

Governorate:

2022/2023

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST**

**GRADE EIGHT**

**Semester Two  
First Session**

Name		
School		Class

**Write your answers on the Test Paper**

**Time: 2 hours**

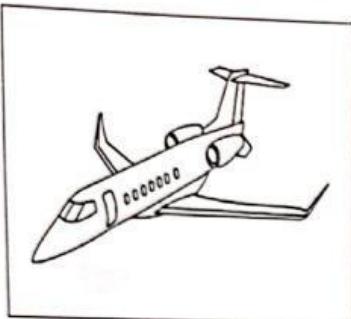
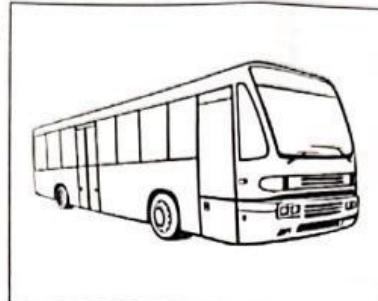
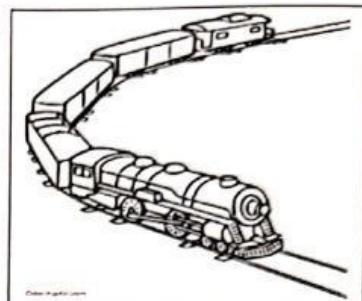
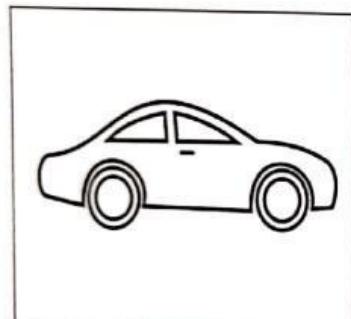
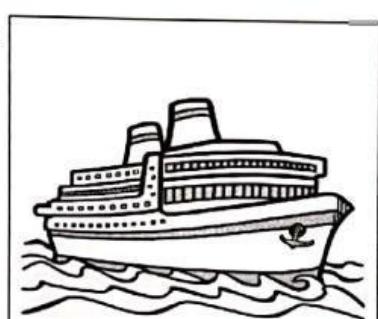
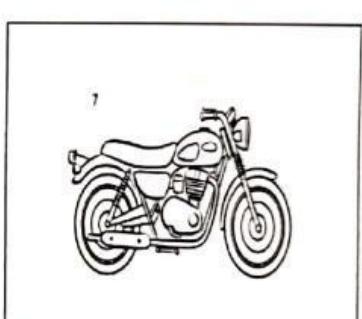
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<b>TEST SCORES</b>	<b>LISTENING</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>GRM/VCB</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>READING</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>WRITING</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	

## LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)

(5 marks)

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

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

Text	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	<input type="radio"/>					
2.	<input type="radio"/>					
3.	<input type="radio"/>					
4.	<input type="radio"/>					
5.	<input type="radio"/>					



**LISTENING 2 (Items 6–10)****(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a text about **Milk Shark**.

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

6. Milk Sharks live in \_\_\_\_\_ waters.

 cold hot warm

7. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

 gray white black

8. They weigh about \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms.

 100 200 300

9. Their main food is \_\_\_\_\_.

 seals whales herbs

10. The oil of milk shark is used to make \_\_\_\_\_.

 salt soup medicine

**LISTENING  
SCORE**

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**VOCABULARY (Items 1-5)****(2½ marks)**

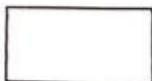
For each item, shade in the bubble  under the correct option.  
(There are three extra words in the box.)

There are different dishes around the world. If you like cooking, you will love this easy

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ . You can prepare it at (2) \_\_\_\_\_ or when you travel to other places.

