

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

2023 / 2024

GRADE NINE

Semester One
First Session

Name			
School		Class	

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.

	Doctor	Policeman	Friend	Teacher	Delivery driver	Shop cashier
1.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear a story about a **French old woman**. Listen and for each item, write a short answer (not more than FOUR WORDS).

6. Where did the French woman live?

7. Who sent the letter to her?

8. Why did she cry when reading the letter?

9. Why did she sell her book?

10. What did John and the woman sell to get a lot of money?

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. (noun) The person whose age is from 13 to 19 years.

e.g. My younger son is **a teen** _____ because he is over thirty.

2. (adverb) in a way it easy to see or hear.

e.g. The teacher explained everything very **cle** _____.

3. (verb) To use money to pay for things.

e.g. We **s** _____ a lot of money on clothes.

4. (adjectives) Rude.

e.g. Some people think it is **impo** _____ to ask someone about his age.

5. (noun) a person who belongs to a particular country.

e.g. She is Chinese by birth but is now an American **cit** _____.

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.)

It is important to balance between studying and having fun. When you study for your exam, try to find a place (6)_____ you can feel relaxed. Some students keep studying until they feel tired, then they do other things as a change. For example, they play (7)_____ their friends or they play some computer games. Some students (8) _____ study all the time behave as if they don't need time (9) _____ have fun. Remember that you need time to study, rest (10)_____ have fun .

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| 6. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

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

The poet ,Ahmed Shawqi, is a (11) _____ Arab poet. He liked writing poems (12) _____ plays. He is one of (13) _____ most (14) _____ Arab poets in the 20th (15) _____. Ahmed Shawqi (16) _____ born in Egypt (17) _____ 1870. Both of (18) _____ parents were born in Egypt. He (19) _____ law in the university and (20) _____ in 1887.

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| 11. | ☐ clear | ☐ famous | ☐ happy | ☐ big |
| 12. | ☐ through | ☐ and | ☐ about | ☐ by |
| 13. | ☐ the | ☐ then | ☐ that | ☐ than |
| 14. | ☐ fast | ☐ good | ☐ tall | ☐ important |
| 15. | ☐ year | ☐ decade | ☐ century | ☐ age |
| 16. | ☐ were | ☐ was | ☐ are | ☐ is |
| 17. | ☐ at | ☐ on | ☐ in | ☐ of |
| 18. | ☐ her | ☐ him | ☐ his | ☐ them |
| 19. | ☐ injured | ☐ studied | ☐ thought | ☐ brought |
| 20. | ☐ studied | ☐ broke | ☐ wrote | ☐ graduated |

READING 1 (Items 1-4)
marks)

(4

Match the texts with the pictures.

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

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.



Texts

1. By using this invention, you can call, text or chat with friends and family.
2. Hani wrote a little letter to his friend. Anna inviting her for his birthday.
3. At first astronauts started to travel into space, the moon and planets in rockets.
4. People can use their bank cards to withdraw money anytime from ATMs.

Pictures

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

READING 2 (Items 5–10)

(6 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Teenagers nowadays face more challenges and stress than teenagers who lived in the past centuries. There are various reasons causing this, such as the busy lives they lead and the pressure that is put on them. I fully agree with this view as I believe young people are highly stressed nowadays as compared to the past.

One of the reasons to teenagers' stress is the fast-paced life that we are all living. People in the past lived slower lives as compared to today, causing lower levels of stress. Teenagers are supposed to go to school, do their homework, study for their exams, excel academically, and participate in various activities. In addition to these tasks, they are also required to socialize with people around them and work part-time or volunteer to get experience. All of these are factors that cause teenagers to be pressured and lead to high levels of stress and even mental health problems. For example, shy teenagers find it hard and scary to lead such a life since they are not social.

To conclude, young people who live nowadays are faced with many challenges and difficulties leading to increased stress levels as opposed to previous generations. The busy lives they lead is only one of many factors that affect them negatively.

READING 2 (continued)

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

5. According to the writer, teenagers are more stressful in the _____.
☐ past ☐ present ☐ future
6. Life in the past was _____ than life in the present.
☐ better ☐ faster ☐ slower
7. Teenagers in the past are _____ stressful.
☐ not ☐ less ☐ more
8. Shy teenagers think that social life is _____.
☐ boring ☐ interesting ☐ difficult
9. Having many tasks to do can make teenagers _____.
☐ excited ☐ relaxed ☐ pressured
10. Having a busy life has _____ effect on teenagers.
☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ no

READING
SCORE

10

WRITING 1

(4 marks)

Write a paragraph about an inventor called *Steve Jobs*. Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Steve Jobs

born/ February 24, 1955

first job/ video game designer

education/ Reed College

found/ Apple Company/ 1976

products/ iPhones, iPods, iPads, Mac books

married/ 1991/ four children

die/ cancer/ age 56

WRITING 2

(6 marks)

Complete the following task. Write **at least 75 words**.

Situation: Imagine that your friend Fahad/ Farah asked you about your best friend
Write an email to Fahad/ Farah telling her about your best friend describing her and why she is the best.

Your writing should be clear and well-organized