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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE TEN

Academic Year -2024/ 2025
Semester One - First Session

Name			
School		**Class**	

Write your answers on the Test Paper	**Total Marks: 60**
Time: 2½ hours	**Pages: 12**

ELEMENT		Marks		Signature with Name	
		In Numbers	In Words	First Marker	Second Marker
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY	5				
GRAMMAR	5				
READING	20				
WRITING	15				
TOTAL	60				

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) **(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Sara and Alex.
Listen, and shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.

1. Wind energy was first used in _____.

⬭ China ⬭ Netherlands ⬭ Egypt

2. Europeans depended on wind turbines to _____.

⬭ grind grain ⬭ sail boats ⬭ pump water

3. The first wind turbine to produce electricity was built by _____.

⬭ James Blyth ⬭ Charles Brush ⬭ Werner Siemens

4. The most expensive material in wind turbines was _____.

⬭ wood ⬭ steel ⬭ cloth

5. The USA had the first turbine to generate electricity in _____.

⬭ 1887 ⬭ 1888 ⬭ 1899

6. Today, the third most common renewable energy used is _____energy.

⬭ solar ⬭ wind ⬭ hydropower

7. Sara got her information about renewable energy from a _____.

⬭ book ⬭ documentary ⬭ podcast

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15) **(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about ***the Sumerian Civilisation****.*
Task One: *Listen and for each item, write a short answer* ***(not more than FOUR WORDS or a NUMBER).***

8. Where was the Sumerian civilisation located? (country)

_____

9. Who ruled the Sumerian cities?

_____

10. What material did the Sumerians use for their tablets?

_____

11. Which number was the Sumerians' number system based on?

_____

Task Two: *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.*

	Statements	True	False
12.	The Sumerians based their calendars on the Sun and the Moon.	⬭	⬭
13.	The Sumerians built canals to water their farms.	⬭	⬭
14.	The main crop of the Sumerians was dates.	⬭	⬭
15.	The Sumerian civilisation ended around 2000 BCE.	⬭	⬭

LISTENING SCORE	
	15

LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY (Items 1-5) **(5 marks)**

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

In our modern world, technology plays a crucial role in how we (1) _____ with each other. The rise of social media platforms has changed the way we (2) _____ information and stay connected worldwide. These platforms allow us to (3) _____ our lives, and experiences instantly, creating a sense of global community. However, excessive screen time can negatively affect our (4) _____ span and overall well-being. To stay healthy, and to avoid getting (5) _____ to devices, it is important to reduce screen time and connect with people face-to-face.

1. ⬭ contribute ⬭ communicate ⬭ convert

2. ⬭ access ⬭ reduce ⬭ limit

3. ⬭ follow ⬭ share ⬭ comment

4. ⬭ suggestion ⬭ invention ⬭ attention

5. ⬭ addicted ⬭ trusted ⬭ powered

VOCABULARY SCORE	
	5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

GRAMMAR (Items 1–5) **(5 marks)**

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

Speaker A: Have you noticed that the new café which has recently opened in the downtown is (1) ⬭ **good** / ⬭ **better** than the old one?

Speaker B: Yes, I've heard about it. It's really nice! I used to (2) ⬭ **go**/ ⬭ **goes** to the shopping area next to the new café regularly.

Speaker A: I've never been there yet, (3) ⬭ **or** / ⬭ **but** I've seen some amazing photos online.

Speaker B: I have tried their pastries. They were exceptionally delicious and they (4) ⬭ **were** / ⬭ **was** made from healthy ingredients.

Speaker A: That sounds fantastic! I think many people (5) ⬭ **have**/ ⬭ **will** visit this new café.

Speaker B: Absolutely! Let's meet there this weekend.

GRAMMAR SCORE	
	5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING 1 (Items 1-10) **(10 marks)**

Read the email. Then, complete the tasks.

Dear Salim,

I hope you're doing well! I have recently come across different AI (Artificial Intelligence) apps related to health and marketing. However, I am fascinated by how AI apps can significantly improve our English language. I've been exploring different options lately, and it really opened a new world for learning languages. Here's what I've found that can help us on our journey!

