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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

## **GRADE TEN**

Semester Two First Session

## المدارس الصباحية - Morning Schools

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Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours

Pages: 13

ELEMENT	ELEMENT		ks	Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
				Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
VOCABULARY	5					
GRAMMAR	5					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
TOTAL	60					

# (7 marks) LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7) You are going to hear **an interview** between **a radio programmer and Ali Nasser** <u>"a young entrepreneur".</u> Listen, and shade in the bubble $\bigcirc$ next to the correct option. **1.** All created an application for his business when he was in grade \_\_\_\_\_. O nine O eleven O ten **2.** He started to bring his first products from \_\_\_\_\_\_. O UAE O London O Qatar **3.** At the beginning, \_\_\_\_\_\_ were the customers of Ali's business. his relatives • his friends **O** teenagers **4.** Now, his top selling products are \_\_\_\_\_\_. O shoes • sports clothes **O** glasses 5. The main challenge that Ali faced in setting up his business was related to \_\_\_\_\_\_. • receiving products O time O money 6 To start his business, he received the funds from his \_\_\_\_\_\_. **O** parents O school O government 7. In future, Ali plans to \_\_\_\_\_\_. open a shop O design another get more customers application

(8 marks)

#### LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

You are going to hear <u>a biography</u> about <u>a famous writer</u> called <u>Joanne Rawling</u>.

<u>Task One:</u> Listen and for each item, write a <u>short</u> answer (not more than FOUR WORDS).

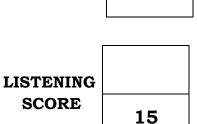
- 8. When did Joanne Rawling finish her university studies?
- 9. What was her job in Portugal?

10. Where was Joanne when she got the idea of Harry Potter story?

**11.** How long did she take to finish writing her story book?

*Task Two*: *Listen For each item, shade in the bubble*  $\bigcirc$  *next to the correct option.* 

	Statements	True	False
12.	Many publishers wanted to publish the first Harry potter book.	0	0
13.	Her book was available in books' stores in 1997.	0	0
14.	Harry Potter books have been translated into 45 languages.	0	0
15.	The first Harry potter film was shown in 2001.	0	0



# **VOCABULARY** (Items 1-5)

# (5 marks)

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

Shinkansen bullet trains are the fastest means of <sup>(1)</sup> that are used
for travelling in Japan. They have top <sup>(2)</sup> of 320 km/h. Passengers can use
the nine Shinkansen lines to reach different <sup>(3)</sup> around Japan. The main
benefit of Shinkansen trains is that they have <sup>(4)</sup> congestion greatly. You
can buy Shinkansen tickets at train stations or online. These trains are stable, safe, and
comfortable. However, you should not look close to the window on your first ride
because you might feel <sup>(5)</sup> and fall down.

1.	0	communication	0	transport	0	marketing	0	dehydration
2.	0	height	0	length	0	speed	0	width
3.	0	climaxes	0	destinations	0	resolutions	0	sources
4.	0	developed	0	increased	0	reduced	0	supported
5.	0	active	0	anxious	0	balanced	0	dizzy

VOCABULARY	
SCORE	5

## GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1-5)

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## (2½ marks)

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For each item, shade in the bubble  $\bigcirc$  under the correct option.

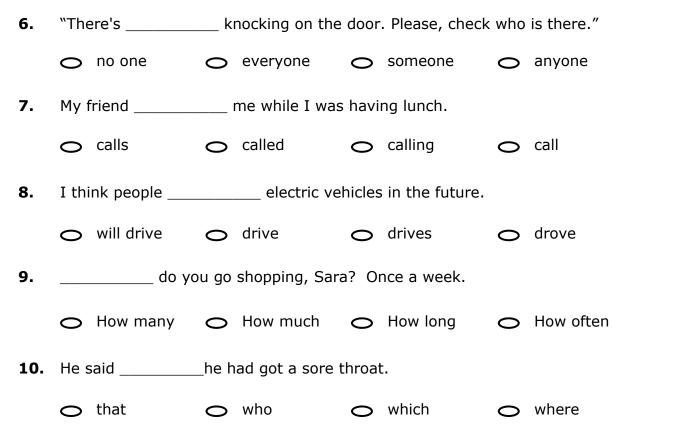
Speaker A:	What's wrong with you Sami? You don't look well
Speaker B:	I had an exam, but I didn't do well. It was <sup>(1)</sup> clear as mud.
Speaker A:	Oh- you are joking. You are always good at school. Tell me <sup>(2)</sup> happened?
Speaker B:	I couldn't focus while doing the exam. I had got a headache due to lack (3)sleep. I slept for 2 hours only.
Speaker A:	What stopped you from sleeping well?
Speaker B:	Watching too much TV.
Speaker A:	You shouldn't <sup>(4)</sup> too much device screens before bedtime.
Speaker B:	You are right. From now and then, I <sup>(5)</sup> stop using device screens at night.

