

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST**GRADE EIGHT****Semester One****First Session**

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper**Time: 2 hours****Pages: 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 people speaking. Who are they (talking)(to)?
Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

mother

dentist

teacher

shopkeeper

driver

waiter

1. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐2. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐3. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐4. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐5. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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

You are going to hear a text about a Natural Reserves.

Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

6. Where is Jebel Samhan Reserve?

7. When was it opened?

8. What animal lives in the reserve?

9. What does it eat?

10. How is the weather in Jebel Samhan Reserve in summer?

**LISTENING
SCORE**

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VOCABULARY (Items 1-5)**(2½ marks)**

For each item, read the definition and the example.

Then complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word. Make sure your spelling is correct.

Example: (noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked
e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit** c h e n.

1. (adjective) not clean

e.g. Your hands are **di** _ _ _

2. (noun) the meal you eat in the evening.

e.g. My family always has **di** _ _ _ _ at 8 o'clock .

3. (verb) to cry out loudly.

e.g. Children **scr** _ _ _ whenever they see big dogs.

4. (adverb) doing things fast.

e.g. We should do our homework **qui** _ _ _ _ .

5. (adjective) not safe

e.g. computer games are very **dan** _ _ _ _ _ for children.



GRAMMAR (Items 6-10)**(2½ marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.
(There are five extra words in the box.)

The Arabian Leopard is ⁽⁶⁾ _____ largest wild cat in Arabia. Sixty years ago there were a lot of them ⁽⁷⁾ _____ the mountains in Oman. You will probably never see a wild leopard nowadays ⁽⁸⁾ _____ they are almost extinct. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, they were shot ⁽⁹⁾ _____ hunters for their valuable skins. Another reason is, losing of their habitats which made the number ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ leopards become less.

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| 6. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)**(5 marks)**

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

When I was a child, I (11)_____ in a small town. It (12)_____ near the beach. It had (13)_____ old buildings and houses. Now, I am living in a villa (14)_____ Muscat. It is (15)_____ to some big malls and green parks. There's also an amazing (16)_____ with lovely exciting animals and birds. In the evenings, I go jogging on the beach. It is my favourite (17)_____ time activity. I also (18)_____ shells with my sister. There (19)_____ many things you can do here. I (20)_____ this city.

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| 11. ☐ live | ☐ lives | ☐ lived | ☐ living |
| 12. ☐ was | ☐ were | ☐ has | ☐ have |
| 13. ☐ a | ☐ an | ☐ some | ☐ very |
| 14. ☐ in | ☐ on | ☐ of | ☐ with |
| 15. ☐ closing | ☐ close | ☐ clothes | ☐ clock |
| 16. ☐ bank | ☐ pharmacy | ☐ school | ☐ zoo |
| 17. ☐ free | ☐ fast | ☐ freeze | ☐ fame |
| 18. ☐ complete | ☐ collect | ☐ connect | ☐ call |
| 19. ☐ is | ☐ are | ☐ has | ☐ have |
| 20. ☐ love | ☐ loves | ☐ loving | ☐ lovely |

**GRM/VCB
SCORE**

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READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

Match the texts with the pictures.

For each text, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.



Pictures

Texts

1. Running is a fantastic outdoor activity. It helps to keep the body healthy and people can go run with their friends.
2. Khalid likes doing some exercises. In his free time, he puts on his helmet and knee pads, and goes around on his roller skates.
3. Watching TV is one of my favourite indoor activities. Every Friday I sit with my family and watch a film.
4. Jack is an interpersonal student. He likes to work in groups. He always helps his friends in their projects.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



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

Turtles are one of the most amazing animals in the world. Many turtles are endangered, so, some people like to keep them in a special tank at their homes. They become very close and friendly to their owners. Keeping turtles is cheap, as people need to pay only for their tanks. Turtles are tidy animals and they don't cause any problems at home like other animals. Also, the water in their tanks will get dirty slowly, so you can clean them only once a month. However, as turtles grow up they need larger tanks which cost a lot of money and require enough space to move easily. Also the heat of the lamp inside the tanks may not be enough so their skin becomes soft and die suddenly. Besides, many turtles need a variety of six or seven meals daily. Their favourite meal is fish but as they become old they like eating a lot of vegetables. Some turtles also have wide tails and very sharp claws so people should be careful when giving them their food. Old turtles can also carry dangerous diseases which people could catch and spread. All in all, I am very happy to be a turtle owner. I advise everybody to keep turtles but be careful because as these animals grow older they become dangerous.

READING 2 (continued)

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

5. At home people keep turtles in a large _____.

☐ box

☐ room

☐ tank

6. People can clean their turtles _____.

☐ once a day

☐ once a week

☐ once a month

7. _____ is dangerous for turtle.

☐ Less food

☐ Less heat

☐ Less water

8. As turtles grow up they like eating _____.

☐ fish

☐ fruit

☐ vegetables

9. People can be injured with turtles' _____.

☐ claws

☐ tail

☐ teeth

10. The writer is _____ to own turtles.

☐ sad

☐ happy

☐ upset

READING SCORE	10