First, have you tried using AI-powered language learning apps? Unlike traditional classroom learning which provides standardised lessons for all students, AI apps, like Duolingo and Babbel, offer personalised lessons based on your skill level. They can adapt to your performance, making learning more fun and efficient. For example, if you struggle with verb tenses, these apps will provide additional practice in that area until you feel more confident. It's like having a personal tutor!

Another great tool is chatbots.AI chatbots allow you to practice conversations anytime. Apps like Replika or even specialised English-speaking bots let you engage in conversations about various topics. They can help you improve your speaking and writing skills in a low-pressure environment. Additionally, you can practice at your own level.

Don't forget about using AI for listening practice! AI apps can generate audio stories or articles read aloud by AI voices. This can help you practice listening to different accents, although the variety of topics and speeds might be limited. Listening to various speakers can improve your comprehension skills and make learning more engaging!

Lastly, I have been reading about AI writing assistants, like the QuillBot App, that can help you improve your writing skills. The Grammarly App can also check grammar mistakes and paraphrase sentences. Using both apps can boost your confidence in using English and improve your writing skills.

In short, AI is an amazing resource for learning English! It makes practice more interactive and fun. I'm thinking of doing a presentation to my class next week about this topic. Let me know if you want to join me! We could motivate each other and exchange our experiences.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Best regards,

Ali

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING 1 (continued)

Task One: *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Ali is interested in AI apps related to _____.

⬭ health ⬭ marketing ⬭ languages

2. AI learning apps such as Duolingo and Babbel offer _____lessons.

⬭ traditional ⬭ personalised ⬭ standardised

3. Users can practice English conversations through _____App.

⬭ Babbel ⬭ Duolingo ⬭ Replika

4. AI chatbots allow users to improve their speaking and _____ skills.

⬭ vocabulary ⬭ writing ⬭ grammar

5. AI-generated audio stories provide different _____.

⬭ accents ⬭ topics ⬭ speeds

6. The QuillBot App is an AI writing _____.

⬭ skill ⬭ sentence ⬭ assistant

Task Two: *For each item, complete the missing words (**not more than TWO WORDS**).*

7. Grammarly App can _____sentences and check grammar.

8. AI writing apps can make your writing _____ better.

9. Ali believes that AI is an _____ resource for learning English.

10. Ali wants to do a _____ about AI at school.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING 2 (Items 11-20) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Magazines have been an important part of the media landscape for decades. From fashion and health to technology and news, they have covered a wide range of topics. However, with the rise of the internet, many people wonder if magazines are still relevant today. Despite facing challenges, both versions of print and digital magazines continue to play a significant role in providing information, entertainment, and education.

One major change in the magazine industry is the shift from print to digital. In recent years, many magazines that were once only available in print, have digital versions that can be read on smartphones, tablets, and computers. This digital shift has allowed magazines to reach a wider audience. The first digital magazine called 'Electric Word' was published in 1985 by Goldcrest Publishing in the UK. It was on a floppy disk and talked about technology and digital culture. This was the start of digital magazines. Today, digital magazines have become more convenient, as readers can read them anytime and anywhere. Additionally, their interactive features make the reading experience more engaging.

However, the transition to digital magazine has not been easy. Many print magazines have experienced a decline in sales. As a result, some magazines have had to close down, and others have printed fewer copies. For the magazines that are still printed, they focus on high-quality content that is different from what you can find online. Specialised print magazines that target young audiences, focusing on hobbies, lifestyle, or professional interests, have remained popular.

Despite these challenges, print magazines offer some advantages over other forms of media. They provide detailed articles which can be more reliable than quick online articles. Many readers also appreciate the physical experience of flipping pages through a print magazine which cannot be found in digital forms.

In terms of advertising, magazines still hold value. Advertisements in print magazines are often seen as more valuable compared to online advertisements. Additionally, magazine readers tend to spend more time reading and engaging with the content, which means they are more likely to see and respond to advertisements.