	SO	what	therefore	am	use	of	will	who	used	as
1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6-10)

#### (2½ marks)

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





GRAMMAR	
SCORE	5

#### READING 1 (Items 1-10

(10 marks)

*Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.* 

Numerous science-fiction novels and stories over the years tell us that exploring space could be exciting and profitable. However, many people think that space exploration should be stopped because of its potential dangers and costs.

Some people believe that space exploration can cause dangerous and deadly missions for astronauts. One of the most tragic accidents is the explosion of the space shuttle *Challenger* in 1986. The space shuttle exploded just 73 seconds into its flight, killing the crew of seven on board. Twenty years later, The *Columbia* disaster killed seven as well when the orbiter was lost after a two-week mission. Also, these people argue that astronauts in space are always exposed to the risk of high-energy radiation that causes health problems.

Also, these people argue that the space exploration can pollute the space with destroyed satellites, pieces of equipment, and rockets. In 2007 when the Chinese government was testing a rocket, it crashed into an old weather satellite and broke it into 150,000 pieces. Two years later, an American satellite and a Russian one crashed into each another. NASA estimates that there are about six thousand tons of dead materials orbiting the earth so far as to call it an "orbital graveyard".

The cost of exploring space is one of the biggest criticisms. NASA's budget for 2021 reached about \$25.2 billion. So many people argue that spending billions of dollars on space exploration is not the right thing to do because this huge amount of money can help people who are dying of hunger on our planet.

On the other hand, many people believe that space exploration has given us many benefits. According to a recent survey, 5455 active artificial satellites orbit the earth, 3433 of them belong to the United States. These satellites provide modern applications like communication, broadcasting, navigation and forecasting and gather information for science and military use. In addition, people say that space exploration helps us find and study the asteroids and comets in the space, so we can defend our planet if an object is moving towards the earth. Another argument is that people should look for alternative planets to survive when they feel unsafe on the earth in the future.

In my opinion, space exploration can create jobs, start businesses, and grow the economy. The money invested in space exploration is used to pay salaries of thousands of employees. Also, when space programs are getting bigger each year, the employment problems are getting less in many countries.

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#### **READING 1 (continued)**

*Task one:* for each item, shade in the bubble  $\bigcirc$  next to the correct option.

1.	It is argued that astronauts are always affected by the danger of							
	0	space crash	0	space pollution	0	space radiation		
2.	The	USA and Russia polluted	the sp	bace in w	vith de	stroyed satellites.		
	0	1986	0	2007	0	2009		
3.	The	e most argumentative poir	nt aga	inst space exploration is	5			
	0	space funding	0	space pollution	0	space accidents		
4.	The	country which has the big	gest	number of satellites in t	he spa	ce is		
	0	China	0	Russia	0	The US		
5.	One	advantage of studying th	e spa	ce is protecting the eart	h from			
	0	death and hunger	0	shuttles and missiles	0	asteroids and comets		
6.	The	writer thinks that space e	explora	ation can reduce				
	0	unemployment	0	investments	0	economy		
<u>Tas</u>	<u>sk Tw</u>	<b>o</b> : For each item, comple	eter th	e missing words <b>(not m</b>	nore tl	han two words).		
7.	A tota	l of 14 astronauts were k	illed in	n both <i>Challenger and</i> _		disasters.		
<b>8.</b> T	The ar	ea in the space that conta	ains de	estroyed materials is cal	led			

**9.** Space exploration helps in getting information for scientific and \_\_\_\_\_\_ purposes.

**10.** Space might be a good shelter for people if the earth becomes \_\_\_\_\_\_ to live on.

#### READING 2 (Items 11-20)

#### (10 marks)

*Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.* 

Freya Stark was an explorer in a time when explorers were regarded as heroes. She travelled to distant areas of the Middle East, where few Europeans- especially womenhad travelled before. She also travelled extensively in Turkey, Greece, Italy, Nepal, and Afghanistan.

