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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE SEVEN

Semester One

First Session

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2 hours

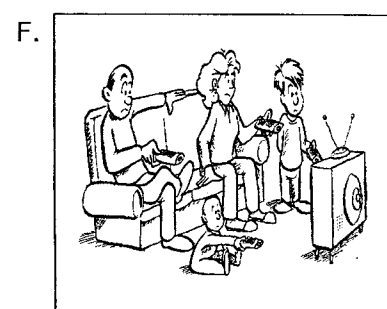
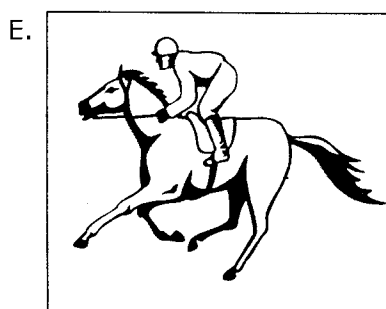
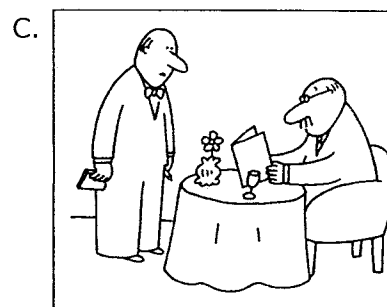
Pages: 9 or 10

TEST SCORES	LISTENING	10	
	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)

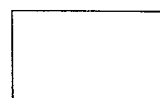
(5 marks)

You are going to hear five short texts about **Anna's family** and **their free time activities**. Match the pictures with the texts. For each text, shade in the bubble under the correct option.



Pictures

Text	A	B	C	D	E	F
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LISTENING 2 (Items 6–10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear a **text** about **Life in Deserts**.

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

6. Deserts are very _____ at night.

- hot dry cold

7. People in the deserts live in _____ and mud houses.

- cement wood tent

8. There is little water in the deserts because there isn't much _____.

- people rain animal

9. Lizards often come at night to search for _____.

- food water shelter

10. People in deserts wear white clothes to protect themselves against the strong _____.

- sun sand wind

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**LISTENING
SCORE**

10

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1-5)

(2½ marks)

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

Cairo is the capital city of Egypt. It is considered the ⁽¹⁾_____ African city because it has a population of about 9,690,000 and it covers 20 sq km of lands. Most people live in areas around the coast of the Nile ⁽²⁾_____. There are different types of traditional ⁽³⁾_____ like Falafel and Kushari. The ⁽⁴⁾_____ in Cairo is warm or hot during the day and cool at night. The city includes many ⁽⁵⁾_____ places such as the Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum. People call this city the mother of the world(the well- Guarded).

1.

smallest

shortest

largest

2.

Sea

River

Ocean

3.

clothes

buildings

food

4.

weather

money

home

5.

boring

interesting

frightening

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6-10)

(2½ marks)

Complete each sentence with **ONE** word only.

6. He is shorter _____ his brother.

7. I _____ go to the cinema with my family last night.

8. Paul _____ Ahmed like planting flowers.

9. I was fishing _____ my cousin fall in the water.

10. _____ I have two bags of potatoes? Yes, you can.

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11–20)**(5 marks)**

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

EXAMPLE:

"Good morning! My name's Ahmed Al-Zedjali and I'm a student at a school in Muscat. I'm in Grade Six. My favourite subject is Maths."

TEXT

Speaker A: Good morning Huda. You look busy. What are you doing?

Speaker B: I am busy **wi**_____ my project. I'm writing about a **fam**_____ Omani language expert -Al-Frahidi. Do you have **a**_____ information about him?

Speaker A: I read an article about him. He was one of the **mo**_____ important people to write about Arabic language.

Speaker B: Do you know that he was **bo**_____ in Al-Batina in 718?

Speaker A: Yes, I know but he grew up in Iraq and he **vis**_____ many Arab countries to find out more about the language.

Speaker B: Does the article talk about his work? I **ne**_____ more information about it.

Speaker A: Yes, it **do**_____. He invented the system for writing vowels in Arabic words and he wrote the first Arabic **dict**_____ which was called Al-'Ain.

Speaker B: I hope this information helps you. Good luck with **yo**_____ project.

GRM/VCB
SCORE

10

READING 1 (Items 1-4)

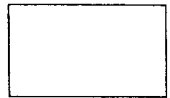
(4 marks)

Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. Shade in the bubble under the correct option.

1. Grasslands are very hot and have rains in one season only.
2. I still get confused with the different coins and notes in the USA.
3. Gandi was a great leader, he spoke in front of thousands of people.
4. Eman doesn't like to help her uncle at his shop.

