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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7) (7 marks)

You are going to hear a conversation between an interviewer and a job applicant called Sarah. Listen, and shade in the bubble (◯) next to the correct option.

1. Sarah is applying for a job as a _____.

   ◯ chef ◯ counsellor ◯ teacher

2. Sarah's first job was in _____.

   ◯ France ◯ UK ◯ the USA

3. Sarah learned cooking because she wanted to _____.

   ◯ have a business ◯ travel to Chicago ◯ teach cooking at a college

4. Sarah studied for a degree in culinary Art while she was _____.

   ◯ teaching at language school ◯ teaching at college ◯ working in California

5. Sarah is usually free _____.

   ◯ at night ◯ in the morning ◯ in the afternoon

6. Sarah said that she is the best person for the new job because she _____.

   ◯ teaches English through cooking ◯ speaks three languages ◯ uses technology

7. The interviewer says that they will contact Sarah through _____ on Friday.

   ◯ an email ◯ a call ◯ an SMS

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about the Ginkgo tree, the oldest type of tree in the world.

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

8. Why is the Ginkgo tree called a 'living fossil'?

_____

9. Where does the Ginkgo tree mainly grow? (List one country)

_____

10. Why do English people call it the maidenhair?

_____

11. Which type of Ginkgo tree is good to plant in a narrow area?

_____

Part Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (◯) next to the correct option.*

12. In _____, Ginkgo trees have a beautiful golden colour.

◯ Autumn ◯ Summer ◯ Winter

13. Ginkgo trees are useful in cities because they _____.

◯ produce strange fruit ◯ attract insects ◯ are not affected by pollution

14. To _____ , the female Ginkgo tree is never planted in houses.

◯ keep away insects ◯ avoid its bad smell ◯ save water

15. The herbal medicine part of the Ginkgo tree is in the _____.

◯ roots ◯ seeds ◯ leaves

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20) (2½ marks)

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

16. The passengers shouted for help before the ship sank, but there was no one to _____ them.

◯ rescue ◯ survive ◯ sink ◯ upload

17. If you are not satisfied with your current job, you can _____ another job.

◯ apply for ◯ give up ◯ look after ◯ look out

18. My sister has _____ personality. She is excellent at dealing with people and enjoys solving their problems.

◯ a realistic ◯ a social ◯ an investigative ◯ an artistic

19. The boy apologized to his parents and _____ them not to stay out with his friends late again.

◯ decided ◯ insisted ◯ neglected ◯ promised

20. My interest in _____ started as I got my first digital camera at the age of 15.

◯ marketing ◯ economy ◯ photography ◯ painting

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25) (2½ marks)

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

Majid: Have they found the (21) ◯ **losing** / ◯ **lost** fisherman?

Khalid: Yes. My brother told me that he (22) ◯ **was** / ◯ **has** been found by a sailing ship.

Majid: (23) ◯ **When** / ◯ **Where** was he found?

Khalid: About 400 kilometres away (24) ◯ **from** / ◯ **on** his last known position. He used mirrors to catch the ship's attention.

Majid: What a creative idea!

Khalid: He had to think creatively in that difficult situation to (25) ◯ **saving** / ◯ **save** his life.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30) (5 marks)

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

Daniel Craig is an English actor. He was born in 1968. From the age of six, Craig started acting in school plays. He moved to London when he was 16 to __(26)__ at the National Youth Theatre. Three years later, he was given a __(27)__ to the Guildhall University of Drama and Music. He played many roles on stage before he moved into TV __(28)__ film work. He was well-known locally. However, He became internationally __(29)__ when he played the part of James Bond during the 2012 Olympics in London. He was appointed Companion of the Order by Queen Elizabeth II at the 2022 Queen's New Year's Honours __(30)__ his services to Film and Theatre.

26. ◯ studied ◯ studies ◯ studying ◯ study

27. ◯ championship ◯ citizenship ◯ scholarship ◯ friendship

28. ◯ but ◯ and ◯ before ◯ between

29. ◯ hospitable ◯ famous ◯ disappointed ◯ realistic

30. ◯ on ◯ in ◯ at ◯ for

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Reading 1 (Items 31 – 37) (7 marks)

*Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?*
For each item, shade in the bubble (▭) under the correct option.

31. Despite the fact that our teens love technology so much, the research done by the Common Sense Media shows that 64% of teenagers are still happy to talk to their friends in person, while 37% of them prefer to get their hands on smartphones and iPads.