It does not need to be baked or cooked. Simply mix your favourite (3) \_\_\_\_\_, such as meat or chicken, with some fresh vegetables and spices. You can have it for lunch or dinner, this (4) \_\_\_\_\_ plate gives you energy. It is also very (5) \_\_\_\_\_, it tastes great.

	delicious	healthy	home	ingredients	mystery	recipe	steps	system
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2.	<input type="circle"/>							
3.	<input type="circle"/>							
4.	<input type="circle"/>							
5.	<input type="circle"/>							



**GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)**

**(2½ marks)**

Complete each sentence with **ONE** word only.

6. I am going \_\_\_\_\_ read the story tomorrow.
7. The room is as cold \_\_\_\_\_ ice.
8. My sister hasn't eaten her dinner \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ they won 2000 rails, they would go on holiday.
10. Salim has \_\_\_\_\_ working for two hours.



## GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)

(5 marks)

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

Transports allow people to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ from one place to another. People can travel by (12) \_\_\_\_\_ if the distance between places is very long. They can also travel by water if they live on an (13) \_\_\_\_\_. My favourite transport is train (14) \_\_\_\_\_. I like watching beautiful views from its windows. I have been travelling by train (15) \_\_\_\_\_ six years. Next summer, I am going to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Dubai. I have (17) \_\_\_\_\_ decided. Maybe I (18) \_\_\_\_\_ use the Dubai Metro there. I think it is fast (19) \_\_\_\_\_ a plane. Dubai is a (20) \_\_\_\_\_ city and I will enjoy my holiday.

11. <input type="radio"/> move	<input type="radio"/> study	<input type="radio"/> watch	<input type="radio"/> fight
12. <input type="radio"/> plates	<input type="radio"/> bikes	<input type="radio"/> planes	<input type="radio"/> horses
13. <input type="radio"/> apartment	<input type="radio"/> igloo	<input type="radio"/> airport	<input type="radio"/> island
14. <input type="radio"/> but	<input type="radio"/> because	<input type="radio"/> or	<input type="radio"/> however
15. <input type="radio"/> since	<input type="radio"/> on	<input type="radio"/> at	<input type="radio"/> for
16. <input type="radio"/> visit	<input type="radio"/> stay	<input type="radio"/> dive	<input type="radio"/> use
17. <input type="radio"/> already	<input type="radio"/> yet	<input type="radio"/> for	<input type="radio"/> since
18. <input type="radio"/> am	<input type="radio"/> will	<input type="radio"/> are	<input type="radio"/> going
19. <input type="radio"/> as	<input type="radio"/> is	<input type="radio"/> does	<input type="radio"/> like
20. <input type="radio"/> small	<input type="radio"/> sad	<input type="radio"/> great	<input type="radio"/> dark

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GRM/VCB  
SCORE

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## READING 1 (Items 1–4)

(4 marks)

Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. There are **two extra** texts in the box.)

1. It was 8 o'clock when I saw a strange man near the supermarket. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I come from Iceland. My father has a snowmobile and he takes me to school. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I usually go to an Omani restaurant in Muscat. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Drivers must follow some safety steps in roads. \_\_\_\_\_

A.	They have to wear their seat belts and they must not drive fast.
B.	My father is a doctor. He works in Nizwa Hospital.
C.	He was wearing a long coat. He did not talk to me, so I was scared.
D.	It is faster than skiing, but it is not safe.
E.	We should not use a hosepipe to wash the car.
F.	It is a great place to eat and the food is tasty.

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

Dear Saif,

How are you? I want to share my visit to the wonderful food festival that took place last February in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. The event had people from 14 countries to celebrate their delicious food. I really enjoyed it.

The food festival was a display of more than 50 traditional dishes from different countries. The presentations and the taste were both perfect. There was something for everyone to try. I ate Bobotie from South Africa. It is a nice dish made of meat cooked with spices.

There were lots of people in the festival. I met Ali, who is from Egypt. He travelled 1496 kilometers to participate with a sweet cake called Basbousa. It was very tasty and I bought some pieces for my family.

Overall, the food festival was a successful event. It was seven days of excitement and happiness. This is what I have, what about you? Please send me some photos of your trip to London. I am very enthusiastic to see them.

