We went to the Grand Bazaar where we saw lots of beautiful things. My mother bought some traditional rugs for our house, and I got a lovely silver necklace for myself.

Statement

True **False**

The speaker bought some jewellery for her mother.

35. 'There's a new gym in my area where members can participate in a lot of different activities. My aunt, Aliya, goes there at weekends. I'd love to join her but I am in Grade 12, so I must study hard to do well in my exams.'

Statement

True **False**

The speaker's aunt visits the gym every day.

36. China is currently the world's largest producer of gold. According to statistics, it produced 399.7 tonnes of gold in 2020. In fact, its production in 2020 was 12% less than it was in 2019. This was due to China's strict environmental policies.

Statement

True **False**

In 2019, China produced more gold than it did in 2020.

37. Last night, CNN reported that an airplane had crashed into Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa. The accident happened near Bukoba airport. According to officials, there is no information on how many people were injured in the crash.

Statement

True **False**

The officials know the number of crash victims.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.

Dear Khalid,

I hope you are well. I promised I would inform you about the results of my research into the amount of plastic being used in supermarkets around the world. As we all know, plastic bottles are found everywhere, on our roads, beaches, and even in our beautiful wadis. Based on my research, I discovered that only 9% of plastic produced globally has ever been recycled. Fizzy drinks alone produced 90,000 tonnes of single-use plastic in 2021.

The environmental group, Greenpeace, produced a report in 2020 that demonstrates how plastic packaging could be reduced by at least 50% worldwide. Included in this report were actions that need to be taken to make this possible. For example, in future, customers could buy glass milk bottles and refill them directly in-store, and then wash them at home. In April 2020, Ocado, an online supermarket, stopped selling water in plastic bottles to reduce waste and free up space in their delivery vans during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Furthermore, there are lots of grocery shops in the UK that have refill dispensing machines for products, such as flour, rice, pasta, nuts, washing up liquid and shampoo. Shoppers can take their own containers or bags, fill them up at the dispensers and then pay for them by weight. In 2019, Waitrose, another supermarket, tried this scheme in their UK stores. It was a huge success and 90% of their customers said they wanted it to continue.

The data Greenpeace collected also showed that 20% of all the plastic sold in the UK is used to wrap fruit and vegetables. Supermarkets could save 30,000 tonnes of plastic by selling loose fruit and vegetables. Coconuts, for example, do not need to be wrapped in plastic! Apeel is an exciting new company that has created a formula made from plant waste which can be sprayed onto fruit and vegetables. The spray creates a layer which helps stop water loss, keeping the produce fresh for longer than normal. Carrefour, a French supermarket, has announced plans to make all their packaging and in-store plastic products 100% recyclable. A wide range of cheap and reusable alternatives such as cloth or paper bags will be available for customers as no plastic bags will be allowed in any Carrefour supermarket from 2024 onwards.

In Oman, plastic is one of the fastest growing pollutants and steps have been taken to prevent this, such as the ban on single-use plastic bags. The Environment Society, Oman (ESO) has launched a campaign called "It's Time" to attract people's attention to this very important issue.

Quite honestly, I believe we still have a long way to go before we stop using plastic. If we do not invent a plastic that can be recycled, we will continue using plastic for many

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Reading 2 (continued)

more years. However, the good news is that we will be forced to use less because everyone is aware of the terrible consequences for our environment if we do not reduce the amount of plastic we use.

Please do write back and tell me about the research you are doing for your university in the UK.

Regards,
Salim

38. Salim found that only _____ of the world's plastic is recycled.
- 9% 50% 90%
39. Greenpeace published their report on plastic packaging in _____.
- 2019 2020 2021
40. In 2020, _____ stopped selling water in plastic bottles to their customers.
- Carrefour Ocado Waitrose
41. In 2019, Waitrose reported that most of its customers wanted to use _____.
- plastic bags bottled water dispensing machines
42. A study found that 20% of the plastic sold in the UK is used to cover _____.
- vegetables and fruit rice and nuts flour and pasta
43. The spray invented by Apeel is made from _____ waste.
- plastic bottle plant
44. In 2024, Carrefour will only allow customers to use _____ bags.
- plastic and cloth reusable paper and plastic
45. The writer believes that in future, people will _____ plastic.
- use more not use any use less

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)**

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

The Trans-Siberian Railway (TSR)

The **Trans-Siberian Railway (TSR)** in Russia, is the longest, continuous railway in the world. It is 10,000 kilometres long and covers one third of the globe. It runs from the beautiful city of Moscow in the west, to Vladivostok in the east, in Asia. It passes through 87 cities, five of which have a population of over 1 million people. The European part of the Trans-Siberian Railway covers about 19% of the total length while the remaining 81%, is in Asia.

Construction of the railway began in 1891 and was eventually completed twenty-five years later in 1916. Projects are underway to expand the railway to Russia's neighbours, namely China, Mongolia, and North Korea. Most passengers travel from west to east. However, it is possible to go in the opposite direction. It takes about a week to complete the Trans-Siberian journey from Vladivostok to Moscow, the capital. There are many stops along the way, which last from a few minutes to half an hour. It has several sleeping cars which must be booked in advance. It also has a restaurant which serves three meals a day, bathrooms, and lockers. If passengers do not want to sleep on the train, they can arrange to stay in many of the Russian cities and towns along the way. They can rejoin the next available train later. One of the most interesting sights on this trip, is Lake Baikal - the deepest and oldest freshwater lake on Earth.

There are several routes to choose from. The most popular route is the Trans-Siberian Line. The second route is the Trans-Manchurian Line which runs from Moscow to Beijing, the capital of China. The third route, the Trans-Mongolian, goes from Moscow to Beijing through Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia. And the fourth route, known as the Baikal Amur Mainline, runs further to the north and reaches the Pacific Ocean.