Statement	True	False
The research found that majority of teens love using phones.	▭	▭

32. The last time I went to a restaurant was about six months ago. My friend got a job and invited me to celebrate in an expensive Italian restaurant. We both had salad, and for the main course he ordered a steak and I chose fish. The food was delicious.

Statement	True	False
The writer often goes to restaurants with his friend.	▭	▭

33. Dear Ali

The company has agreed to pay just for our train tickets to the conference. We should arrive there by 8:00 am, and then we can take a taxi to get to the hotel which is just a 15 minute drive, so we will reach the conference before it starts at 9:30.

Regards,

Salim

Statement	True	False
The company will pay all transportation bills.	▭	▭

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. We are looking for new graduates in the digital industry. Candidates will be trained in our computer systems. Later, they will develop software programmes and analyse data. This job will be in Al-Duqm. We are looking for someone who can work under pressure and be self-motivated.

Statement	True	False
Computer skills are important for this job.	☐	☐

35. We are hiring an event organizer who will be responsible for each aspect of events such as weddings, festivals and conferences. The most required skill will be communication. Therefore, it is preferable to know at least three languages. Among other things, the organizer will need to book suitable venues and organize car parking.

Statement	True	False
This job requires knowledge of more than one language.	☐	☐

36. Last night, I invited my friend to the cinema. The movie was fantastic and full of exciting actions. The story was based on a true story. It was about a young captain, who rescued terrified villagers from a volcanic island in the south Pacific.

Statement	True	False
The writer did not enjoy watching the movie.	☐	☐

37. The policemen saved a woman trapped in her vehicle in the heavy rain and strong storm. She suffered a broken leg and minor neck injuries. Despite her injuries, she was more worried about her cat which was injured too, but did not die.

Statement	True	False
The cat survived the accident.	☐	☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45) (8 marks)

Read the following letter. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (⬭) next to the correct option.

Should we eat less meat?

Nowadays, more people choose to eat less meat, whether this means eating fewer meals containing meat each week or giving up meat for certain days or periods. But why might people not want to eat meat? There are significant factors that influence people's choice to eat less or no meat at all.

Changing our dietary habits can have good impact on the environment. A global study by 11,000 scientists shows that meat production is one of the most destructive human activities for our planet. For example, cows emit harmful gases into the air such as methane. According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation's report in 2019, production of meat and dairy uses around 80% of farmland on Earth and, therefore, releases 60% of agriculture's harmful greenhouse gases.

Another problem related to meat production is deforestation as many Amazon countries cut trees in the forests to build more animal farms. This leads to the extinction of thousands of wild animals. In addition, meat producing companies use huge amounts of water. For example, it takes about 3140 litres of water to produce one meat hamburger, whereas burgers made of vegetables can use at least 75% less water. Although many climate organisations recommend large decreases in meat consumption, sadly meat consumption is growing worldwide according to a recent United Nations report that predicts an increase of 76% by 2050.

However, many countries are encouraging people to eat less meat by starting meat-free day events, such as the UK's Meat Free Mondays. Other events include Veganuary in January, Meat-Free Week in September and World Vegetarian Day in October. Many food companies have also widely responded to this new trend with an increase in vegetarian food options and recipes and more products have been launched onto the market. According to the Vegetarian Society report in 2019, between 2-3% of the population in the UK is fully vegetarian, in Brazil the percentage is between 6-8% and in Italy 15-14% of the country is vegetarian.

Doctors and dieticians in general advise us to eat a low-fat diet and consume more vegetables to help lower cholesterol and blood pressure, and this has encouraged even more people to eat less meat and more vegetables. Moreover, researchers have linked the high consumption of processed meat such as burgers and hotdogs with a higher chance of Type 2 diabetes. One study found that eating too much red meat a day

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Reading 2 (continued)

increases your chances of getting the disease by 48%. The International Agency for Research on Cancer reported that eating processed meat daily increases the risk of cancer by 18%. In an older review of 20 studies among more than 1.2 million people, researchers found that consuming processed meat appeared to increase heart disease risk by 42%.

In conclusion, any reduction you make in your meat consumption will be good for your health as well as for the environment.

