

DIPLOMA EXAMS — ENGLISH 'CORE' ASSESSMENT

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Grade: 12A

Semester: One

Component: READING 3 (RDG 3)

Time: Part of 180 mins

Total Marks: 10 Marks

READING 3 (Items 1–10)

[10 Marks]

Read the following text about the *SQU Rovers*, then answer the questions on this page and the next.

The Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) Rovers is one of the most active student organizations on campus. Established to promote youth leadership, community service, and personal growth, the group brings together students from different academic years. Today, the organization has over 100 male Rovers and more than 30 female Rovers working together.

Throughout the academic year, the Rovers organize many outdoor activities. Outdoor adventures like mountain hiking, desert camping, and environmental clean-ups are regular features of their schedule. These trips allow members to explore Oman's diverse landscapes, build physical strength, and practice teamwork. The group also organizes blood donation drives and local charity events.

One of the Rovers' main roles happens at the start of the first semester. Starting university can be hard for new students. To make this transition easier, the Rovers work closely with teachers on the Foundation Programme. They help newcomers find their classrooms, guide them during orientation week, and organize events to help them make new friends.

Joining the SQU Rovers offers long-term benefits. Members build strong communication and leadership skills that are very useful for future jobs. Furthermore, being part of the group helps students create lasting friendships across different university departments.

However, running the group comes with challenges. Planning trips requires extra safety precautions and reliable transport. Extreme summer heat also limits outdoor activities during certain months. To solve these problems, the Rovers work directly with the Deanship of Student Affairs. Together, they offer safety training, arrange university buses, and schedule major trips during cooler weather.

Task 1: Short Answer Questions (Items 1–6)

Write a *SHORT* answer (no more than *FOUR WORDS*) for each question.

1. How many female members are in the SQU Rovers?

2. What activity do Rovers do to help clean the environment?

3. Which teachers do the Rovers work with to help new students?

4. When do the Rovers help new students settle into university?

5. What weather problem limits outdoor trips in summer?

6. Who helps the Rovers arrange safety training and buses?

Task 2: Multiple-Choice Items (Items 7–10)

For each item, choose the correct option (A, B, or C) to complete the sentence.

7. During orientation week, the Rovers mainly help new students to _____.

- A. study for final exams
- B. adjust to university life easily
- C. choose their main subject subjects

8. Taking part in Rover outdoor trips helps members build _____.

- A. computer skills
- B. physical strength and teamwork
- C. examination techniques

9. Employers like hiring former Rovers members because they have good _____.

- A. leadership and communication skills
- B. knowledge of university rules
- C. attendance records in class

10. To avoid dangerous summer weather, the group plans major trips _____.

- A. during cooler months
- B. only on weekends
- C. outside of Oman