Best wishes,

Rashid

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

5. When was the food festival?

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6. How many countries participated in the festival?

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7. What is the Bobotie made of?

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8. Where did Ali come from?

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9. How many days did the festival last?

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10. What did Rashid ask for at the end of the email?

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READING  
SCORE

10

## WRITING 1

(5 marks)

Write at least **60 words** on the following topic:

"People who visit beaches must keep them clean"  
Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

-Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

*Your writing should be clear and well organised.*

Marker A	Marker B	Average

## 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.

mother/daughter

leave

criminal

enter

dog/barking

people

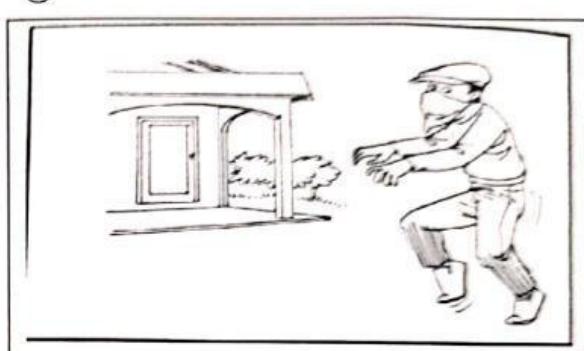
police

catch

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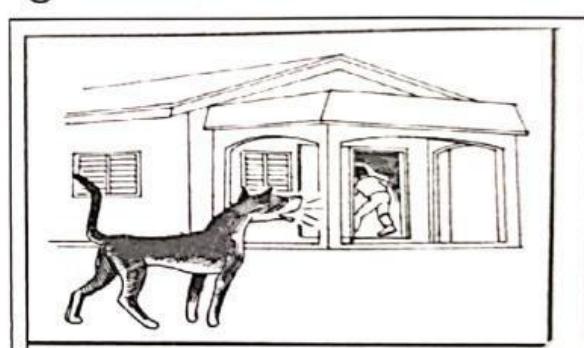
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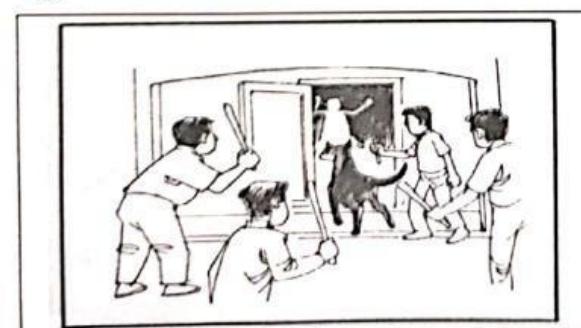
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### WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

**WRITING  
SCORE**

10

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5) (5 marks)

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1. You can see it on the sea. It carries people and goods. People can have adventures by sailing on it.
2. Air travel is one of the safest and fastest ways to reach far distance. However, it can be more expensive.
3. It is a great way for many people to travel together at once. Schools use it a lot to carry students.
4. It has many cabins which are all connected together, and which are pulled by a strong engine along a railway.
5. It is a vehicle that has four wheels, carries a small number of passengers and most Omani people use it to move from a place to another.

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LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10) (5 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about **Milk Sharks**.

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

Milk shark, also known as the bull shark, is a large fish found in warm water habitats around the world. They are called milk sharks because of their milky-white colour, which becomes darker as they grow older. They are known for their dangerous behavior to humans. They can grow up to 3 meters long and weigh over 200 kilograms. They have a flat head and a powerful jaw filled with sharp teeth.

They are eating a variety of food including fish, turtles and mainly seals. They are known to hunt in groups. Milk sharks are also known for the useful oil, which is used to make some medicine including vitamins A and D, as well as omega-3. They have been shown to improve skin health.

In conclusion, milk sharks are beautiful creatures that are essential for marine environment. They are an important part of the natural world that should be respected and protected.