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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE EIGHT

Semester One First Session

Name		
School	Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2 hours

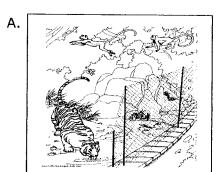
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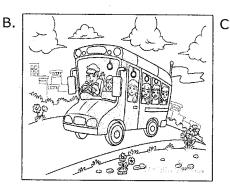
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TEST SCORES	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	

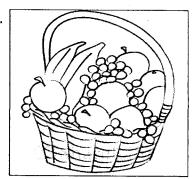
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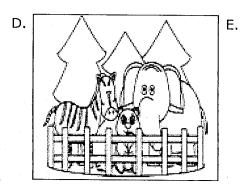
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You are going to hear five short texts about some zoo activities. Match the pictures with the texts. For each text, shade in the bubble \bigcirc under the correct option.

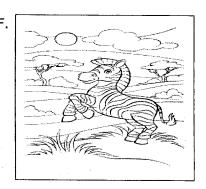












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LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)

(5 marks)

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You For	are g each	going to hear a text about item, shade in the bubb	ut free ole 🔿	time. next to the correct option	ı.	
6.	In h	is free time, Issa enjoys			•	
	0	playing games		watching TV	0	going fishing
7.	Issa	's mother likes				
	0	plants	0	cooking	0	sports
						•
8.	Issa	likes meeting with his _	<u> </u>	in the evening.		
	0	friends	0	brothers	0	parents
9.	Most	people in Issa's hometo	own ar	e		
	0	unhappy	0	friendly	0	lazy
10.	Issa	thinks that reading befo	re goi	ng to bed is	•	
	0	difficult	0	boring	0	useful
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SCORE

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1-5)

(2½ marks)

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

	(2) (3) Now if	t is difficul	to one another less time than le	on tter	people filine. Also, using emai writing and it is cheap that we will ever ⁽⁵⁾ with people.	l or se er thar	nding te ı making	ext messages phone calls.
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5.	0	see		>	take	0	go	
			ABULARY 2 (It		•			(2½ marks)
6.	The o	Jlobe was	invented		Al Idrisi.			
7.	They	/	lived in th	nat l	nouse for ten years.			
8.	Ahm	ed used _	be	e a g	good teacher.			
9.	Thes	se	the book	s yo	ou asked for.			
10	. Lina	a likes to h	elp	I	mother in the kitchen.			

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11-20)

(5 marks)

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

EXAMPLE:

"Go<u>od</u> morning! M<u>y</u> name's Ahmed Al-Zedjali a<u>nd</u> I'm a stu<u>dent</u> at a sch<u>ool</u> in Muscat. I'm in Gr<u>ade</u> Six. My favo<u>urite</u> subject is Maths."

TEXT

Speaker A:	Would you like so cookies? I just made th .	
Speaker B:	Th you. Yes, I would	
Speaker A:	These a chocolate, a those are almond flavoured.	
Speaker B:	I'll try a chocolate one fi Mmmmm this is delicious. Are th hard to make?	
Speaker A:	No, they are quite ea I've got the recipe.	
Speaker B:	so I just follow t directions?	
Speaker A:	Yes and you can ma some tonight.	
	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.** What do you think will happen by the year 2020?
- **2.** My brother and I sometimes work in a local business.
- **3.** I often like repairing things, cooking and getting up early.
- **4.** Beaches are beautiful, but they can be very dangerous too.

- **A.** But I dislike wasting time chatting on the telephone and sleeping late.
- **B.** If I got lost in a big city, I would ask for the way or buy a road map.
- **C.** Well, I think some fun inventions like talking robots might be invented.
- **D.** She is going for an interview at the Sun Travel Agency at 9.15.
- **E.** When we have enough money, I think we're going to open up a business of our own.
- **F.** So you always need to remember the beach safety rules and never swim alone.

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2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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READING 2 (Items 5-10)

(6 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Dear Ahmed,

How are you. I just want to let you know that I'm planning to go for a holiday. I really don't like holidays with hotels, beaches and swimming pools, and I'm not interested in sightseeing in old cities. Could I go on a safari and see animals in Africa. Or maybe I should visit Australia and swim with dolphins.

But when I choose a holiday, I always have the same problem. I don't want to see lots of other tourists. I want to be the only person there. The problem is there are other tourists everywhere these days. Is there anywhere in the world without other people?

What about Antarctica? It's huge and beautiful. Between 1,000 and 5,000 scientists work there, but nobody lives there. There are no cities so there's no pollution or noisy traffic. It sounds perfect! But, there are also tourists in Antarctica. Tourism in Antarctica began in the late 1950s. Nowadays, about 50,000 tourists from all over the world go by ship to the continent every year and the number of cruises is increasing.

So can you help me to decide what I should do, go to Antarctica, go somewhere else or stay at home?

