

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE NINE

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. **What** are they **celebrating**?
Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

	Muscat festival	Eid	National Day	Colours festival	Carnival	Prophet's Birthday
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LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear **a story** about **a holiday**.

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

6. When did they go on their holiday ?

7. What were they playing at night ?

8. What happened to his brother when they were making dinner ?

9. Why didn't they have enough sleep ? (because of)

10. How did they think their holiday was ?

**LISTENING
SCORE**

10

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. (verb) to end life

e.g. Animals become few every year because people **ki** _ _ them.

3. (adjective) very big

e.g. My father has a **la** _ _ _ farm. It has lots of palm trees and animals.

4. (noun) a place where you go to watch movies.

e.g. Last night my friend and I went to the **cin** _ _ _
We watched a comedy film.

5. (adverb) kindly

e.g. Tom spoke **gen** _ _ _ to his angry neighbor.

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.)

Like most offices, my office is a place (6) _____ I can do my work and feel relaxed (7) _____ the same time. Of course, I have all the necessary equipment on my desk. I have the telephone next (8) _____ the fax machine. My computer is in the center of my desk (9) _____ the monitor directly in front of me and I have (10) _____ comfortable office chair to sit on.

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.*

Elephants (11)_____ the biggest animals on land. (12)_____ live in Africa and Asia. Elephants (13)_____ got a long trunk and two big tusks made (14)_____ ivory. They daily spend (15)_____ 18 hours eating grass, (16)_____ and fruit! Unfortunately, elephants are in (17)_____ because many people kill (18)_____ for their tusks. If governments (19)_____ hunting, more elephants (20)_____ survive.

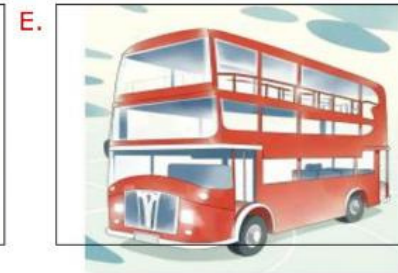
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READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

Match the texts with the pictures.

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



Texts

Pictures

1. It is a double decker vehicle. It is primarily used for commuter transport and for looking at different sights.
2. A tuck- tuck is a common form of public transportation in many countries around the world. It is usually a three-wheeled cabin cycle.
3. It is a motor vehicle with two wheels. It is used for different purposes such as long distance travel, commuting and sport like racing.
4. Children in very cold places that have snow, use snowmobile to go to school. It is used in winter because it is faster than skiing.

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READING 2 (Items 5–10)

(6 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Nearly everyone likes ice cream. Most children love it and will eat it every day. Ice cream is a sweetened frozen food typically eaten as a snack or dessert. It is usually made from dairy products, such as milk and cream with sugar. It usually has fruit or other flavours such as chocolate, coffee, or some kind of nut.

Phrases such as "frozen custard", "frozen yogurt", "sorbet", "gelato" and others are used for different types of ice cream like in the United States. But in other countries, such as Italy and Argentina, one word is used for all types.

Ice cream is not a modern invention. In China, in about 200 BCE, a mixture of milk and rice was frozen. In 37-68 CE, the Roman Emperor Nero ate ice from the mountains with pieces of fruit on the top. But his favourite one was snow flavoured with honey and nuts. Ice cream needs very cold place to store that's why it was not known for many people.

Ice cream became popular throughout the world in the second half of the twentieth century. The invention of fridges makes people all over the world know this kind of sweet. I think fridges became very common that time because they were cheaper. Nowadays, we can buy ice cream in large cartons, in bars covered with chocolate, and between or on top of biscuits. We eat it as a dessert at the end of a meal or at any time of the day or evening.

READING 2 (continued)

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

5. Ice cream is made from _____.
☐ dairy ☐ nuts ☐ fruit
6. In _____ there are many names for different types of ice cream.
☐ The USA ☐ Italy ☐ Argentina
7. The first people to eat a kind of ice cream were the _____.
☐ Romans ☐ Chinese ☐ Americans
8. Nero's favourite ice cream was made of _____.
☐ cream, sugar & fruit ☐ snow, honey & nuts ☐ Chocolate, coffee & yoghurt
9. Ice cream became popular in the _____ century.
☐ 18th ☐ 19th ☐ 20th
10. We can buy ice cream in _____.
☐ papers ☐ bags ☐ cartons

READING
SCORE

10

WRITING 1

(4 marks)

Write a paragraph about a **famous scientist** called **Ibn Sina** . Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Ibn Sina

born/980/Iran doctor / scientist

called /"The Father of modern medicine"

memorized Quran/ 10 years old

wrote/450 books famous book /" Al-Qanun"

died / 1037

WRITING 2

(6 marks)

Complete the following task. Write **at least 75 words**.

Situation: Your friend Fahad/Fatma is doing a project about how money changes our life

and asks you to help him/her. Write a **letter/email** telling him/her about **how your life**

will be different if you have lots of money.

Your writing should be clear and well-organised.

Listening Script

Listening 1: (Items 1-5)

1. The first day after Ramadan, we celebrate with family and friends. We start early morning by going to the prayers at mosque.
2. Last month I visited a very famous festival in Oman. It had many entertaining events. I enjoyed the traditional dances and crafts.
3. We celebrate this day yearly in my country . It's the birthday of his majesty Sultan Qaboos. Streets are decorated with lights and flags.
4. We celebrate this day with Muslims around the world. It is the day that Muhammed peace be upon him was born.
5. I enjoy attending a celebration in India every year. We use coloured powders that we splash on each other.

Listening 2: (Items 6-10)

We went on a family holiday last week. It was the most terrible holiday ever. First, we set our tent and had our lunch. The birds were trying to eat our food. Then we went swimming in the lake. The water was very cold, so we went back to the tent. Later, we spent the night playing Monopoly . It was so boring. Later on when we were cutting potatoes and carrots for dinner, my brother cut his hand. My mother cleaned the cut and put a plaster on it. We didn't have enough sleep that night because of bees. Next day morning, we had our breakfast and we packed our things. We went home and took my brother to the hospital to check his cut. The doctor said that the cut wasn't deep. Finally, we arrived home and we decided not to go camping again. It was really a very bad holiday.