38. The production of meat and dairy releases about _____ of harmful gases.

- ☐ 60%
- ☐ 75%
- ☐ 80%

39. The deforestation in the Amazon is due to the _____.

- ☐ lack of water
- ☐ extinction of species
- ☐ increase of farmland

40. An additional problem with meat and dairy production is the increase of _____.

- ☐ wild animals
- ☐ water use
- ☐ harmless gases

41. Meat production will be _____ today by 2050.

- ☐ less than
- ☐ more than
- ☐ the same as

42. According to the writer, _____ products are available for vegetarians.

- ☐ no
- ☐ few
- ☐ a lot of

43. The highest percentage of the world's vegetarians is in _____.

- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ UK

44. Research found that eating burgers every day increases the risk of getting cancer by _____.

- ☐ 18%
- ☐ 42%
- ☐ 48%

45. The writer advices us to _____ meat consumption.

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
- ☐ stop

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

The First Female Doctor

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in Bristol, England in 1821. Her father, Samuel Blackwell, owned a successful sugar factory. Elizabeth had two brothers and four sisters who all went to school. In 1832, Samuel Blackwell's sugar factory was destroyed by fire. Therefore, the family decided to travel to the United States. At the time, Elizabeth was eleven years old. At first the family settled in New York City, but her father's business failed there, so they moved to Ohio City.

Samuel Blackwell was sick and he died soon after arriving in Ohio. Elizabeth and her two older sisters started teaching girls in their home to help support the family. Their two brothers found different jobs. Elizabeth was not happy about teaching.

After a few years Elizabeth began to think seriously about studying medicine, especially after the death of a friend from a serious illness. Elizabeth discussed it with her family who supported the idea. At first, she started to study medicine and science privately with a doctor who was also a medical college professor. A year later, she wrote to all medical colleges, but all rejected her as at that time women were not allowed to study medicine. Finally, however, she was accepted at Geneva Medical College in New York.

At the beginning, Elizabeth faced many problems in medical college. Some professors refused to teach her, and some students threatened her. But she was strong and did not give up. In 1849, Elizabeth graduated with high honors. She was the only woman in the western world to have completed medical college training at that time.

Three months later, Doctor Elizabeth Blackwell went to Paris to learn surgery. A hospital for women and babies agreed to let her train there. At the hospital, Elizabeth accidentally got a liquid chemical in her eye which blinded her, so she gave up her dreams of becoming a surgeon.

Elizabeth returned to the United States in 1851 and opened a clinic in New York City, but no patients came, so she opened a clinic in a poor part of the city to help people who lived under difficult conditions. Elizabeth's work with the poor led her to believe that doctors could help people more effectively by preventing sickness. She started a program in which doctors visited patients in their homes. The doctors taught patients how to clean the houses and how to prepare food so that sickness could be prevented.

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Reading 3 (continued)

In 1860, Elizabeth raised the money to open a hospital in a re-built house and people in New York started to accept her work. Then, in 1868, she opened a medical college for women. She taught the women students about disease prevention. It was the first time that the idea of preventing disease was taught in a medical college. Later, other medical schools for women were opened in Boston and Philadelphia.

Elizabeth returned to England in 1891. She wrote books and made speeches about disease prevention. Her speeches focused mainly on the dangers of eating poor food and of living in dirty conditions. Her best advice to doctors was that preventing diseases from happening was their true responsibility. Elizabeth Blackwell died in England in 1910 at the age of eighty-nine. She is an inspiration.

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

46. How many brothers and sisters did Elizabeth have?

_____

47. Why did Elizabeth's family leave England?

_____

48. Where did Elizabeth's father die?

_____

49. What did Elizabeth and her sisters do to help their family?

_____

50. Why did she go to Paris?

_____

51. What program did she set up?

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Reading 3 (continued)

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (◯) next to the correct option.*

52. Elizabeth thought of studying medicine because of her _____ death.

◯ father's ◯ friend's ◯ brother's

53. At first, Elizabeth was not accepted in any college of medicine because she _____.

◯ was a woman ◯ did not have money ◯ did not study science

54. The first college of medicine for women was opened in _____.

◯ New York ◯ Philadelphia ◯ Boston

55. Elizabeth believed that a doctor's role is to _____.

◯ open more hospitals for treating people ◯ advise people on how to prevent diseases ◯ write books about diseases

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Writing 1 (10 marks)

Write ***at least 100 words*** *on the following topic:*

"The most popular sports in Oman"

Your writing should be ***clear*** *and* ***well-organised****.*

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Writing 2 (10 marks)

*Complete the following task. Write at least **100 words**.*

Situation: Your uncle wants to buy a new house and he has asked you for your advice.

Task: Write an ***email*** giving him advice on what the house should include and how safe it should be to prevent home accidents, especially as they have small children.

*Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.*

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