

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

## GRADE EIGHT

Semester One  
First Session

Name			
School		Class	

	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	


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*Alaa Robin English*

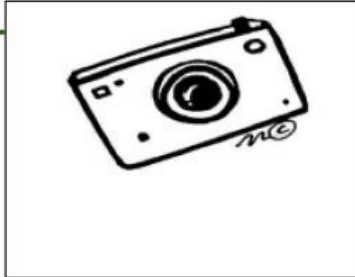
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## LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)

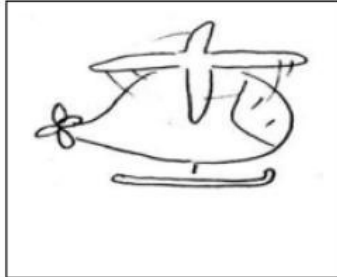
(5 marks)

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

A.



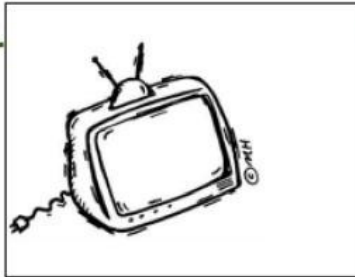
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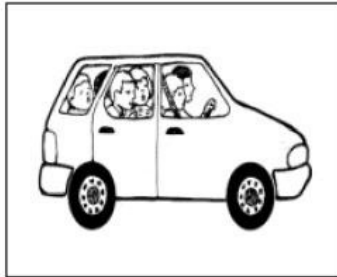
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D.



E.



F.



## Pictures

Text	A	B	C	D	E	F
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## LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear a text about The Singapore Zoo.

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



6. Newcastle is located on the north-east of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ England                      ☐ France                      ☐ The USA
7. There are \_\_\_\_\_ people who live in it.
- ☐ 2,000                      ☐ 20,000                      ☐ 200,000
8. The biggest shopping centre in Newcastle is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Metro Centre                      ☐ Newcastle Centre                      ☐ Gateshead Centre
9. The people of Newcastle are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ impolite                      ☐ friendly                      ☐ shy
10. "Geordies" are the people who are born \_\_\_\_\_ the River Tyne.
- ☐ far                      ☐ near                      ☐ behind

## GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1-5)

(2½ marks)

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

Living in cities have some disadvantages. The roads and buses are usually <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes, you may get caught up in the traffic <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on the roads. Therefore, it may take hours to get from one place to <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Many people find it very <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to live in cities so they share rooms with others in order to save money. People who are used to live in quiet places can find a lot of <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in cities.

expensive   jam   lazy   noise   drive   another   cheap   crowded

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11-20)

(5 marks)

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

Television is one of the <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ inventions of the twentieth <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It has become <sup>(13)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ important part of every home. It also has become a great resource of <sup>(14)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and entertainment for people of all ages. Television was not <sup>(15)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by one inventor. However, different inventors <sup>(16)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ many countries helped to develop the TV. People started to see coloured pictures on the TV <sup>(17)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the 1950s. Later on, the development of TV industry <sup>(18)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ grown very <sup>(19)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so that TVs come with different shapes, colours <sup>(20)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sizes.

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| 12. <input type="radio"/> year        | <input type="radio"/> month       | <input type="radio"/> century    | <input type="radio"/> week      |
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| 14. <input type="radio"/> destination | <input type="radio"/> information | <input type="radio"/> population | <input type="radio"/> ocean     |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> invented    | <input type="radio"/> inventing   | <input type="radio"/> invents    | <input type="radio"/> invent    |
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| 19. <input type="radio"/> famous      | <input type="radio"/> fast        | <input type="radio"/> first      | <input type="radio"/> false     |
| 20. <input type="radio"/> too         | <input type="radio"/> to          | <input type="radio"/> but        | <input type="radio"/> and       |

## READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. Shade in the bubble under the correct option.

1. I was playing in the garden with my family.
2. Lions live in rainforest. They have big sharp teeth and claws.
3. Radio, telephone and planes are great inventions.
4. Ahmed wanted to raise money for poor people in his village.

- A. They changed the life of people and make it much easier.
- B. Their favourite program is "the world of animals".
- C. Suddenly, I was stung by a scorpion. My father took me to the hospital.
- D. Therefore, he needs to use different materials such as screws, wires and batteries.
- E. He could collect 10 thousand Omani Riyals during the first week.
- F. They can use them to catch and eat other animals.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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## READING 2 (Items 5-10)

(6 marks)

*Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Dear Ahmed,

How are you? I just want to tell you that I have just written a report for the school magazine about an interesting animal. Guess what? It is not about the camel or the oryx that you suggested for me last time, it is about dolphins.

You can never imagine how much new information I have learned about this creature. Do you believe that there are about 40 different species of dolphins and 5 of them are river dolphins? Here is another thing, they are very social and they live in groups. Sometimes a group of dolphins can have 1000 members. Scientists think that dolphins can live up to 50 years but most of them die before that. They like to eat small fish more than anything else.

Here is good news, 22 different kinds of dolphins visit all coast of Oman in large numbers. Muscat and Musandam are famous for dolphin watching in Oman.

I told my father about dolphins in Oman. He said that we are going to Musandam to see the dolphins in January. I am really looking forward to seeing the dolphins. What about you Ahmed, do you like dolphins?

Sincerely

Ali

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**READING 2 (continued)**

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

5. What did Ali write for the school magazine?

6. How many species of dolphins live in rivers?

7. What is the dolphins' favourite food?

8. How many species of dolphins visit Omani coasts?

9. Where can people watch dolphins in Oman?

10. When Ali is going to see the dolphins?

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## WRITING 1

(5 marks)

Write at least 60 words on the following topic:

"Every city should have an animal zoo"

-Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be interesting and well-organized.

## WRITING 2

(5 marks)

Write a story of at least 60 words based on the following pictures. You can use the words in the box to help you.

You can also put in more details to make your story lively and interesting.

lesson/idea

internet

robot

try

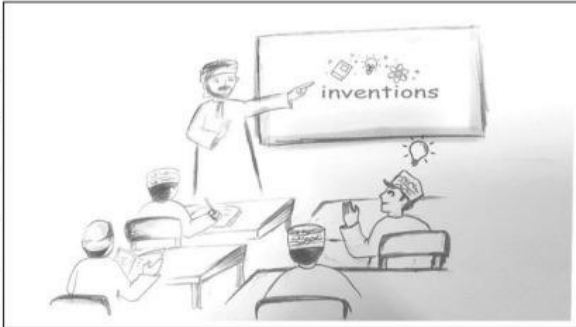
happy

presentation

interesting

gift

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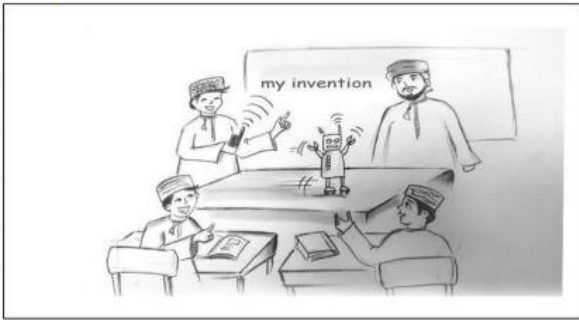
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