

**GRADE NINE**

**READING 2**

**2022 /2023**

**Semester Two**

Name		
School		Class

**Write your answers on the Test Paper**

**Time: 45 MINUTES**

**Pages: 6**

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

Dear Ali,

My name is John. I'm 14 years old and I live in Warsaw which is the capital of Poland. During my childhood I lived in Wroclaw for nine years. Five years ago my father changed his job to earn more money and we moved to Warsaw.

I am interested in computer science, music, sport and literature. I got my first computer four years ago. It was the best thing in the world. I can make some programmes and I have my own website. I usually design informational websites to add new information for my readers.

I am good at different sports like football, tennis and handball. I am also good at racing and I have won many medals. My favourite game is chess and I play it with my father at the weekends.

I love literature. I always read fantasy books and magazines. My favourite writer is J.R.R Tolkins. While reading one of his books, I discovered "Middle Earth" game that I now play with my friends weekly.

My ambition is to study computer science and to travel to Japan. I really love the Japanese culture, customs and food. I also wish to speak Japanese. My parents promised to find me a Japanese teacher if I study English and German well. Actually, I am trying to learn some Japanese now with the help of our neighbour, David, who lived in Japan for ten years.

Next time I will write about my family members.

Best wishes,

John

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

5. Which country does John come from?

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6. Why did John's father change his job?

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7. What type of website does John like to design?

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8. When does John play chess?

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9. What type of books does John like to read?

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10. Who is teaching John Japanese now?

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

How are you and how is your family? It has been really interesting to visit you last month there in Istanbul. It is such an amazing city. I'm writing this letter and feeling so happy to start the new school year. I'm sure you are feeling the same.

However, I will tell you about how I got ready for school. You know that I'm looking forward to see my friends again and also to meet my new teacher but the most thing I'm excited about is my new bag. I sat down on the floor with all of my new school supplies and my pink bag.

First, I put my crayons in the bag. I want to use the crayons to draw pictures for my friend. Next, I put scissors, so I can use them to cut out hearts for my new teacher, Mrs. Zahra.

Then, I put in my new princess pencils. I thought of all the stories I would write using them.

Finally, I put a bottle of glitter glue. It would let everything I make sparkle. When I had everything in its place, I carefully put it next to the door. The school will begin in five days. That's all for now.

**Write to me soon.**

**Fatma**

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

**5. Who is the letter to?**

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**6. Where is her friend from?**

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7. What is Amal most excited about?

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8. What will Amal use the crayons for?

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9. What is the name of Fatma's new teacher?

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10. When will the school begin?

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

Dear Bader,

How are you? I hope you are fine. In your last e-mail, you asked me to collect some information for your school project. Well, here is some information about “The Taj Mahal”.

The Taj Mahal is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It is also one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is located in Agra, India. It is about 200 kilometers north of the capital city. It was built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631 AD. Shah Jahan loved his wife very much, but she died when she was giving birth to her first child. The emperor was very sad, then he decided to build a tomb for her so that people would always remember her name. The building work began in 1631 AD and was finished 20 years later. More than 20,000 workers helped to build the Taj Mahal. It is made of white marble. It is surrounded by beautiful gardens. It is one of India's biggest tourist attractions.

I hope this information will help you in your school project.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sami

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

**5. Why did Sami need information about the Taj Mahal?**

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**6. How far is the Taj Mahal from the capital city?**

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**7. Who built the Taj Mahal?**

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**8. How many people helped to build the Taj Mahal?**

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**9. What is the Taj Mahal made of?**

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**10. What is the Taj Mahal surrounded by?**

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