The Trans-Siberian line remains the most important transport link within Russia; around 30% of Russian exports travel on this line. While it attracts foreign tourists, it is mostly used by Russians themselves. The regions served by the Trans-Siberian line possess more than 80% of the country's industrial potential and basic natural resources including oil, gas, coal, timber, precious metals, etc. The Trans-Siberian Railway carries about 200,000 containers per year to Europe. A trainload of containers can be taken from Beijing in China to Hamburg in Germany via the Trans-Mongolian and Trans-Siberian lines in as little as 15 days, but typical cargo transit times are usually longer and can take up to 25 days.

For those who love adventure, spectacular scenery, and getting to know people from around the world a trip aboard the Trans-Siberian Railway is a once in a lifetime experience!

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. Where is the longest railway located? (country)

47. How long is the Trans-Siberian Railway?

48. How many years did it take to construct the Trans-Siberian Railway?

49. Which direction do most passengers travel in?

50. How many days does it take passengers to get from Vladivostok to Moscow?

51. What famous sight can passengers see on the Trans-Siberian Railway?

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

52. Approximately _____ percent of the Trans-Siberian Railway route is in Asia.

nineteen

thirty

eighty-one

53. Passengers must book their _____ before travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

lockers

beds

meals

54. Passengers wishing to visit Ulan Bator and Beijing should use the _____ line.

Trans-Mongolian

Trans-Manchurian

Trans-Siberian

55. It can take up to _____ days to transport cargo from China to Germany.

five

fifteen

twenty-five

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Writing 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write a narrative text of at least **100** words.

"A good day with my family"

Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.

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Writing 2 (continued)

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- صحيح غير صحيح

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between a woman and an officer from the City Transport Lost Property Department, at the airport.

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

1. Mrs. Smith lost her _____ .
 briefcase suitcase handbag

2. The lost item was _____ .
 medium large small

3. Mrs. Smith got a copy of her _____ keys from her assistant manager.
 house office car

4. Mrs. Smith was worried about getting back her _____ .
 documents camera laptop

5. Mrs. Smith cancelled her _____ .
 passport debit card credit card

6. Mrs. Smith left the airport at _____ p.m.
 1.30 2.15 2.30

7. Mrs. Smith took a _____ home.
 train bus taxi

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about '*The History of Chocolate*'.

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

8. Where was the cacao tree first discovered?

9. What was the taste of the first cacao drink?

10. What did the Aztecs use cacao beans for?

11. When did cacao beans first arrive in Spain?

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

12. In 1828, the first Europeans to create powdered chocolate were the _____ .

British

Dutch

Swiss

13. Daniel Peter created _____ in 1876.

cacao butter

a chocolate bar

milk chocolate

14. Because of the demand for chocolate, cacao trees are now grown in _____ .

Europe

America

West Africa

15. Nowadays, many people are not buying chocolate because they are against _____ .

mass-produced products

the use of child labour

highly-refined foods

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. Statistics prove that speed bumps help to _____ car accidents.
 reduce introduce produce use
17. Khalid is a really talented football player who plays with _____ .
 nutrition direction reaction passion
18. The Paradise Hotel has many _____ including restaurants, and its own movie theatre.
 activities events amenities issues
19. She won first prize in the competition and her parents were _____ of her.
 concern proud nervous ambitious
20. Oman _____ gas to different countries such as Korea, Japan, and India.
 admits imports exports makes

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: Have you ⁽²¹⁾ **finish** / **finished** your project about Shopping?

Speaker B: Not yet. I've been ⁽²²⁾ **searching** / **searched** online for different resources, but I haven't found much information. I need to read some books.

Speaker A: I have a book called "Shopping is a Pleasure". It ⁽²³⁾ **is** / **was** given to me as a gift last year.

Speaker B: Could I borrow ⁽²⁴⁾ **them** / **it**, please?

Speaker A: Of course you can. ⁽²⁵⁾ **When** / **If** you like, we can go and look for some other books in the library.

Speaker B: That would be great. Thanks a lot.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

Cyberbullying is the use of (26) technologies to scare or embarrass people online. It occurs (27) social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok. The person (28) is cyberbullied should save all the evidence as this may help the police (29) the cyberbully. If you are worried about your (30) or something bad happens to you online, it is very important that you speak to your parents or a relative you trust.

26. musical digital dramatical emotional

27. on of or off

28. where which what who

29. identify has identified have identified identifying

30. safety danger service shelter

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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. When I started working as a sales assistant in a clothes shop, I wanted to help my clients select designer clothes and accessories. However, I did not realise that I would be working so many hours, for such a low salary. I have sent my C.V. to other companies.

Statement**True****False**

The writer enjoys working long hours.

32. In 2016, the Danube car manufacturer asked 2.9 million of its customers to return the vehicles they had bought. Faulty airbags had been fitted in the cars. There was a possibility they could explode as some car airbags had caused 18 deaths and 180 injuries worldwide.

Statement**True****False**

2.9 million Danube cars exploded in 2016.

33. When tidying your wardrobe, it is a good idea to take everything out and place it on the bed. Sort your clothes into two piles depending on whether you want to keep them or donate them to charity. Once you have decided what to donate, wash and iron them, and put them in a sealed bag.

Statement**True****False**

The writer suggests that you give used clothes to charity.

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. Dear Khalid,
Thank you for the gift voucher for my favourite Chinese restaurant. My family and I enjoyed a delicious meal there last night. The buffet was amazing with a huge selection of food including spicy prawns, chicken noodles and fried rice. I was so full after the main course that I could not eat any sweet dishes!

Statement

True

False

The writer enjoyed some Chinese dessert.

35. It is generally safe to drink frankincense oil but only in small amounts. It is best to mix a drop or two in a teaspoon of honey or a glass of water. It is not recommended for children. Not all brands are made for drinking, so make sure you check the label before using it.

Statement

True

False

It is not good for children to drink frankincense oil.

36. Are you tired of having to take your car to the garage for every small problem? If so, why not join our two-week car maintenance course? We will teach you some basic skills, including oil and filter servicing. The hands-on course will involve working on vehicles in our workshop.

Statement

True

False

After the course, you will be a professional mechanic.

37. Studying at university can be challenging. With a large number of classes and exams, life can be difficult and lonely. You may struggle to get to know other students. My advice to you is to join at least one club where you will meet people who share your interests.

Statement

True

False

To meet new people, you are advised to join a club at college.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.

Dear David,

I hope you are well. I promised I would write and tell you about my most recent trip. Last week, I arrived in Tahiti which was a nineteen-and-a-half hour flight from Paris after a short stop in Sydney. I spent the night in a hotel close to the airport as I had to get up early the next day to catch my 7:40 am flight to Bora Bora.

Bora Bora is situated approximately 140 miles (225 kms) northwest of Tahiti and is a major tourist destination. I was met at the arrivals hall and taken by boat to the Sofitel Island Resort which is situated on a private island, and consists of a number of luxury huts that are located on the beach. It was just beautiful.

To get around Bora Bora, you need a boat as public transport is limited, consisting of a single bus that goes halfway around the island and back approximately every hour. Taxis are also available but are expensive. You can rent a bicycle or a scooter, but you have to go slowly as the road is narrow.

The first day on Bora Bora, I was exhausted after the long flight so I explored my beautiful resort. The next morning, I swam around the reefs for several hours. There were large numbers of beautiful multi-coloured fish. I then spent the afternoon enjoying the view, listening to my favourite music and looking out for black-tipped reef sharks.

On the third day, I climbed Mount Otemanu which is 728 metres above sea level. It was a hard, tough climb but it was worth it as the views from the top were stunning.

On my last day, I went on a tour which included feeding sharks. One of the guides jumped into the water with a bucket full of fish. We also jumped in and within minutes, we were surrounded by some black-tipped reef sharks, some up to two metres long. I was surprised when one of them swam very close to me. It did this because I had cut my foot on the sharp coral, and the small amount of blood was enough to make a hungry shark want to eat me! Thankfully, the guide threw him some more fish to eat!

If you would like to visit Bora Bora, I suggest you come in the dry season from May to October. During these months the temperature is a few degrees lower and there is less rain. The water sometimes reaches 86F (30C), making it perfect for various activities, such as swimming, water-skiing, diving, snorkelling, etc., I do not advise you to visit during the winter months, in December and January, as it can be wet and windy.

By the way, what I enjoyed most were the cultural events held each evening at the resort. There were also lots of interesting art galleries, studios, and shops that are set up in traditional and modern settings. I bought some beautiful black pearls for my mother.

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Reading 2 (continued)

I wanted to stay on this island forever, but unfortunately I had to return to Paris after the best four days of my life because I had to attend a conference. For me, it was a dream come true, and I can't wait to go back.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Paul

38. Paul started his trip in _____ .
- Tahiti Paris Sydney
39. According to Paul, the best means of transport in Bora Bora is a _____ .
- boat taxi scooter
40. The second day, Paul decided to _____ .
- go fishing swim around the reefs explore the resort
41. Mount Otemanu is _____ above sea level.
- one hundred and forty miles two hundred and twenty-five kms seven-hundred and twenty-eight metres
42. Paul's wound was caused by _____ .
- a hungry shark sharp coral a careless guide
43. The best time to visit Bora Bora is from _____ .
- January to May May to October October to December
44. Paul enjoyed _____ the most.
- snorkelling water-skiing the cultural events
45. This letter shows that Paul had a _____ impression of Bora Bora.
- positive neutral negative

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)**

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

Mega-Malls in North America

The three mega-malls in North America; West Edmonton Mall in Canada, Mall of America and American Dream in the USA were developed by the Triple Five Group Company (T5GC) which is based in Edmonton, in Canada. According to the World Shopping Ranking 2020 report, these three mega-malls attract over 112 million visitors annually and they are the largest retail and entertainment centres providing shoppers with unique experiences.

The West Edmonton Mall located in Canada was opened in 1981. In the World Shopping Ranking List it is listed as the 23rd biggest in the world. It was the world's first largest indoor shopping centre from 1981 to 2004 according to the Guinness Book of World Records. It is currently the second largest shopping complex in North America after the Mall of America. It is 5,300,000 square feet and it holds over 800 shops including nine attractions such as Land World Waterpark and Adventure Golf. It has two hotels and over 100 dining areas with parking for more than 20,000 vehicles. This mall employs more than 24,000 workers and receives about 32 million visitors per year. It attracts between 90,000 and 200,000 shoppers daily, depending on the day and season.

The Mall of America was opened in 1992. It is 6 million square feet and is considered the largest mall in the USA, and the seventh largest in the world. It receives about 42 million visitors yearly. It has more than 520 shops, 50 restaurants, the nation's largest Nickelodeon theme park with 27 rides and attractions for guests of all ages. The majority of tourists like to visit this mall because of its world class tax-free shopping with no sales tax on clothing, shoes and accessories. Its top attractions include over 400 free events held annually, and a new 500-room Radisson Blu hotel connected to the mall by a sky bridge.

The company's newest complex is the America Dream Mall in New Jersey. It was partially opened to the public in 2019 after taking seventeen years to build. It is 4 million square feet and cost around 5.7 billion US dollars. It has more than 500 retail shops, 21 full service restaurants, a ski slope, a golf course, a year-round water park known as DreamWorks, an indoor ice rink, an arts and concert venue that can seat up to 3,000 people, Big Snow America Dream, Sea Life Aquarium, Mirror Maze, and many other entertainment facilities. It lost over 64 million US dollars in 2020 when it had to close its doors because of the global pandemic, COVID 19.

Currently, a new megamall and entertainment complex called the America Supreme Mall in Miami, Florida is under construction. It is expected to open its doors to the public in 2026, and to be the largest and best mega-mall in the world.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. Where is the headquarters of The Triple Five Group Company?

47. How many visitors do the three mega-malls attract every year?

48. What position is the West Edmonton Mall, on the World Shopping Ranking List?

49. How many hotels does the West Edmonton Mall have?

50. Why do the majority of tourists like to shop in the Mall of America?

51. How can you get from the Radisson Blu Hotel to the Mall of America?

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

52. The _____ has the biggest number of shops.

- West Edmonton Mall Mall of America America Dream Mall

53. In the West Edmonton Mall and the America Dream Mall, visitors can _____ .

- play golf go ice-skating visit a Mirror Maze

54. During the global pandemic, the America Dream Mall lost _____ US dollars.

- 4 million 64 million 5.7 billion

55. The new America Supreme Mall will be located in _____ .

- New York Florida New Jersey

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear an interview with Malina, a recovering shopaholic.

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

1. Malina became a shopaholic when she was _____ years old.
 26 27 30

2. Malina's addiction started immediately after she lost her _____.
 mother friend job

3. Malina spent _____ thousands pounds on diamond earrings.
 one two five

4. Malina buys online products when she feels _____.
 happy lonely bored

5. To avoid buying more, Malina asked her friends to _____.
 do her shopping return the items she had bought lend her money

6. Malina had to sell her _____ to pay off part of the debt on her credit card.
 car antique furniture expensive accessories

7. Malina's psychologist strongly advised her to _____.
 walk every day go to the cinema once a week stick to a monthly budget

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about '*The History of Ice Cream*'.

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

8. What were frozen desserts first made from?

9. What did the Persians use to flavour their frozen desserts?

10. How did scientists manage to freeze liquids in the 16th century?

By _____

11. Where was the first ice cream recipe published? (Country)

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

12. The ice cream cone was first introduced in _____.

1896

1902

1920

13. _____ bought vans with refrigerators to sell ice cream.

Antonio Valvona

Frank Epperson

Harry Burt

14. Ice pops were invented in _____.

California

Ohio

New York

15. The Ice Cream Association claims that the most popular flavour is _____.

chocolate

vanilla

cherry

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. She has a _____ job. After work, she is always tired and frustrated.
 stressful peaceful hopeful beautiful
17. Dhofar _____ a lot of visitors during the Kharif season.
 attracts distracts reduces imports
18. I chose this course because I was _____ by my brother who is a successful pilot.
 mislead trekked influenced drafted
19. The visitors hired a guide and a _____ bus to experience Paris at night.
 cruise tour flight voyage
20. To be happy and successful in your life, you need to have a _____ attitude.
 massive negative narrative positive

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: How can I prepare myself for university?

Speaker B: I think you need to ⁽²¹⁾ improve / improves your English.

Speaker A: I've already ⁽²²⁾ taking / taken a course, but I still feel that my language isn't good enough.

Speaker B: What about enrolling in a summer course ⁽²³⁾ in / on the UK?

Speaker A: Oh! That sounds interesting! How ⁽²⁴⁾ much / many does it cost?

Speaker B: About a thousand rials.

Speaker A: Oh! That much! I can't afford it.

Speaker A: ⁽²⁵⁾ While / If you can't go there, you could take an online course instead.

Speaker B: That's a good idea. Thank You!

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

The huge frozen continent at the bottom of our (26) , known as Antarctica is essential for our survival. The Antarctic ice plays an important role because it stops the Earth's (27) from becoming too hot. The Antarctic is considered one of the world's most important natural areas (28) the ice there contains evidence about the world's weather for millions of years. Many scientists work there to (29) and better understand climate change. Because of its scientific importance, Antarctica is a (30) geographical area and no country can own or populate any part of it.

26. country world ocean area
27. cycle location temperature pollution
28. because which however many
29. produce attract research request
30. protect protects protecting protected

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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. 'This is my favourite ring. I bought it eleven years ago when I was with my husband on holiday in France. I bought so many beautiful gifts for family and friends that I had to borrow money before we returned to Oman.'

Statement**True****False**

The speaker bought more than she could afford while on holiday.

32. In the past, Omani traders travelled to markets in many countries in East Africa, India and China. They carried dates and frankincense and returned home with wood, fabrics and spices. This helped strengthen trade links between Oman and other countries.

Statement**True****False**

Omani traders exported spices and fabrics to other countries.

33. 'I don't believe that buying a brand name is the best choice when it comes to watches. Five years ago, I went to Malaysia, and bought a cheap watch. It was almost identical to a famous Swiss brand. None of my friends could tell the difference, and it's still working!'

Statement**True****False**

The speaker bought her watch in Switzerland.

34. Fatma could never return to her favourite antique shop. The owner would not let her enter the shop after she broke a rare vase on her last visit. Although her father paid two-hundred rials for the vase, Fatma is still not allowed to go back into the shop.

Statement**True****False**

Fatma cannot enter her favourite antique shop any longer.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. 'I won a scholarship to Oxford, one of England's most respected universities. The idea of being a student again after fifteen years of working frightened me. I finally made up my mind to overcome my fear and accept the challenge.'

Statement

True

False

The speaker rejected the scholarship.

36. 'Many people like to go out and eat in restaurants or coffee shops. But, do you think this is wise? Personally, I don't think it is safe to eat anywhere, but at home. Remember, you don't know how hygienic these places are.'

Statement

True

False

The writer is against eating out.

37. Nowadays, many universities offer part-time jobs to students. This helps students earn money to pay their fees and gain experience. For example, a student studying medicine might work on a part-time basis at the university hospital.

Statement

True

False

Many universities allow students to work part-time.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.

Dear Rose,

I would like to tell you about my latest trip to Madagascar which was from August 30th to September 4th, 2020. You may not realise that Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world and is home to plants and animals found nowhere else on Earth.

My very uncomfortable flight involved flying from New York to London and then to Johannesburg and from there to Madagascar's capital city, Antananarivo. It was exhausting and very costly so if you are planning to visit the island, take a direct flight to Cape Town and then to Madagascar which will only cost you \$800.

I spent my first night in Antananarivo in an international hotel, though I would have much preferred to have stayed in a local hotel. The next day, I booked a guide with a mini-bus to drive me around the island and this was the best decision I made. Getting around the island is not easy as transportation services are poor and Madagascar has very few railways, because much of the middle of the island is mountainous. Most Malagasy people travel around the country in a shared taxi because it is cheaper.

My guide brought me to a beautiful rainforest where I saw the island's most famous animal, the lemur, a kind of monkey that only lives in Madagascar. Unlike the film Madagascar, you won't see any tigers, giraffes or hippos. Luckily, the guide spoke excellent English and he told me that almost 90% of the plants and animals living on Madagascar are not found anywhere else in the world. He said that this is because of the strong ocean currents that have kept the island isolated from the African continent, so the species living there were unable to travel beyond the island's borders.

Imagine the guide invited me to his home, where I had a traditional Malagasy meal called laoka. It was meat covered in a sauce that was flavoured with ginger, onion, garlic, and spices and served with rice. It was delicious, and tasted much better than the French meal I had eaten in the hotel on my first night. His wife told me that African and Asian ingredients are found in most dishes.

It was very interesting to see a country full of young people. Over 60% of the population are under the age of 25, with 30% aged between 25 and 60, and imagine only 9% are aged 60 and above!

You would just love Madagascar. Every evening, you can travel to different villages where you will see traditional dancing and musicians playing the valiha, which is similar to a guitar. It is considered to be the national instrument of Madagascar.

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Reading 2 (continued)

I spent my final day on the island whale-spotting. It was an incredible experience especially when one of the whales came close to our boat and showered us. We were all soaking wet after this experience.

Looking forward to hearing about your holiday,

Regards,

Maria

38. Maria's flight to Madagascar was _____.
- cheap expensive comfortable
39. Maria spent her first night in _____.
- a traditional hotel a local home an international hotel
40. The locals use a _____ to travel around the island.
- train mini-bus shared taxi
41. The guide said that the _____ can only be found in Madagascar.
- hippo lemur tiger
42. 90% of plants and animals on Madagascar are not found elsewhere because of the _____.
- ocean currents bad weather high mountains
43. According to the guide's wife Malagasy cuisine is influenced by _____ ingredients.
- Asian and French African and Asian French and African
44. Young people in Madagascar make up over _____ of the population.
- 9% 30% 60%
45. On the last day, Maria spent her time _____.
- watching whales watching cultural dances listening to the valiha

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)**

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

Lakes Around The World

Water covers around 70% of the Earth's surface. The oceans contain most of the water. However, there are many lakes throughout the world. A lake is a large body of water surrounded by land. There are about 370 million natural lakes covering about 3% of the Earth's surface. Moreover, there are around 53 million man-made lakes in the world.

Most lakes contain freshwater and have at least one source, like a river or a stream. However, some lakes do not have a continuous source of water, and when the water evaporates, it becomes saltier. Fresh water lakes, such as Lake Victoria in Africa, contain less than 1 gramme of salt per litre of water. Whereas salt water lakes, such as the Great Salt Lake in the USA, may contain more than 250 grammes of salt per litre of water. Lake Assal, located in Djibouti, Africa is the second saltiest lake in the world after the Lake Don Juan Pond in Antarctica. Lake Assal is considered a "national treasure", and is used to produce salt and other minerals.

Natural lakes vary in terms of size, shape, depth, water chemistry and other features. For example, 'Boiling Lake' in the Dominica Republic, Central America, is considered the second largest hot-water lake in the world. The water temperature along its edges, is about 180°F to 197°F. It is impossible to measure the temperature at the centre of the lake, because it is too hot. Despite this, it has become very popular with tourists because it is covered in clouds, and its greyish water is always bubbling. Laguna Colorada lake in Bolivia, South America, is unusual because the colour of the water is red. It got its colour from a red plant that grows in the lake. It is a shallow lake with an average depth of only 0.35 metres. It attracts hundreds of migrant birds, especially flamingoes. 'Jellyfish Lake', located in Palau, The Philippines, is also popular with tourists who are interested in wildlife. It got its name because it contains millions of golden jellyfish. They are not harmful to humans, so it is a very popular site for snorkellers.

Man-made lakes are created by building dams to collect rainwater. These lakes are used for farming and for generating power. Lake Nasser, in Egypt, is one of the world's largest man-made lakes. The lake is approximately 341 miles long and 22 miles wide. Most of the lake lies in Egypt, with a smaller part found in the Sudan. The Sudanese refer to this body of water as Lake Nubia. Similarly, Lake Kariba, located between Zambia and Zimbabwe, is the world's largest man-made lake by volume. However, studies have shown that the pressure of such a large quantity of water has caused several earthquakes. To conclude, lakes provide an important source of water and income to countries and people all over the world and we must do everything to protect these valuable resources.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. How many man-made lakes are there in the world?

47. How much salt, per litre of water, does Lake Victoria contain?

48. Where is the saltiest lake in the world?

49. Which lake is considered a national treasure?

50. What is the second largest hot-water lake in the world?

51. Why does Laguna Colorada Lake attract tourists?

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

52. According to the text, flamingoes are attracted to _____.

Jellyfish Lake

Lake Victoria

Laguna Colorada lake

53. Golden jellyfish are _____ to swimmers and snorkellers.

harmless

hurtful

dangerous

54. The length of Lake Nasser is _____ miles.

twenty-two

two-hundred and fifty

three-hundred and forty-one

55. The _____ Lake Kariba has caused a lot of earthquakes.

location of

pressure of water in

source of water coming into

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Writing 1

(10 marks)

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Some parents do not allow their children to have mobile phones."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

*Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.*

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Writing 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write at least **100** words.

'Write a story about a time you made an important decision.'

Include the following details:

- What was the decision?
- Why did you make the decision?
- How did you feel after you made the decision?

Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.

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امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٢ هـ - ٢٠٢٠ / ٢٠٢١ م
الدور الأول

- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
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- تنبيه: المادة: 'English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٣) صفحة.

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- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل () وفق النموذج الآتي:
س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
 القاهرة الدوحة
 مسقط أبوظبي
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتنال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمين ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أياً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between **Maryam** and her **father**.

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

1. Maryam is in _____ .
 Australia Oman the UK

2. Maryam's _____ got infected with COVID 19.
 brother father mother

3. During the total lockdown, Maryam suffers from _____ .
 loneliness stress a lack of food

4. Maryam's university has _____ .
 closed down shifted to distance learning moved to online learning

5. The main challenge that Maryam is facing now is _____ .
 keeping focussed during online lectures submitting work on time using a new architecture software

6. Maryam's father promised to _____ .
 call back send money visit her

7. Maryam can't return home now because _____ .
 she is busy with her final project she can't afford it the airports are closed

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a young entrepreneur called **Lizzie**.

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

8. Who first discovered Lizzie's talent?

9. How old was Lizzie when she started her first business?

10. What did she spend the money on from her first business?

11. What does Lizzie post on her website?

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

12. Lizzie was invited by the fitness programme to speak to _____ about the importance of exercising.

parents

adults

students

13. Lizzie borrowed money from a bank to _____ .

expand her business

help her father

produce films

14. One of her future plans is to _____ .

launch more websites

get a job

join a college

15. Lizzie is planning to publish a book on _____ .

setting up a business

healthy cooking

communication skills

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. "You can start your presentation with a funny story to _____ the audience's attention."
 edit grab reduce revise
17. Latest statistics indicate that the number of social media users has _____ increased in the world.
 locally fluently rapidly personally
18. The tourists were _____ with the beautiful sites in Al Hoota cave in Al Hamra.
 embarrassed exhausted fascinated terrified
19. A lot of students competed in the International Math Olympics. But, Farah was the only _____ to win a prize.
 candidate consumer lecturer presenter
20. Ahmed felt that he would not be able to _____ with the new job, so he decided to quit.
 celebrate cope impress share

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Khalid: Have you ⁽²¹⁾ **submit** / **submitted** your project?

Mazin: Not yet. My laptop is destroyed. I need to buy a new one,
⁽²²⁾ **but** / **so** I don't have enough money.

Khalid: ⁽²³⁾ **If** / **Unless** you don't have enough money for a new one,
you can buy a used one.

Mazin: Oh. How ⁽²⁴⁾ **many** / **much** does that cost?

Khalid: Around R.O. 150. Last month, my brother ⁽²⁵⁾ **bought** / **will buy**
one in good condition with a three-month warranty.

Mazin: Really! That's a good price. I'll get one. Thank you.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

The latest research on consumer shopping habits finds that shoppers now (26) becoming more careful about what they spend compared with the past. The most significant (27) is that many shoppers think of what they will buy before going shopping. According to the most recent findings, shoppers tend to avoid (28) random purchases as they do not want to buy unnecessary items. In the past, they would happily buy things that they actually (29) not planned to get. Also, the findings indicate that people (30) to buy well-known brand names. They are also attracted to local products which are cheaper.

26. are is was were
27. change danger fund obstacle
28. make making makes to make
29. did had do have
30. export help prefer receive

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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. Last Friday, I went shopping with my four sisters who adore shopping just as much as I do. This time, we went to the jewellery shop. All of us bought rings except my youngest sister who insisted on buying a bracelet.

Statement**True****False**

All the sisters bought rings at the jewellery shop.

32. Ali bought a special chair which had a lot of features. It had a place for food and drinks, a radio and a little TV too! Sadly, it was broken into pieces when his heavy brother sat on it as it was not strong enough to hold him.

Statement**True****False**

The special chair was broken by Ali's brother.

33. Last year, Amina went to Singapore with her family. They visited the Botanic Gardens. They saw more than two thousand five hundred species of plants. Amina used her diary to write down the names of the new plants while her sister Fatma used their mother's camera to take some photos.

Statement**True****False**

Amina took some photos of the new species.

34. I am confused about choosing the right career. My father advised me to do an aptitude test to help me find a proper job which suits my skills and talents. Although I hate sitting for tests, I decided to take the test and discover the job that suits me best.

Statement**True****False**

The writer decided to follow his father's advice.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. A local juice company which was launched in 2016 sells a range of ten types of juices. All of them contain natural local ingredients such as mango, orange, berries, lemon and mint. They are fresher and cheaper than imported juices. They do not contain any chemicals.

Statement

True

False

Imported juices are more expensive than local ones.

36. I like taking photographs to record my memories. Everyone says I'm becoming an expert photographer. Recently, my father bought me a new professional camera as the old one given to me by my mother was not the latest model. The photos from the new camera are much more professional.

Statement

True

False

The old camera was a gift from the writer's father.