A. It takes time to learn how to use them when shopping.
B. There are lots of trees, bushes and wild animals like tigers.
C. They eat insects and have slippery leaves.
D. When he was young, he was shy and quite.
E. She is selfish and lazy and she doesn't like to work.
F. I enjoy asking questions about everything around me and I like doing experiments.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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4.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



READING 2 (Items 5–10)**(6 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Dear Rashid,

How are you? Thank you for your last letter. It seems that you enjoy your holiday in Holland. My friend Omar went on a holiday too.

Omar was excited when he was going to China with his mom. Both of them had never travelled out of the United Arab Emirates before. They were going to fly to Hong Kong. After staying in Hong Kong for three nights, they would travel on a ship to Shanghai and Beijing.

Beijing is an island, so they took about two-hours by bus to get there from the port. They went to different places such as the Great Wall and the Tiananmen Square. They had lovely time there and took lots of photos.

By the way, I bought a book about China and I am planning to visit all the beautiful places next year.

Wish you all the best in your holiday and I hope you can send me some photos of your holiday.

Best wishes

Nasser

READING 2 (continued)

For each question, write a short answer (not more than FOUR WORDS).

5. Where is Rashid now?

6. Who travelled to Hong Knog?

7. How long did they stay in Hong Kong?

8. How did they travel to Shanghai?

9. Where did they go in Beijing island?

10. Where is the writer going to travel next year?

**READING
SCORE**

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10

WRITING 1

(5 marks)

Write at least **60 words** on the following topic:

"Shopping doesn't help you save money."

-Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING 2

(5 marks)

Write a story of at least **60 words** based on the following pictures.

You can use the words in the box to help you.

You can also put in more details to make your story lively and interesting.

holiday	forest	rabbit	run
lost	cry	light	happy

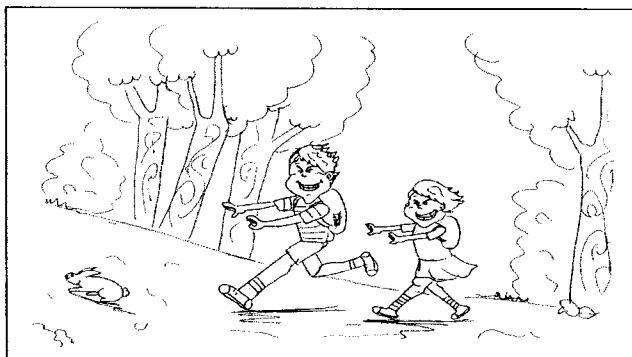
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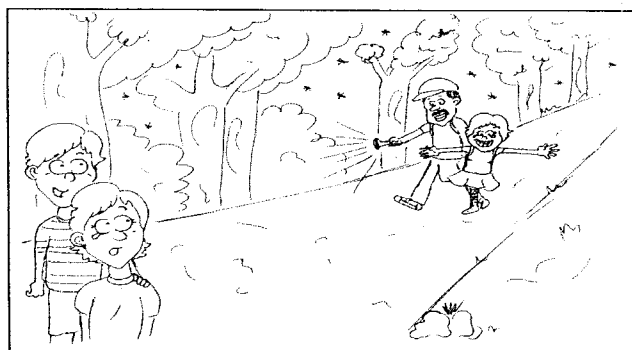
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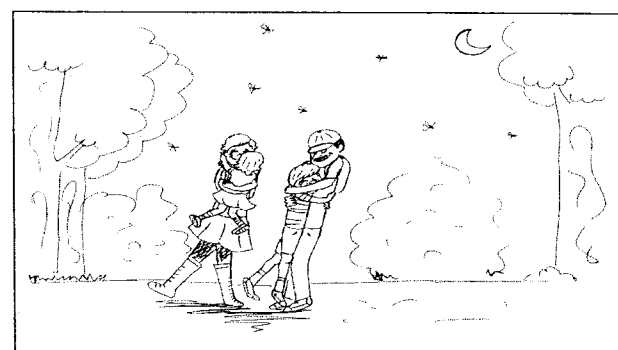
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WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING SCORE	
	10

LISTENING 1 (5 mks)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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5.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

LISTENING 2 (5 mks)			
6.	<input type="radio"/> hot	<input type="radio"/> dry	<input checked="" type="radio"/> cold
7.	<input type="radio"/> cement	<input type="radio"/> wood	<input checked="" type="radio"/> tent
8.	<input type="radio"/> people	<input checked="" type="radio"/> rain	<input type="radio"/> animal
9.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> food	<input type="radio"/> house	<input type="radio"/> stones
10.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> sun	<input type="radio"/> sand	<input type="radio"/> wind

Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

GRM/ VCB 1 (2.5 mks)			
1.	<input type="radio"/> smallest	<input type="radio"/> shortest	<input checked="" type="radio"/> largest
2.	<input type="radio"/> Sea	<input checked="" type="radio"/> River	<input type="radio"/> Ocean
3.	<input type="radio"/> clothes	<input type="radio"/> buildings	<input checked="" type="radio"/> food
4.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> weather	<input type="radio"/> money	<input type="radio"/> home
5.	<input type="radio"/> boring	<input checked="" type="radio"/> interesting	<input type="radio"/> frightening

Notes: Half-a-mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.

