

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST**

**GRADE EIGHT**

**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**

<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 people speaking. Who are they (talking)(to)?  
 Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble  under the correct option.

mother	dentist	teacher	shopkeeper	driver	waiter
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**LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)****(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a text about a Natural Reserves.

Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

6. Where is Jebel Samhan Reserve?

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7. When was it opened?

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8. What animal lives in the reserve?

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9. What does it eat?

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10. How is the weather in Jebel Samhan Reserve in summer?

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**LISTENING  
SCORE**

<b>10</b>

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

For each item, read the definition and the example.

Then complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word. Make sure your spelling is correct.

Example: (noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked  
e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit c h e n**.

1. (adjective) not clean

e.g. Your hands are **di** \_ \_ \_

2. (noun) the meal you eat in the evening.

e.g. My family always has **di** \_ \_ \_ \_ at 8 o'clock .

3. (verb) to cry out loudly.

e.g. Children **scr** \_ \_ \_ whenever they see big dogs.

4. (adverb) doing things fast.

e.g. We should do our homework **qui** \_ \_ \_ \_ .

5. (adjective) not safe

e.g. computer games are very **dan** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for children.



**GRAMMAR (Items 6-10)**

**(2½ marks)**

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

The Arabian Leopard is <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ largest wild cat in Arabia. Sixty years ago there were a lot of them <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the mountains in Oman. You will probably never see a wild leopard nowadays <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they are almost extinct. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, they were shot <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hunters for their valuable skins. Another reason is, losing of their habitats which made the number <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ leopards become less.

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**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)****(5 marks)**

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

When I was a child, I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ in a small town. It (12)\_\_\_\_\_ near the beach. It had (13)\_\_\_\_\_ old buildings and houses. Now, I am living in a villa (14)\_\_\_\_\_ Muscat. It is (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to some big malls and green parks. There's also an amazing (16)\_\_\_\_\_ with lovely exciting animals and birds. In the evenings, I go jogging on the beach. It is my favourite (17)\_\_\_\_\_ time activity. I also (18)\_\_\_\_\_ shells with my sister. There (19)\_\_\_\_\_ many things you can do here. I (20)\_\_\_\_\_ this city.

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**GRM/VCB  
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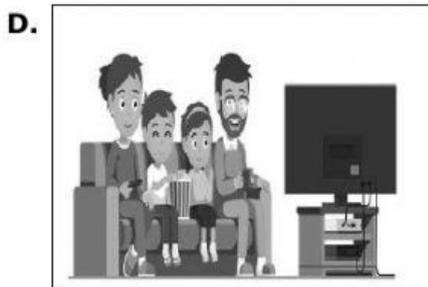
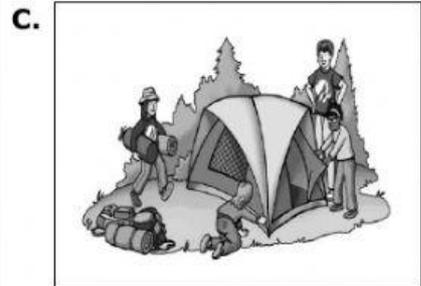
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**READING 1 (Items 1-4)**

**(4 marks)**

Match the texts with the pictures.

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



**Pictures**

**Texts**

1. Running is a fantastic outdoor activity. It helps to keep the body healthy and people can go run with their friends.
2. Khalid likes doing some exercises. In his free time, he puts on his helmet and knee pads, and goes around on his roller skates.
3. Watching TV is one of my favourite indoor activities. Every Friday I sit with my family and watch a film.
4. Jack is an interpersonal student. He likes to work in groups. He always helps his friends in their projects.

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

*Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Turtles are one of the most amazing animals in the world. Many turtles are endangered, so, some people like to keep them in a special tank at their homes. They become very close and friendly to their owners. Keeping turtles is cheap, as people need to pay only for their tanks. Turtles are tidy animals and they don't cause any problems at home like other animals. Also, the water in their tanks will get dirty slowly, so you can clean them only once a month. However, as turtles grow up they need larger tanks which cost a lot of money and require enough space to move easily. Also the heat of the lamp inside the tanks may not be enough so their skin becomes soft and die suddenly. Besides, many turtles need a variety of six or seven meals daily. Their favourite meal is fish but as they become old they like eating a lot of vegetables. Some turtles also have wide tails and very sharp claws so people should be careful when giving them their food. Old turtles can also carry dangerous diseases which people could catch and spread. All in all, I am very happy to be a turtle owner. I advise everybody to keep turtles but be careful because as these animals grow older they become dangerous.

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

5. At home people keep turtles in a large \_\_\_\_\_.

box

room

tank

6. People can clean their turtles \_\_\_\_\_.

6.

once a day

once a week

once a month

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is dangerous for turtle.

7.

Less food

Less heat

Less water

8. As turtles grow up they like eating \_\_\_\_\_.

8.

fish

fruit

vegetables

9. People can be injured with turtles' \_\_\_\_\_.

9.

claws

tail

teeth

10. The writer is \_\_\_\_\_ to own turtles.

10.

sad

happy

upset

READING SCORE	
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