In conclusion, even though magazines have faced challenges in the digital age, they are still important. Both print and digital magazines have their own unique benefits, and readers continue to enjoy them for various reasons. As technology continues to develop, magazines will likely adapt further, offering new ways to engage and inform their audiences.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING 2 (continued)

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

11. What allowed magazines to reach a wider audience?

_____

12. When was the first online magazine published?

_____

13. How was the first digital magazine in the UK distributed?

_____

14. What makes digital magazines more engaging?

_____

15. Why did some print magazines close down?

Because of_____

16. Who do specialised print magazines target?

_____

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.*

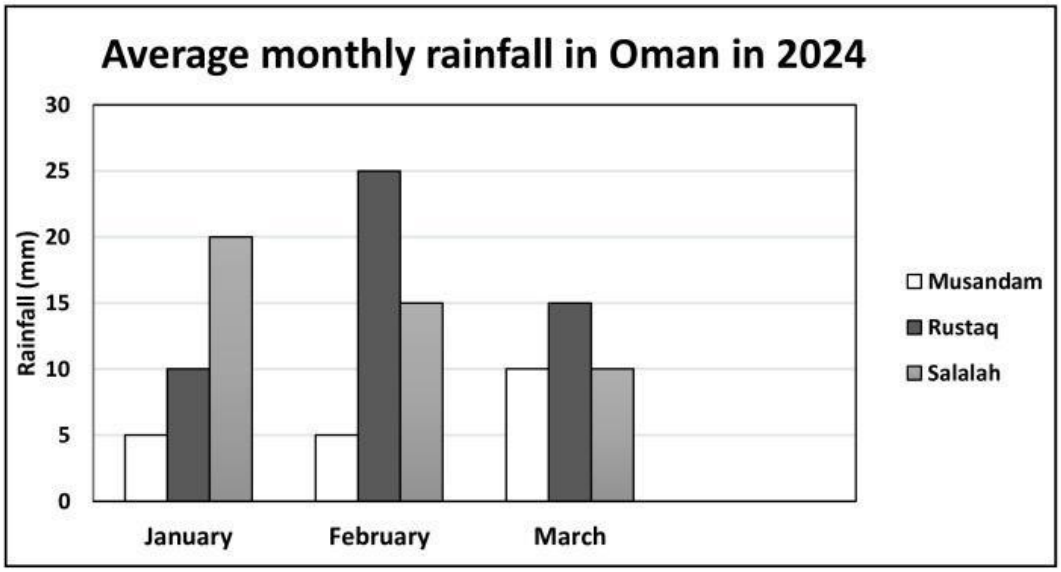
	Statements	True	False
17.	Print magazines provide detailed articles.	⬭	⬭
18.	According to the text, readers can flip pages in digital magazines.	⬭	⬭
19.	Advertisements are still valuable in print magazines.	⬭	⬭
20.	Print magazines do not have any unique benefits.	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	
	20

LIVEWORKSHEETS

WRITING 1 **(5 marks)**

Write a text including all the information in the chart below. Write ***at least 80 words****.*
Your writing should be ***clear*** *and* ***well-organised****.*



LIVEWORKSHEETS

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

WRITING 2 **(10 marks)**

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

Write a story about **a very hot summer day** you experienced. Explain how it affected your life and how you changed your daily routines to deal with the heat.

Your writing should be ***engaging*** *and* ***well-structured.***

LIVEWORKSHEETS

WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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LISTENING 1 (7 mks)			
1.	○ China	○ Netherlands	● Egypt
2.	○ grind grain	○ sail boats	● pump water
3.	● James Blyth	○ Charles Brush	○ Werner Siemens
4.	○ wood	● steel	○ cloth
5.	○ 1887	● 1888	○ 1899
6.	● solar	○ wind	○ hydropower
7.	○ book	○ documentary	● podcast

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

LISTENING 2 (8 mks)

Task One

8. In Iraq
9. kings
10. Clay
11. 60 / sixty

Notes: (i) One mark each.

(ii) Complete accuracy in grammar & spelling is not required, but answers must be clearly and convincingly correct.

(iii) In general, apply the 'not more than four words'. HOWEVER, use common sense for slightly longer, but obviously correct answers.

Task Two

	True	False
12.	●	○
13.	●	○
14.	○	●
15.	●	○

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY (5 mks)			
1.	○ contribute	● communicate	○ convert
2.	● access	○ reduce	○ limit
3.	○ follow	● share	○ comment
4.	○ suggestion	○ invention	● attention
5.	● addicted	○ trusted	○ powered

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

GRAMMAR (5 mks)		
1.	○ good	● better
2.	● go	○ goes
3.	○ or	● but
4.	● were	○ was
5.	○ have	● will

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS