

LISTENING 1 (Items 1–5)**(2½ marks)**

You are going to hear five short texts about **common illnesses**. Match the pictures with the texts. For each text, shade in the bubble  under the correct option.

A.**B.****C.****D.****E.****F.****Pictures**

Text	A	B	C	D	E	F
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3.	<input type="radio"/>					
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LISTENING 2 (Items 6–10)**(2½ marks)***You are going to hear a text about life in the past.**For each item, shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.*

6. Life in Oman in the past was _____.
 comfortable easy difficult

7. In the past many children died because the health care was _____.
 ill good bad

8. The roads in the past in Oman weren't _____.
 fast dusty paved

9. Many years ago, people used to travel by _____.
 animals vehicles boats

10. Today, _____ can go to school.
 girls boys and girls boys

READING 1 (Items 1–5)**(2½ marks)***Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. There is one extra text in the box.)*

1. There are many ways to exercise both alone and with friends. _____

2. I called my friends Sara last week because she was sick and she went to hospital. _____

3. There weren't many good roads in Oman in the past. _____

4. Running is a good activity for our body. Ali runs every day to make his body healthy. _____

5. The first generation of computers was very big. _____

A. Her mother replied and told me that she can't talk, so I will try to visit her.
B. He joined a club to do the exercise and keep his body fit.
C. They were the size of a room, so people couldn't have them at home.
D. Today I walked along Ras <u>Alhadd</u> beach which is the most famous beach in Sur.
E. Years ago, people had electricity for few hours only every day.
F. People <u>spent</u> weeks or months traveling from one place to another.

READING 2 (Items 6–10)**(2½ marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Dear Alia,

How are you and how is your family. I wanted to share some interesting information with you about traditional homes in Oman called Barasti houses.

Barasti houses, also known as palm branches houses. They are commonly found in coastal regions of the Arabian Gulf, particularly in the United Arab Emirates and Oman. These houses were built because of the hot weather. In summer the weather is hot and so people wanted a place to stay away from heat.

These houses are small and simple. They are made of one room with flat roof. This type of house was made of palm branches. People who live near the sea built their houses there. The weather inside the houses is cool inside because the sea air comes through the palm branches. So, it is always comfortable. Many years ago, this type of house traditional in Batinah coast. You can still see some of them by the seaside where fishermen use them to put their tools.

I hope you found this information as interesting as I did. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and catching up with you soon.

Best regards,

Maha

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

6. Where can the Barasti houses be found?

7. Why did people build Barasti houses?

8. How many rooms are in the Barasti houses ?

9. How is the weather inside the the Barasti House?

10. Who uses the Barasti Houses now?