Freya Stark was born in 1893 in Paris, but spent most of her childhood in Asolo, Italy. Her parents were artists. She had no formal school education as a child because of an illness. However, she was interested in reading books and learned French, German, and Italian in addition to her native language English. In 1912, she enrolled at Bedford College in London to study history. However, at the start of World War I, she left her college to join the army. She worked as a nurse, and she was sent to Italy. After the war, she returned to London in 1923 and attended the Collage of Oriental Studies. Her studies there led to extensive travel in the Middle East, and enabled her to eventually become fluent in Arabic, Persian, Russian and Turkish.

She started her journeys in the Middle East in 1927 when she had saved enough money. She travelled to Lebanon accompanied by an Arab guide. In 1928, they travelled by donkey to Jebel Druze, a mountain area in Syria. During another trip, they went to a remote mountain range in Iran and had a very busy time there. Freya Stark collected information about the life of Muslims in that area and made a detailed map of the whole region. Before she travelled back home, she wrote a book about the habits and lifestyle of the local people based on the information she gathered. Later on, in 1942, she was awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Geographic Society for that book.

For the next 12 years, she continued her career as a traveller and writer. In 1968, at age 75, Stark made her last expedition to Afghanistan and at the same year, she decided to quit exploring. She focused on her writing in which she established a style that combined an account of her journeys with personal commentary on the people, places, customs, history and politics of the Middle East. She published twenty -five books about her travels in the Middle East and Afghanistan. She was one of the first non- Arab travellers to travel through the southern Arabian Desert. She died on her hundred birthday.

#### **READING 2 (continued)**

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

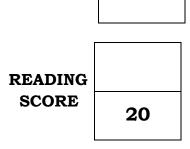
- 11. Where did Freya live mostly in her childhood?
- 12. Why didn't she go to school when she was a child??
- 13. What was Freya's job during the World War I?
- 14. How many languages did she speak in total during her lifetime?

\_\_\_\_\_in addition to English.

- 15. When did she start travelling in the middle east?
- 16. How old was she when she finished her travelling career?

<u>**Task Two:</u>** For each item, shade in the bubble  $\bigcirc$  to indicate whether the statement is **True/False**.</u>

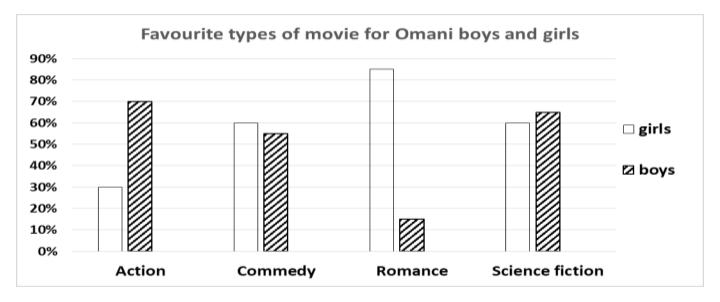
	Statements	True	False
17.	Freya never received any rewards of her writings.	0	0
18.	She stopped travelling after her last journey in Afghanistan.	0	0
19.	She wrote 25 books about her journeys.	0	0
20.	She died at the age of 93.	0	0



### WRITING 1

## (5 marks)

Write a text including all the information in the chart below. Write at least **80** words.



Your writing should be *clear* and *well-organised*.



## WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

#### WRITING 2

#### (10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write **at least 100 words**.

#### Situation:

Imagine that you are **<u>Basim/Basma</u>** and your Italian friend, <u>**Mario/Maria**</u> has to write an article for the school's magazine about healthy life style. He/she asks you to provide him/her with information about healthy life style in Oman.

**Task**: Write an **email** to your friend to help him/her complete the article.

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

## WRITING 2 (continued)

