

الفصل الدراسي الثاني

اللغة الانجليزية (الصف الثاني عشر) (المستألة)

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الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الثاني

تنبيه: • المادة: English Language 'Core'
• الأسئلة في (١٧) صفحة.

- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
- الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات ، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الصفة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفيتش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.

- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).

- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل () وفق النموذج الآتي:

س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:

☐ القاهرة ☐ الدوحة

☒ مسقط ☐ أبوظبي

ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between an interviewer and a safety professional.

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

1. Sara has been working as a safety professional for ____ years.
☐ 10 ☐ 20 ☐ 72

2. According to Sara, her country gets a lot of _____.
☐ earthquakes ☐ hurricanes ☐ floods

3. Sara advised Ali to keep _____ in his 72-hour emergency kit.
☐ vegetables ☐ fruits ☐ nuts

4. Ali believes that shelters can be _____ places.
☐ comfortable ☐ over-crowded ☐ healthy

5. It is recommended to keep cash instead of a credit card in case there is no _____.
☐ electricity ☐ transport ☐ water

6. In case of an emergency, Sara advises Ali to use _____ to communicate with family and friends.
☐ email ☐ a mobile phone ☐ a two-way radio

7. The normal cost of a 72-hour kit is _____ Omani Rials.
☐ 500 ☐ 600 ☐ 800

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about 'The London Marathon'.

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

8. When was the first London Marathon?

_____ (year)

9. How long does the marathon last?

10. What is the main goal of the marathon?

11. How many ways can a participant register for the marathon?

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

12. In 2022, the London Marathon will support _____ organisations.

☐ 18

☐ 26

☐ 47

13. The training plan for the London Marathon participants is designed by _____.

☐ health workers

☐ sport experts

☐ transport volunteers

14. Participants are provided with _____ prior to the event.

☐ T-shirts

☐ water

☐ towels

15. Spectators can use the London Marathon Application to _____ runners.

☐ sponsor

☐ talk to

☐ track

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. Exercising reduces the _____ of having health problems.

- ☐ change ☐ risk ☐ transfer ☐ delay

17. Although he was speaking Arabic, I could not understand his _____.

- ☐ dialect ☐ permission ☐ tolerance ☐ posture

18. Many companies _____ events in schools at the end of the year.

- ☐ articulate ☐ sponsor ☐ lend ☐ restore

19. The police discovered that a faulty Air conditioner _____ the fire in the house.

- ☐ checked ☐ estimated ☐ monitored ☐ caused

20. Nowadays, most countries are encouraging their citizens to use renewable _____ of energy.

- ☐ traces ☐ courses ☐ challenges ☐ sources

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: How long have you been in Taiwan, Ahmed?

Speaker B: I have been here ⁽²¹⁾ ○ since / ○ for fifteen years.

Speaker A: So, are you ⁽²²⁾ ○ work / ○ working there now?

Speaker B: Yes, I started a small business selling robotic assembly kits in 2007.
I used ⁽²³⁾ ○ to sell / ○ sell them in shops, but now the local schools
are my best customers.

Speaker A: Schools! How come?

Speaker B: Teaching robotics in schools is now part of the curriculum here in Taiwan.
Therefore, many schools ⁽²⁴⁾ ○ have / ○ should to buy them.

Speaker A: That's interesting. ⁽²⁵⁾ ○ How / ○ What can schools in Oman get
them?

Speaker B: Well, they can purchase them through my website www.alirobotics.org

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

Ade Adepitan is a TV presenter and wheelchair basketball player who was born in Nigeria. At the age of three, he lost his legs (26) of Polio, a disease that left him in a wheelchair for life. In 2002, Adepitan began appearing on the BBC television as a presenter. Since then, he has hosted many travel (27) and sport programmes. In 2005, he became a presenter for Channel 4 and he was (28) asked to present the Paralympic Show. He has represented Britain as part of the British wheelchair basketball team at major international events. (29) of his hard work and great efforts, he was awarded a gold medal at the 2005 Paralympic World Cup. Currently, he is involved in (30) sports for disabled people.

26. ☐ because ☐ so ☐ and ☐ to
27. ☐ tactics ☐ shifts ☐ documentaries ☐ reefs
28. ☐ also ☐ if ☐ but ☐ off
29. ☐ Perhaps ☐ For example ☐ However ☐ As a result
30. ☐ lifting ☐ reducing ☐ promoting ☐ removing

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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. All planes have a black box. It records everything that happens in the aircraft including accidents. It can withstand temperatures of 1,100 °C for 30 minutes and 250° C for 10 hours. Although it is called a black box, it is actually painted orange so that it can be easily found in the event of a crash.

