

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Diploma Examination for General Education

**Mock Exam – First Session
English Language ‘Core’**

ELEMENT	Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
			Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY/ GRAMMAR	10				
READING	25				
WRITING 1	10				
WRITING 2	10				
TOTAL	70				

LISTENING 1 & 2



LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)

(7 marks)

You are going to hear a conversation between a foreign student and an academic consultant at a university.

Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. Helena Schwarz is a-----student.

☐ British

☐ German

☐ Dutch

2. ----- is Helena's main problem.

☐ education system

☐ workload

☐ familiarity with the place

3. Students are more ----- for their work in university.

☐ independent

☐ careless

☐ hopeless

4. The best solution the consultant gave Helena to manage her time is to make a -----.

☐ a lot of activities

☐ overload

☐ schedule

5. They had produced a-----to give students tips on how to manage their time.

☐ magazine

☐ website

☐ leaflet

6. A lot of students were complaining that the library closes during the -----.

☐ night

☐ weekend

☐ weekdays

7. Helena is easily losing attention when she is working at-----.

☐ home

☐ library

☐ school



LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

(8 marks)

You are going to hear a story about the experience of Rebecca Bloomwood with shop addiction.

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

8. Where did Rebecca wish to work?

9. How much did the man offer her?

10. Who had interviewed Rebecca?

11. Where did she hide the scarf?

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

12. Rebecca was hired in the ----- magazine.

- ☐ Successful Saving ☐ Alette ☐ Cashmere

13. ----- was the first thing Rebecca had done after getting the job.

- ☐ Writing in her column ☐ working on an assignment ☐ purchasing gloves

14. Rebecca attended the Shopaholics Anonymous Group therapy because of the ----- she had faced in the later years.

- ☐ bankruptcy ☐ dream job ☐ addiction

15. She sold everything including the ----- to cover her debts.

- ☐ Tv interview dress ☐ green scarf ☐ wedding dress

VOCABULARY (Items 16-20)

(2½ marks)

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

- 16.** The World Trade Organization _____ technical help and training for developing countries
☐ promises ☐ provides ☐ protects ☐ participates
- 17.** Laila lost her father; she needs a lot of _____ from us.
☐ consolation ☐ cruises ☐ transition ☐ corporate
- 18.** Nowadays there is a great need to _____ the use of plastic bags.
☐ increase ☐ request ☐ reduce ☐ refuse
- 19.** They were _____ by the loud sounds of car's horns in the street, so they sold the house.
☐ relaxed ☐ fascinated ☐ surprised ☐ irritated
- 20.** I have a _____ about my room in the hotel and I called the reception to change it.
☐ complaint ☐ campus ☐ prospects ☐ accommodation



GRAMMAR (Items 21-25)

(2½ marks)

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

Speaker A: ⁽²¹⁾ **Did /Had** you read the news yesterday?

Speaker B: No, what happened?

Speaker A: A big headline ⁽²²⁾ **was/were** written on the first page about a serious car accident.

Speaker B: Really? has anyone got hurt?

Speaker A: When I saw the news, the police ⁽²³⁾ **announced/had announced** 16 deaths.

Speaker B: That's awful. I have ⁽²⁴⁾ **never/ever** heard about a bad accident like that.

Speaker A: Roads ⁽²⁵⁾ **have got/have been getting** more and more dangerous.



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 26-30)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.*

Congestion is one of the most common traffic _____ (26) in large cities. As the population increases, so does the number of cars on the road. It's _____ (27) for the city to always improve the number and size of roads. To solve this problem many cities _____ (28) some rules. For example, in London, drivers must _____ (29) a very high fee to drive into downtown areas. In Singapore the government request high amount of money to _____ (30) a car.

26. ☐ benefits ☐ issues ☐ campaign ☐ rituals
27. ☐ positive ☐ conventional ☐ rewarding ☐ challenging
28. ☐ discover ☐ emit ☐ release ☐ create
29. ☐ pay ☐ paid ☐ pays ☐ buy
30. ☐ include ☐ promote ☐ own ☐ expand

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10

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. Dolphins are the friendliest creatures in sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common. Their society is more complex. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do.

Statement

True False

Dolphins are similar to humans in looking after each other.

☐ ☐

32. We have a small toy shop. Fridays are the busiest day in our toy shop. So after school, I go there to help my dad. We allow kids to play with the toys when they are in the store. I am responsible for the toys and that I need to watch and make sure nothing breaks.

Statement

True False

Kids can play with the shop toys without paying them.

☐ ☐

33. Tomatoes and processed tomato products like tomato sauce and canned tomatoes protect against some types of cancer. The cancer-preventing properties of tomato products have been attributed to lycopene. It is a bright red pigment found in tomatoes and other red fruits and is the cause of their red color.

Statement

True False

Lycopene can only be found in processed tomato products.

☐ ☐

34. It is obvious that to learn English, one needs to learn many words. Native speakers have a vocabulary of about 20,000 words but foreign learners of English need far fewer. They need only about 5,000 words to be quite competent in speaking and listening.

Statement

True False

One needs at least 20,000 words to communicate with foreigners easily.

☐ ☐

READING 1 (continued)

- 35.** Autism is a brain development disorder that impairs social interaction and communication and causes restricted and repetitive behavior, all starting before a child is three years old. Autism affects many parts of the brain but how this occurs is also poorly understood.

Statement

autism is a developmental disorder of the human brain whose causes have been fully understood.

True **False**

☐☐

- 36.** You need a total of about 60 minutes of physical activity a day. This does not have to be done all at one time. Five or ten minute sessions of physical activities throughout the day are just as good for you. These may include walking, jogging, running, and riding a bike.

Statement

The daily 60 minutes of physical activity can be divided during the day.

True **False**

☐☐

- 37.** I was 4 years old when my dad was working with elephants, lions and tigers. When I was 14, I was already taking care of and raising animals. At 17, I began working professionally with elephants. I did that for about 8 years and then gave it up. I have been working in the construction business since then.

Statement

Now, he is not working with animals.

True **False**

☐☐

READING 2 (Items 38-45)

(8 marks)

Read the text. Then for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Ryan Wengel, VP of Marketing Geronimo Hospitality Group 525 3rd St. #100

Beloit, WI 53511

January 23, 2023

Dear Mr. Wengel,

Based on your numerous awards, the Geronimo Hospitality group has a solid reputation in the hospitality industry. Moreover, you've created a memorable customer experience at all your locations; I read their comments in different websites, which is always my goal as a graphic designer. I'm ready to use my 4 years of design and management experience to help you continue to attract the best customers and generate more revenue.

Partnership was the key while I was the leader graphic design specialist at Book Bush Press. Primarily, I worked with the marketing and editorial teams to design illustrations and cover art. Throughout development, I reviewed illustrations from junior designers and approved them with the authors and applicable external teams. I reviewed each illustration according to design principles, quality standards, and client expectations. Because of my meticulous review process with the relevant parties, 100 percent of designs were approved, and 87 percent of projects were delivered before the deadline.

Currently, as the marketing and graphic design specialist at George Mason University, I design print and electronic marketing products to boost brand awareness and engagement. However, I recognized a need for more personal content, so I turned to photography and videography. My "Life at George Mason University" video series had a 3-percent conversion rate, and by the end of 2021, I had more than doubled our followers on Instagram and Twitter, resulting in an 11- percent rise in prospective student applications.

Graphic design is nothing without a strong vision to improve the customer experience. I am motivated by modern designs that are practical and innovative but also functional and fun, and I know that Geronimo Hospitality Group would be the ideal place for me to grow as a designer and leader. Thank you for reviewing my portfolio; which includes my CV, certificates, and significant documents. I'm eager to discuss how we might push the limits of hospitality together to create a better and unforgettable customer experience at all your locations.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Justine

38. Marguerite Justine is a -----.

- ☐ hotel manager ☐ marketing hospitality ☐ graphic designer

39. She was working at a -----.

- ☐ press ☐ hotel ☐ hospital

40. About ----- projects were submitted on time.

- ☐ 100% ☐ 87 % ☐ 23 %

41. During her work at -----, print and electronic marketing products were designed.

- ☐ Book Bush Press ☐ George Mason University ☐ Geronimo Hospitality Group

42. She developed her photography and videography skills because of the -----.

- ☐ meticulous review process ☐ client expectations ☐ need for more personal content

43. By the end of ----- followers on Instagram and Twitter were expanded.

- ☐ 2021 ☐ 2023 ☐ 2121

44. You have to get a ----- to be successful in graphic design.

- ☐ customer experience ☐ strong vision ☐ modern designs

45. Marguerite Justine is ----- to meet Mr. Wengel.

- ☐ unambitious ☐ insufficient ☐ enthusiastic



READING 3 (Items 46–55)

(10 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Concerns about the rate of greenhouse gas emissions necessitate the shift to more sustainable fuels. Algae-derived jet fuels have been suggested as possible solutions to the problem.

The aviation industry is one of the heaviest sources of pollution in the world. Statistics indicate that for every fifty units of greenhouse gas generated on the earth, one unit will come from the aviation sector. This number may increase to 1.5 units in the next half century. Consequently, sustainable and effective ways of dealing with this high carbon footprint are necessary. Numerous scientists have already responded to this need through a variety of innovations. Some of them have suggested the use of biodiesel, but its propensity to solidify in cold conditions makes it untenable. Others have suggested the use of FT SPK, which involves the use of solid biomass to generate oil through a process known as pyrolysis. The major problem with this approach is that it is quite resource consuming. Firms also have the option of using oil from algae in order to create synthetic kerosene through the process of hydroprocessing. Algae-derived fuels have gained popularity in the late 2000s. However, much research on them started in the 1990s. During the year 2008, several aviation stakeholders such as the Boeing, Virgin Atlantic, and Air New Zealand formed the Algal Biomass Organization. In January 2009, Continental Airlines tested the first commercial jet using a blend of algae-derived fuels.

At the time, a 50-50 combination of conventional fuel and algae biofuel was used. In July 2010, the first plane to be powered by 100% algae-derived biofuel was flown by Airbus maker EADS. It was found that the fuel was more efficient than the conventional ones. About fifty percent less fuel was needed compared to a petroleum-derived fuel. Even the unwanted emissions were extremely reduced. In September 2010, Exelon Corporation worked on a new method of algae production that could be sustained even during cold temperatures. During the first month of October in 2011, an organization known as Pond Biofuels Inc. found a way of growing algae from cement plant emissions. However, the quantities were still minimal in number. In the first month of 2012, an organization known as VG Energy discovered a new method of producing algae that could increase the amount of oil that it produces by 700%.

Algae-derived jet fuels are quite promising because they provide an answer to most of the problems created by other biomass-derived products. Not only are there no threats to food security or land resources from algae, but it easily blends with conventional fuels consequently eliminating the need to change aircraft parts before use.

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

46. What is the possible solution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
47. How many units of greenhouse gas is aviation industry responsible for nowadays?
48. When does the biodiesel freeze?
49. Why does pyrolysis considered to be problematic approach?

Because

50. How do firms create pyrolysis using oil from algae?

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

51. Research on how to derive fuel from algae had been started in the _____
☐ mid of 1990s ☐ beginning of 1990s ☐ end of 1990s
52. _____ tried the first commercial jet using partly biofuel.
☐ Continental Airlines ☐ Virgin Atlantic ☐ Boeing
53. It was found that planes need _____ petroleum- fuel than biofuel.
☐ less ☐ low ☐ more
54. Algae had been grown from _____ by Pond Biofeuls Inc.
petrol oil cement plant
55. The writer's view is _____ with the development of using biofuel in aviation.
optemestic negative doubtful

WRITING 1

(10 marks)

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

"The positive impacts of advertisements on the customers overweight the negative"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

10

WRITING 2

(10 marks)

*Write a story at least **100 words** about A day you had a very important appointment, but you missed it because of traffic. Include details such as:*

- What happened?
- What was the appointment for?
- What did you do?
- How did you feel?

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