GRM/ VCB 2 (2.5 mks)	GRM/ VCB 3 (5 mks)	
6. than 7. didn't 8. and 9. when 10. Can	11. <u>with</u> 12. fam <u>ous</u> 13. <u>any</u> 14. <u>most</u> 15. <u>born</u>	16. <u>visited</u> 17. <u>need</u> 18. <u>does</u> 19. <u>dictionary</u> 20. <u>your</u>
<i>Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling <u>must</u> be correct.</i>	<i>Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling <u>must</u> be correct, including grammatical endings.</i>	

READING 1 (4 mks)							READING 2 (6 mks)	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	5. Holland 6. Omar and his mom. 7. (for) three nights 8. (on) a ship 9. the Great Wall and the Tiananmen Square 10. China	
1.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
2.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
4.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
<i>Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u>.</i>							<i>Notes: One mark each. Complete accuracy in grammar and spelling is not required, but answers must be <u>clearly</u> and <u>convincingly</u> correct.</i>	

WRITING 1 (5 mks)	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discusses the topic in a lively, interesting way, making effective use of supporting arguments. – The points made by the writer are logically organised and very clear. – Makes use of a fair range of structures and vocabulary, with a good level of accuracy.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discusses the topic reasonably well, but use of supporting arguments is not fully effective. – The points made by the writer are reasonably well organized and mostly clear. – Use of grammar and vocabulary is reasonably correct, though rather limited in range.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Expresses opinions with some use of supporting arguments, but only in a limited way. – The writer makes an attempt to organise his/her points, but this is only partly effective. – There is a noticeable lack of accuracy in the use of grammar and vocabulary.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Makes an attempt to discuss the topic, but the result is unconvincing and clearly inadequate. – Weak organization makes it difficult to follow the points being made by the writer. – Grammar and vocabulary contain frequent serious errors.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A <u>very</u> feeble attempt to discuss the topic. Very little relevant content. – The points made by the writer are confused and disjointed. – The language used is extremely limited and/or seriously distorted.
0	<u>No attempt at the task</u> : EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the topic) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

WRITING 2 (5 mks)	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tells the story fully and clearly, in a lively, interesting way, providing appropriate details. – The text is coherent and easy to read. Not many language errors.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tells the story clearly enough, but writing lacks interest for the reader. – There are several noticeable language errors and the text sometimes lacks coherence.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Manages to convey the main outline of the story, but only in a limited way. – Language used is limited in range and/or contains quite frequent errors.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An attempt is made to tell the story, but important points are either missing or unclear. – Language used is very limited and/or contains many serious errors.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A <u>very</u> feeble attempt to tell the story. Very little relevant content. – Language used is extremely limited and/or seriously distorted.
0	<u>No attempt at the task</u> : EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the pictures/ task/ instructions) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

* **NOTE:** In WRITING 2, test-writers actually have two different task-options to choose from (**Picture Story** or **Task Instructions**) when preparing the exam-paper. However, as both of these require student to produce a **narrative** text, the same Rating Scale can be used, whichever type of task they use.

Listening script**LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)****(5 marks)**

You are going to hear five short texts about **Anna's family and their free time activities**. Match the pictures with the texts. For each text, shade in the bubble under the correct option.

Anna enjoys playing with the sands. Every weekend, she asks her father to take her

1. Her father goes to the beach.
2. Her father David likes horses. He has a white strong horse. He spends his holidays in the farm riding his horse.
3. Anna's uncle Jack likes music. Anna enjoys listening to him while he plays with his flute.
4. Her mother Sara loves gardening. She spends most of her free time taking care of her plants.
5. Anna likes to sit with her family in the afternoon. They spend their time watching their favorite nature TV program.

LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)**(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a **text** about **Life in Deserts**.
For each item, shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

The deserts are very dry places. Most deserts are hot during the day but at night they can be very cold. In the deserts, people live in tents and mud houses. They like to keep sheep, goats and camels. They eat dates from palm trees and drink milk from goats and cows. Meat is also part of their diet.

There is little water in the deserts because there is little rain. Therefore, only a few people, plants, and animals live there. Small animals such as lizards often escape from the hot weather by digging under the ground. They only come out at night to search for food. Camels survive in hot deserts by storing water in their humps.

People living in the desert move frequently to search for water. They wear white clothes to protect themselves against the strong sun. People trade in wool and animals' skins. They also buy and sell animals.