Statement**True****False**

The black box can tolerate extreme temperatures for several days.

☐☐

32. My dream is to participate in the Dakar Car Rally. It is held in October every year. I know that it is going to be a challenge to drive across the Sahara Desert. I need to train with the Oman car rally team for at least six months. I do not believe I can win, but at least I can try.

Statement**True****False**

The writer thinks he can come first in the Dakar Car Rally Race.

☐☐

33. Dear Mr. Al Mahrooqi,
I am a retired teacher who is interested in working on your activity courses this summer. I have experience in photography and film editing. I can work for the last two weeks of July and the first week of August.
Looking forward to hearing from you soon
Saif Al Hadabi

Statement**True****False**

Saif can work on the summer activity courses for three weeks.

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Reading 1 (continued)

34. A beautiful flower shop in Muscat Mall is looking to hire a motivated, talented, and passionate florist. Interested candidates must have at least two years' experience in arranging flowers for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, special occasions, etc. Application forms are available on our website: www.muscatflorist.com Deadline for receipt of application forms is the 23rd August.

Statement

True

False

Candidates must complete the application form at the flower shop.

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35. My name is Harry Smith and I am the Director of the World School of Languages. The school offers courses in a variety of languages, not just English. You can also study French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Korean – and all the courses are taught by native speakers.

Statement

True

False

The school is suitable for students who want to learn English.

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36. I am a doctor in Australia. I own a small plane as I have patients who live hundreds of kilometres away in the outback. Trevor, my pilot, has worked with me for almost ten years. I use a smartphone to diagnose patients so that I can help treat them even though they live far away.

Statement

True

False

Trevor treats patients who live far away.

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☐

37. According to the United Nations, there is an urgent need for blood donations around the world. Any healthy person over 18 is requested to donate blood to save lives. Over 40,000 blood donations are needed every single day in America alone. Without the help of blood donor volunteers, it would be impossible to fill this need.

Statement

True

False

More than 40,000 blood donor volunteers are needed in the world every day.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

Online versus Face-to-Face Job Interviews

Since 2020, online job interviews have become very common due to social distancing rules and regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, are online job interviews as effective as face-to-face interviews?

According to a recent survey conducted in 2021 by a company specialising in online recruitment for 1,140 companies based in the UK, Europe, Australia and the USA, 41% of these companies plan to combine both in-person and virtual interviews in their employment recruitment strategy. Furthermore, the survey reported that 23% of British companies believe that online interviews have improved the employment recruitment process. From 2022 onwards, German companies will only conduct interviews online to reduce costs.

The CEO of a famous health company in Switzerland stated that the preparation involved in face-to-face interviews can be problematic and stressful. For example, finding space for interviews and rescheduling, due to interviews being cancelled, can be tiring. He went on to say that now they can prepare interview schedules much faster and that it takes less time as they can conduct ten online interviews in the same amount of time it would take to do one face-to-face interview.

According to statistics and reviews posted on Google, almost 98% of job candidates are interviewed online through platforms such as Breezy, Zoom and Skype. These interviews make the whole recruitment process easier, quicker, and more convenient for employers and candidates alike. Online interviews can happen anytime, anywhere. Interviews can be recorded for colleagues to watch and comment on. Skype is the most popular since almost 62% of job seekers said it can be easily accessed and is simple to use. Zoom has also become popular as it can be used to live stream interviews. Around 12% of the companies surveyed reported that Zoom was useful and reliable.

The 2016 Human Capital Benchmarking Report in America stated that an average face-to-face interview costs around \$4,129 per person. The cost of online interviews has reduced this amount to only \$100 per job applicant. In 2016, 56% of employment recruitment companies said they could not hire enough people due to the length of time it took to interview candidates.

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Reading 2 (continued)

Although online job interviews are becoming popular, job seekers reported in a survey conducted in Canada in 2021, that complicated login procedures are a challenge as the multiple login options require quick thinking, which can make the whole process stressful. Recruitment companies believe that online interviews are not suited for posts that require strong social skills such as those needed for senior leadership positions. Many employers prefer to meet candidates face-to-face as these interviews offer a higher level of engagement. Employers can read a person's body language and get a better sense of someone's interpersonal skills in a face-to-face interview. Many employment recruitment managers can tell by the way that someone walks into the room whether or not they are suitable for the position.

Even though there are challenges, most companies around the world are convinced like I am that online job interviews are going to replace face-to-face interviews sooner than any of us had thought possible a few years ago.