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READING 2 (continued)

Fo	r each question, write a short answer (not more than FO)	UR WORDS).		
5.	What does Ali plan for?			
	What could Ali see in Africa?			
	What does not Ali like to see when he travels anywhere?			
	How many scientists work in Antarctica?			
	When did to wise start in Auto 15. 2			
	When did tourism start in Antarctica?			
).	What does Ali ask Ahmed for ?			
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		READING	_	
		SCORE	10	

WRITING 1	(5 marks)
Write at least 60 words on the following topic:	
"Inventions make life easier" -Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.	
Your writing should be clear and well-organized.	
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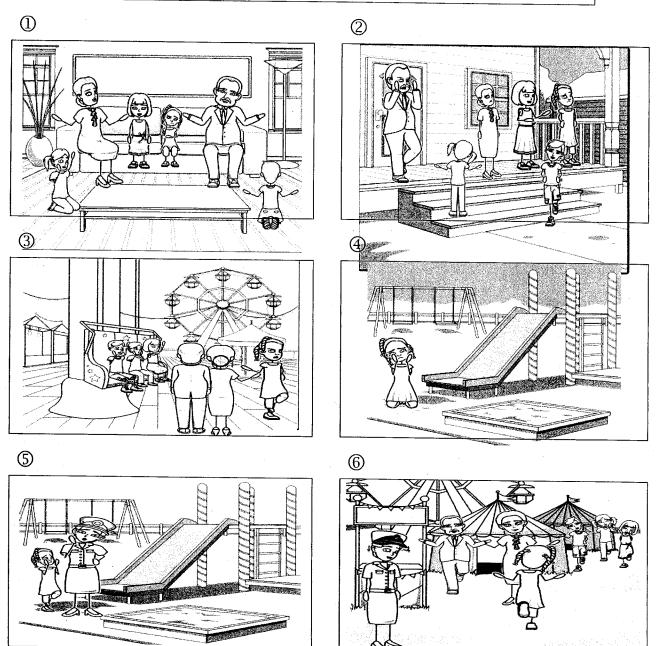
WRITING 2 (5 marks)

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.

plan	leave	park	lost
cry	find	police woman	happy



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WRITING 2 (continu	ıed)		,			
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MARKING GUIDE TOTAL MARKS: 40 page 1 of 3

			LISTENING 1	(5 mks)		
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1.	0	0		0	0	0
2.	0		0	0	0	0
3.	0	0	0	0	0	
4.	0	0	0	0		0
5.		0	0	0	0	0
Notes:	Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .					

			LISTE	ENING 2 (5 mks)			
6.	0	playing games		watching TV	0	going fishing	
7.	•	p <i>lants</i>	0	cooking	0	sports	
8.		friends	0	brothers	0	parents	
9.	0	unhappy	•	friendly	0	lazy	
10.	0	difficult	0	boring		useful	
Note	Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .						

			GRM/ VCE	3 1 (2.5 mks)			
1.	0	g <i>ives</i>	•	allows	0	finds	
2.	0	become	0	drive	•	chat	
3.	0	leaves	•	t <i>akes</i>	0	g <i>ives</i>	
4.	•	i <i>magine</i>	0	f <i>orget</i>	0	m <i>ake</i>	
5.	0	see	0	take	•	go	
Note	Notes: Half-a-mark each. Responses must be indicated <u>clearly</u> .						

	GRM/ VCB 2 (2.5 mks)	GRM/ VCB 3 (5 mks)				
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10.	her	15.	a <u>nd</u>	20.	ma <u>ke</u>	
Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct.			Notes: Half-a-mark each. Spelling must be correct, including grammatical endings.			

		REA	DING 1	(4 mks)	READING 2 (6 mks)			
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	5. a holiday	
1.	0	0	•	0	0	0	6. animals	
2.	0	0	0	0		0	7. tourists	
3.		0	0	0	0	0	8. Between 1,000- 5,000	
4.	0	0	0	0	0		9. In the 1950s	
							10. help/advice	
Notes	Notes: One mark each. Responses must be indicated clearly.						Notes: One mark each. Complete a in grammar and spelling is not requanswers must be clearly and convircorrect.	ired, but

	WRITING 1 (5 mks)
5	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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	No attempt at the task: 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	 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	 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	 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	 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	 A <u>very</u> feeble attempt to tell the story. Very little relevant content. Language used is extremely limited and/or seriously distorted.
0	No attempt at the task: EITHER Irrelevant (Completely unrelated to the pictures/ task/ instructions) OR Hardly any writing at all, or not written in English OR Complete nonsense

^{* &}lt;u>NOTE</u>: In WRITING 2, test-writers actually have <u>two</u> 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 ONE

You are going to hear five short texts about activities in the zoo. Match the pictures with the texts. For each text, shade in the bubble \bigcirc under the correct option.

- 1. It was a great zoo picnic, we had some time to eat fruits and we really enjoyed it there.
- 2. Riding on the school bus was fun. There were some of my friends and we were all so happy.
- 3. There, we saw a beautiful zebra which was playing. We stopped to watch the zebra and take some photos.
- 4. It was the first time for me to see a Panda. It was climbing a tree and was eating some leaves.
- 5. There was a thirsty tiger which was drinking some water. There were also some rocks there. We really enjoyed the view.

LISTENING TWO

You are going to hear a text about Issa's free time. For each item, shade in the bubble ○ next to the correct option.

My name is Issa. My free time is when my homework is done for the day and I am "free" to do things that I enjoy doing. Usually I spend time watching television and I make sure that I finish my homework well before the shows. Or I will have to miss them.

Helping my mother in the garden is another thing I do. She plants flowers and I enjoy helping her take care of them. It is a pleasure to feel the soil and the plants, remove the weeds and do the little things that help the plants grow better.

In the evening, I go around the neighborhood with my friends. This is the time when most the neighbors have come home from work or school. We say hello to those whom we know. They are mostly friendly people.

In the night, I usually do a bit of reading before going to bed. Books are like little treasure chests. A lot of information and knowledge are to be found in them . This is certainly a very beneficial way to spend my free time. After a spot of reading, it is time on to another day.

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Grade 8

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item 1: Both of pictures C+D can be considered correct answers.

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