37. My sister, Zainab, decided to open a gym in our town as the equipment in the existing one is broken. Before starting, she did an on-line survey to find out more about local needs. Now, her gym is open and everyone goes there.

Statement

True

False

The new gym was established as the previous one wasn't good enough.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

Medical Tourism

Medical tourism has become very popular nowadays. A recent report by 'Patients Beyond Borders', an international health travel magazine, shows that nearly eight million patients travelled abroad for medical care in 2019. Medical tourism is big business, and the value of this industry is between twenty and forty billion US dollars. In addition, a report by the 'World Medical Tourism Market' forecast that the medical tourism industry will grow by 25% by 2026.

According to the 'Global Health Travel' magazine report in 2020, the rapid growth in medical tourism is due to several reasons. The low cost in countries such as India, Thailand and Turkey is one of the reasons. For example, the surgery prices are 30% to 70% lower in these countries compared to others. The second reason is the easy access to online consumer information about medical treatments around the world. This helps people make decisions about the most suitable hospitals and they can book appointments without getting delayed or being placed on a waiting list. Many websites are marketing best medical centres and are available to serve people who are looking for medical services in different countries. For example, one of the famous free sites is Medigo, which was launched in 2014, in Germany. This site lists over two hundred hospitals in twelve different countries such as the UK, USA and China, and is available in four languages. However, according to the "Global Health Travel' statistics, the main reason that attracts medical tourists is the quality of the medical services provided by well-trained doctors in technologically advanced hospitals.

According to the list of the most popular medical destinations published by 'Patients Beyond Borders' in 2019, Malaysia comes at the top of the list. It is famous for luxurious hospitals with five-star rooms and it offers medical treatments for people who struggle to have children. Brazil is second on the list with approximately three hundred thousand medical travellers. It has the highest number of cosmetic surgeons in the world. Even film and TV stars have operations in this country. India is the third most popular destination, and is home for highly trained heart doctors at a low cost. Although Singapore is very expensive, it comes fourth on the list because it has one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world with the highest technology especially for cancer treatments. Turkey has a growing medical tourism sector, and it is fifth on the list. It is known for its eye treatments, especially laser surgery. Turkey also offers discounted flights through its airlines to attract more medical tourists.

With the rise of medical tourism, destinations that offer quality and affordable healthcare, competition between countries has increased to provide top quality medical services with attractive offers.

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. According to the _____ report, the medical tourism industry will increase in 2026.
- 'Global Health Travel' 'Patients Beyond Borders' 'World Medical Tourism Market'
39. The Medigo website provides information on more than _____ hospitals.
- 12 70 200
40. Statistics show the main reason for medical tourism is the _____.
- easy access for appointments highly qualified, trained doctors low cost
41. The 'Patients Beyond Borders' destination list was published in _____.
- 2014 2019 2020
42. _____ is a popular medical destination for famous celebrities.
- Brazil Germany Malaysia
43. Tourists prefer India for _____ surgery.
- cancer eye heart
44. According to 'Patients Beyond Borders', Singapore is listed in the _____ position.
- third fourth fifth
45. Turkey offers discounts on its _____ to attract medical tourists.
- airline flights five-star rooms laser surgeries

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Writing 2 (continued)

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- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل (□) وفق النموذج الآتي:
س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
□ القاهرة □ الدوحة
■ مسقط □ أبوظبي
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (■) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتنال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمين ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أياً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.

صحيح ■ غير صحيح □



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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Mrs. Sally and her previous student Mark. Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Mrs. Sally was Mark's _____ teacher.
 Math English Science

2. Mrs. Sally listened to Mark's report about _____ .
 health shopping travel

3. Mark's programme focusses on _____ .
 adults children teenagers

4. Mrs. Sally knew Mark to be a _____ student.
 sociable shy worried

5. According to Mark, _____ students are working at the local radio station.
 three four six

6. Mark says it was difficult for him to _____ while broadcasting.
 be natural deal with equipment read a script

7. In the future, Mark wants to be a _____ .
 producer journalist computer engineer

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a hiker called *Emma Gatewood*.

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

8. How old was Emma when she started hiking?

9. What did she do for a living after marriage?

10. Which magazine inspired her to start hiking?

11. How was her first hiking experience?

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

12. Emma became a famous hiker after she appeared in a _____ .

- documentary film newspaper article TV show

13. During her second hiking trip, she was supported by _____ .

- associations strangers friends

14. She hiked the Appalachian Trail in 1963 for the _____ time.

- first second third

15. In her lifetime, she hiked a total of _____ thousand miles.

- 2 14 60

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. You will be amazed with the _____ view of the city if you stand at the top of the tower.
- bizarre normal terrible stunning
17. You need to add the contact information for your second _____ to your CV so we can get in touch with him.
- customer editor pioneer referee
18. He decided to take a mountaineering training programme as he will _____ to reach the summit of Jabal Shams, next winter.
- attempt hesitate navigate pretend
19. "Can you please check if your details are _____? I think there is something wrong."
- accurate basic compulsive stable
20. As the company's debts reached 10 million RO, it was forced to announce its _____.
- consolation bankruptcy promotion tolerance

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Sara: How was your check-up appointment yesterday? Was everything OK?

Laila: Well, my cholesterol level was high and I was ⁽²¹⁾ refer / referred to a nutritionist.

Sara: ⁽²²⁾ What / When did he tell you?

Laila: He told me to avoid ⁽²³⁾ eating / to eat food containing fat, oil and sugar. He also told me that I ⁽²⁴⁾ ought / should eat lots of vegetables and walk for forty five minutes a day.

Sara: Did he advise you to do anything else?