38. Online job interviews have become very popular since _____.

☐ 2020

☐ 2021

☐ 2022

39. In Britain _____ of companies believed that online interviews improved the recruitment process.

☐ 23%

☐ 41%

☐ 98%

40. The main reason that German companies prefer to conduct online interviews is because they _____.

☐ cost less

☐ save time

☐ create space

41. The CEO of a health company in Switzerland said that conducting face-to-face interviews is _____.

☐ stressful

☐ flexible

☐ fast

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Reading 2 (continued)

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42. According to Google reviews, most job seekers said that _____ is simple to use and can be easily accessed.
- ☐ Zoom ☐ Skype ☐ Breezy
43. The 2016 Human Capital Report stated that one face-to-face interview costs around \$ _____.
- ☐ 100 ☐ 1,140 ☐ 4,129
44. Job seekers reported that the main challenge they face when conducting online interviews is _____.
- ☐ the complex login process ☐ evaluating interpersonal skills ☐ the limited time available
45. The writer claims that from now on many recruitment companies will use _____ interviews.
- ☐ face-to-face ☐ both face-to face & online ☐ online

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)***Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.***William Kamkwamba**

William Kamkwamba became famous for building a windmill from bicycle parts and scrap metal at the age of 14. He is the author of two books, including, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" which was made into a film. He also built a solar-powered water pump for his village.

William was born on the 5th of August, 1987, in Dowa, a small village in Malawi, Africa. He had to drop out of secondary school when there was a famine in his community in 2001. His father could no longer afford to pay William's school fees because he was a maize and tobacco farmer. But despite this, William was determined to be educated. He began visiting a local library, where he discovered a science book that featured windmills and this inspired him to try and build his own.

First, he started by making a small model. Then, with the help of a cousin, he spent many weeks searching scrap yards and found old tractor fans, plastic pipes and bicycle parts, which he used to build a real windmill.

What he built was a simple machine that produced 12 volts, and powered four lights. When it was completed, the windmill's wingspan measured more than eight feet and sat on top of an unstable tower 15 feet tall that swung violently in strong winds. He eventually replaced the tower with a stronger one that now stands at 39 feet. He also built a second machine that waters the family's garden.

The windmill made William Kamkwamba famous, but despite his accomplishment, he was still unable to return to school. However, news of his electric windmill spread beyond Malawi, and eventually things began to change. An education official, who had heard about the windmill, came to visit the village and was amazed to learn that William had been out of school for five years. He arranged for William to attend secondary school at the government's expense and brought journalists to the farm to see the windmill.

In 2007, William spoke at the TED Global conference in Tanzania. At the end of his talk, everyone in the audience stood up and clapped. Several African businessmen offered to fund his education and projects, and with this money, William was able to put his cousin and several friends back into school and pay for his family's medical expenses. With the donations he received, he also drilled a hole for a well and a water pump in his village and installed drip irrigation in his father's fields. In 2014, William Kamkwamba graduated from the UK with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies.

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Reading 3 (continued)

The water pump has allowed his family to cultivate more crops. They have stopped growing tobacco and they now grow wheat, soybeans, potatoes and peanuts. The windmills have also brought big lifestyle and health changes to other villagers and now the drinking water is clean. The villagers have also stopped using kerosene so they can use the money previously spent on fuel to buy things that they need.

William Kamkwamba's example has inspired other children in Malawi and elsewhere to study science rather than art and geography. William says they now realise that if they put their mind to something, they can achieve anything. 'It has changed the way our people think.'

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

46. How old was William when he built a windmill?

47. What was his father's job?

48. Where did William find the idea to build a windmill?

49. What did William make first before he built his real windmill?

50. Who helped William build his first windmill?

51. How long was William not able to attend school?

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Reading 3 (continued)

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

52. The final windmill tower was _____ feet tall.

☐ 12

☐ 15

☐ 39

53. William used the money he received from _____ to improve his village.

☐ African businessmen

☐ the government

☐ his friends

54. The new water pump has helped farmers grow _____.

☐ tobacco

☐ maize

☐ potatoes

55. Since William built his windmill, _____ has become a popular school subject.

☐ art

☐ science

☐ geography

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(10 marks)

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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(10 marks)

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear an interview between Sara and Grant McDonald.

Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. The film is _____.
☐ Grant's first film ☐ 30 minutes long ☐ on YouTube

2. Grant's award-winning film is about _____.
☐ a boy and some dogs ☐ an abandoned house ☐ his sister

3. Grant was surprised that he won the competition because it was _____.
☐ not uploaded onto YouTube ☐ a film made in France ☐ a very short film

4. Grant will attend a famous film festival in _____.
☐ February ☐ March ☐ May

5. Grant is studying _____ at university.
☐ script writing ☐ film production ☐ law

6. Grant said that short films _____.
☐ are difficult to write ☐ have more content ☐ are cheap to make

7. Grant advises inexperienced film makers to _____ for their film first.
☐ select the lighting ☐ write the script ☐ decide on camera angles

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about the Great Wall Marathon in China.

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

8. Whose idea was it to hold a marathon on the Great Wall of China?

9. When was the first Great Wall Marathon held?

10. How many runners participated in the 2021 Great Wall Marathon?

11. Why are some parts of the route so tiring?

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

12. Participants are expected to bring their own _____.

☐ sun protection cream ☐ towels ☐ water bottles

13. Participants must get a fitness certificate from _____ before registering.

☐ one of the health workers ☐ the organisers ☐ a doctor

14. The Marathon must be completed within _____ hours.

☐ six ☐ eight ☐ ten

15. The Great Wall Marathon includes runs for _____.

☐ those who run just for fun ☐ everyone ☐ very experienced runners only

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. People have to get permission from the government to _____ for a charity.
☐ dedicate ☐ support ☐ fundraise ☐ eradicate
17. I can't prove that he owes me money because there was only a _____ agreement between us.
☐ manual ☐ verbal ☐ formal ☐ torrential
18. The powerful earthquake which hit Indonesia resulted in the complete _____ of its capital city, Jakarta.
☐ destruction ☐ obsession ☐ inspiration ☐ obligation
19. "Please, don't mention anything in front of my sister. She is very _____ and will insist on us telling her the whole story.
☐ sedentary ☐ amusing ☐ curious ☐ practical
20. To be a good role model, students must follow and _____ all the school's rules and regulations.
☐ obey ☐ explode ☐ reduce ☐ design

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

Speaker A Today, I was reading about Earth Hour and I suggest that our family should ⁽²¹⁾ ☐ **join** / ☐ **joining** the event this year.

Speaker B ⁽²²⁾ ☐ **What** / ☐ **Where** is Earth Hour?

Speaker A It's a global event to ⁽²³⁾ ☐ **saved** / ☐ **save** our planet that is held on the last Saturday in March every year from 8.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.

Speaker B So, what are we supposed to do?

Speaker A Well, we ⁽²⁴⁾ ☐ **must** / ☐ **mustn't** switch off all electrical appliances like lights, TV's, AC's, Play Stations, etc. to help save our planet.

Speaker B Oh that's ⁽²⁵⁾ ☐ **a** / ☐ **an** excellent idea. Let's do that. Please remind us a few days before the event. Thanks.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.*

Food stylists are creative professionals who prepare food for photographs and advertisements. Many restaurants (26) freelance food stylists from time to time. These professionals prepare food so it looks fresh, appealing and delicious while being photographed. (27) these photos would make one's mouth water, the food may not be that tasty. Food stylists also use tricks like applying toothpicks, and paint, soap, etc. to make food appear (28) . If you are interested in a career in food styling, you can take a culinary arts degree but you may also (29) to take additional courses to learn how to arrange the food. The job also requires excellent (30) skills since you are going to work with different people such as photographers, chefs and editors.

26. ☐ locate ☐ play ☐ hire ☐ practise
27. ☐ Although ☐ Therefore ☐ But ☐ Because
28. ☐ average ☐ attractive ☐ accurate ☐ relevant
29. ☐ must ☐ carry ☐ should ☐ need
30. ☐ beneficial ☐ interpersonal ☐ delicate ☐ numerical

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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. The Gates Foundation was established in 2000 to fight poverty and disease around the world. About 53.8 billion dollars has been spent to achieve its goals. Since the establishment of this foundation, the number of children who die each year has dropped to 50%. The foundation is now aiming to reduce this number to 70%.

Statement**True****False**

The foundation has succeeded in reducing the number of children who die every year to 70%.

☐☐

32. Gerg Mortenson is a famous American mountaineer who started climbing mountains when he was 11. He decided to climb the second highest mountain in Pakistan. He reached the summit of K2 after 78 days. He discovered that a village close to K2 had no school. When he got better, he built two schools, one for boys and one for girls.

Statement**True****False**

Gerg Mortenson contributed to educating people in Pakistan.

☐☐

33. Yesterday afternoon, thieves stole £500 from a post office in the UK. The only information that the police have about the robbery came from an 11-year-old boy, called Charlie. He told the police that the two thieves escaped in a red car. Unfortunately, Charlie did not manage to write down the car's registration number.

