

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

## GRADE NINE

Semester One

First Session

<b>Name</b>			
<b>School</b>		<b>Class</b>	

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. Who are they talking to?  
Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble ☐  
under the correct option.



architect

musician

doctor

Shop  
assistant

inventor

policeman

1.

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2.

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3.

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4.

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5.

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## LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear Ahmed talking about **Festivals in Oman**.  
Listen and for each item, write a short answer  
(**not more than FOUR WORDS**).



6. Where does Al khareef happen?

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7. When do people celebrate Muscat Festival ?

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8. What do people do on the National Day?

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9. Which place is famous for fire works?

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10. who do they visit on the festival of Eid?

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LISTENING  
SCORE

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**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)****(10 marks)**

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

Deserts are very <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ places. The <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is very hot during the day and very cold at night. There is only a <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ water so that a few people and animals <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there. Animals also need water to <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the deserts. So camels <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ water on their <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Small plants like cactus <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in deserts. The people who live in deserts are called <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from place to place for water

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| 3.  | <input type="radio"/> more     | <input type="radio"/> much   | <input type="radio"/> many    | <input type="radio"/> little |
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| 5.  | <input type="radio"/> survive  | <input type="radio"/> study  | <input type="radio"/> learn   | <input type="radio"/> keep   |
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| 7.  | <input type="radio"/> desert   | <input type="radio"/> forest | <input type="radio"/> back    | <input type="radio"/> place  |
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| 9.  | <input type="radio"/> thinkers | <input type="radio"/> nomads | <input type="radio"/> crops   | <input type="radio"/> dates  |
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GRM/VCB  
SCORE

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## READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

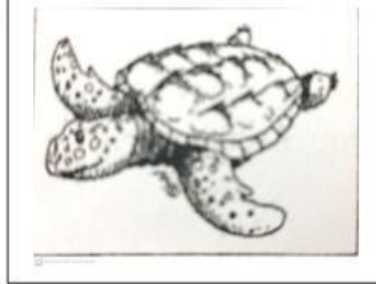
Match the texts with the pictures.

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

A.



B.



C.



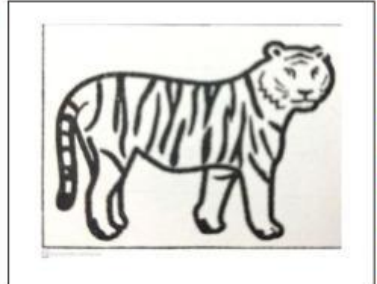
D.



E.



F.



### Pictures

### Texts

- These are the slowest animals live in the rainforests of South America.They hang upside down on trees.
- It lives in the desert. It is used for racing .it is called the ship of desert.
- They live in cold places like Antarctica .it is a bird but it can't fly.
- These animals are found in the deserts of Oman. They have got two Very long straight horns

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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**READING 2 (Items 5–10)****(6 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Seas and oceans cover more than 60% of the earth's surface. In the recent years, thousands of sea animals are dying because of pollution. In my opinion, it is the most important cause behind the disappearance of most animals. One way of this pollution is through oil-spill. Very huge ships carry tonnes of oil across the sea. It usually brings disaster when accidents happen. In 1989, a ship called the Exxon Valdez had an accident just off the coast of Alaska. It was carrying 53 Million gallons of oil. More than 11 million gallons spilled into the sea. Most animals such as sea birds and fish died. It hasn't completely recovered yet.

Moreover, I think that another type of sea pollution is by throwing the rubbish into it. Old nets, plastic items, cans and bottles are all rubbish which can destroy the sea environment and life in it. It is a serious problem in Oman. Divers in the Damaniyat Islands in 2003 found fish and turtles wrapped in old nets.

## READING 2 (continued)

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

5. \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of the earth's surface is covered by seas and oceans.  
☐ 50% ☐ 40% ☐ More than 60%
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a cause of pollution in seas and oceans.  
☐ Oil-spill. ☐ Animals. ☐ Accidents.
7. The ship, Exxon Valdez, had an accident off the coast of Alaska in \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ 1979 ☐ 1989 ☐ 1998
8. The ship was carrying \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of oil.  
☐ 47 Million. ☐ 53 Million. ☐ 64 Million.
9. When seas and oceans are polluted, the \_\_\_\_\_ will die.  
☐ Sea animals. ☐ Forest animals. ☐ Desert animals.
10. In 2003, Divers in the \_\_\_\_\_ Islands found fish and turtles trapped in old nets.  
☐ Damaniyat. ☐ Masirah. ☐ Barr Al-Hikman.

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READING  
SCORE

10

## WRITING 1

(4 marks)

Write a paragraph about a **Person** called **Helen Keller**.  
Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

### Helen Keller

Born/Alabama, USA/June 27,1880

Blind/deaf/young child

Excellent /memory

study/college

Wrote/ famous / book/"The story of my life"

Died/June 1 1968

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## WRITING 2

**(6 marks)**

Complete the following task. Write **at least 60 words**.

**Situation:** Imagine that you have a friend called Salim in Bahrain. He wants to know about **your dream in the future**. Write a **letter/email** to Salim, telling him about it.

Your writing should be **clear** and **interesting**..

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**WRITING  
SCORE**

10