Laila: He told me to reduce my weight ⁽²⁵⁾ so / and go for a check-up every four months.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

Ecotourism - a new type of travel - has been (26) to make sure that both tourists and residents have a positive experience. The aim of ecotourism is to provide an enriching experience for tourists while taking care of the environment. It (27) travellers to be sensitive to local people and cultures. Also, it teaches tourists to be (28) for the environment. Furthermore, ecotourism makes residents work to improve their lives and feel (29) connected to the land. It also raises travellers' levels of awareness. The hope (30) the future is to increase travellers' commitment and passion for our beloved planet Earth.

26. create creates creating created
27. encourages imagines provides receives
28. popular furious responsible strange
29. less least more most
30. at by for from

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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. The best thing about my job is the people I work with. We have a lot of fun at work. The worst thing is the timings of the shift-work. I hate working at night and very early in the morning. I don't think I'm going to continue working here.

Statement**True****False**

The writer is unhappy with his working hours.

32. Scientists have built a 300kph racing car that uses biofuel with a mix of chocolate waste and vegetable oil. The project is intended to show how car-manufacturing could become environmentally friendly. Currently, biofuel cars are not allowed to participate in auto racing.

Statement**True****False**

Nowadays, biofuel cars are widely used in car racing.

33. When I visited Marrakech, I stayed in a traditional house in the old city. There are hundreds of these very popular old houses, called Riyaads. They have been turned into charming guesthouses to attract more visitors. However, luxurious hotels still receive the most visitors.

Statement**True****False**

Most tourists in Mararakech stay in old houses.

34. According to the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management report, an earthquake hit Sulawesi Island, Friday 15 January, 2021. Forty two people were killed, six hundred and thirty seven were injured and fifteen thousand were reported missing.

Statement**True****False**

More people died than were reported missing.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Currently, I work as a journalist at a local newspaper. Mainly, I write stories about local issues, and sometimes I interview politicians. My future plan is to work at a well-known international newspaper and have the opportunity to work abroad with experienced journalists.

Statement

True False

The writer's dream is to be an international journalist.

36. My plane was three hours late. I walked around the shops in the airport, and drank coffee as I didn't feel like eating anything. Unfortunately, they served a cold, tasteless sandwich on the plane which I couldn't eat although I was very hungry.

Statement

True False

The passenger had a meal while shopping.

37. The first Earth Hour was held on 31 March, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in Sydney, Australia. More than two million residents and two thousand companies turned their lights out for one hour. More cities decided to have their own 'Lights Out' event in the same year in October.

Statement

True False

More than one city turned off their lights in March, 2007.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

Trusted Media Brands

Trusted Media Brands, previously known as the 'Reader's Digest Association', is an American multi-digital platform media and publishing company. The Reader's Digest Association company was founded by DeWitt Wallace, and his wife Lila Bell, in New York City in 1922. Later, the name of the company was changed to Trusted Media Brands in September, 2015 by Bonnie Kintzer, the Chief Content Officer (CCO). The new name was chosen to include the various brands of the company under one umbrella rather than just 'Reader's Digest'. The company now contains ten well-known brands which are 'Taste of Home', 'Reader's Digest', 'The Healthy', 'Family Handyman', 'Birds & Blooms', 'Country', 'Country Woman', 'Farm & Ranch Living', 'Reminisce' and 'Haven Home Media', which is the latest.

Trusted Media Brands has continued to publish 'Reader's Digest' magazine with its inspiring true stories and up-to-date information. It reaches an average audience of nineteen million. It contains fifty editions translated into twenty different languages. These editions include Indian, Australian, Canadian, Portuguese, Swedish and many more. At one time, there was an Arabic edition, titled 'Al Mukhtar', which was published in Egypt. However, it was stopped in 1993 by the 'Reader's Digest Association'.

According to Trusted Media Brands CCO, during the COVID 19 pandemic, the most visited and electronically read magazine is the 'Taste of Home' where the number of visitors reached more than 32.3 million. The 'Family Handyman' is the second most widely read magazine with 9.6 million readers. Bonnie Kintzer stated that the reason for this increase was that the company works hard to create engaging content to support the growing numbers of readers of all ages who want to break the boredom of having to stay at home during COVID 19. For example, people appreciate the 'Taste of Home' as it provides them with new home recipes. It also provides them with information to help them store their food supplies smartly. The 'Family Handyman' supports families with online courses on how to repair their homes and these are suitable for all ages.

All in all, the Trusted Media Brands' administration board is very efficient and powerful. The company operates about 60 branded websites. It uses its database of more than 140 million consumers to market books, special-interest magazines, music, videos, financial and health products in 76 countries. According to recent statistics, 80 million visitors a month log into the Trusted Media Brands websites in addition to the 16 million people who read the paper magazine.

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. The 'Reader's Digest Association' was established in _____ .
 1922 1993 2015
39. The name 'Trusted Media Brands' was introduced by _____ .
 Bonnie Kintzer DeWitt Wallace Lila Bell
40. The 'Reader's Digest' is translated into _____ languages.
 19 20 50
41. The translated edition which was stopped, was published in _____ .
 Australia Egypt India
42. According to Trusted Media Brands CCO, the _____ registered the highest number of visitors.
 'Haven Home Media' 'Family Handyman' 'Taste of Home'
43. The number of readers has increased during COVID 19 because the content _____.
 engages all ages is well known is amusing
44. The content of 'Taste of Home' covers _____.
 cooking recipes projects online courses
45. Trusted Media Brands has more than sixteen million monthly _____.
 paper magazine readers special interest websites online visitors

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Writing 1 (continued)

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Writing 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following *narrative* writing task. Write at least **100 words**.

Think about *a special place you visited which has happy memories for you*.

Include in your story the following:

Where did you go?

Who was with you?

What did you do there?

What made it so special?

Your writing should be *clear, interesting and well-organised*.

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