Statement**True****False**

Charlie saw the robbery at the post office.

☐☐

34. Visiting the book exhibition is one of the events I just love to attend. I usually go with my family, but this year, I went with my classmates. Although it was very crowded, we managed to find our favourite books. I bought 3 horror novels and my friends bought dictionaries and reference books.

Statement**True****False**

All the students bought novels.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Tea leaves have more caffeine than coffee beans. However, it has been discovered that about 80% of the caffeine content in tea is extracted during the first minute of making a cup of tea. So, if you want to cut down on caffeine, one suggestion is to throw away the first cup of tea and then make another using the same tea leaves.

Statement

Drink the first cup of tea if you want to reduce your intake of caffeine.

True**False**☐☐

36. Hi Sara,
Let's meet at the Blue Horizon Gym tomorrow at 5 o'clock. Once we've finished, we can have a juice at the café next to the gym. If you like we can also go and watch a movie as there is a nice comfortable cinema next to the café that shows good films. I will send you the gym's location once I reach home tonight.

Yours,

Nahad

Statement

Both friends know where the gym is located.

True**False**☐☐

37. When Susan returned home and saw her house on fire, she was terrified as she thought that her 3-month-old baby was still inside the house where she had left him. Suddenly, Susan saw her brave dog coming out of the house holding the baby in its mouth. Her baby was safe and well.

Statement

The baby was rescued by his mother.

True**False**☐☐

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

E-Books

These days, technology is part of every aspect of our lives whether it be home, school, or work. Almost every home has a computer with access to the internet. Most individuals have smart phones or tablets. In 2015, a study showed that three quarters of children aged between 5 and 15 had a tablet in their home and 69% of 12 to 15 year-olds own a smartphone.

E-books are now becoming more and more popular. An e-book is basically any text, including audio/video in electronic format. It can be downloaded to a desktop, PC, Mac, laptop, PDA or any other kind of computer. Although many people read e-books on their smart phones, there are many who believe that printed books are better. According to a study done in America, most e-book readers prefer to read stories rather than any other type of book. However, college students and even employers would seem to prefer normal textbooks such as reference books, study guides, etc.

It is true that e-books save time and money, but studies show that printed books are still more popular and readers prefer them for several reasons. One of these reasons is related to health issues. Research conducted in 2012 by the University of California shows that reading digital books for many hours can result in muscle strain, weight gain and a high cholesterol level.

The same study also found that college students aged from 18 to 24 preferred to study printed books. The research showed that 88% of college students purchased printed books while only 12% bought e-books and the reason for this was because they could not afford to buy the printed versions. However, this study also discovered that children aged 7 to 10 had improved their reading skills as a result of using e-books. The study suggested that boys' reading skills improved faster than girls. The boys took four months to improve their reading scores while the girls took seven. Moreover, boys who hated reading found e-books interesting and their reading scores showed a massive improvement. Unfortunately, the range of e-books for challenged learners and children with learning difficulties is still very limited.

In the last few years, the publishing industry has tried to encourage readers to buy more e-books. However, according to a report by the Association of American Publishers in 2017, e-book sales only amounted to \$1.1 billion whereas the sale of printed books amounted to \$2.8 billion.

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. In 2015, a study proved that three quarters of the world's children between the ages of five to fifteen had _____.
- ☐ smartphones ☐ tablets ☐ E-books
39. E-book users generally like to read _____.
- ☐ study guides ☐ story books ☐ reference books
40. In _____, a study indicated that E-book users can gain weight.
- ☐ 2012 ☐ 2015 ☐ 2017
41. Students who prefer printed books are aged from _____ years old.
- ☐ 7-10 ☐ 12-15 ☐ 18-24
42. According to the Californian study, only 12% of students bought E-books because of _____ issues.
- ☐ time related ☐ financial ☐ health
43. The study discovered that using E-books helped _____ reading scores improve within four months.
- ☐ boys' ☐ girls' ☐ both boys' and girls'
44. According to the writer, there are not many E-books that cater for people who _____.
- ☐ have financial problems ☐ find it difficult to read ☐ have health issues
45. In 2017, the market for printed books was _____ E-books.
- ☐ lower than ☐ the same as ☐ higher than

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)***Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.***Katherine Graham- A Successful Journalist**

Katherine Graham was recognised around the world as an important leader in the publishing industry. She was the first woman to head a major American company and she successfully expanded The Washington Post Company to include a newspaper, magazine and television station.

Katherine was born in New York City in 1917. Her father was the first president of the World Bank. Katherine graduated from the University of Chicago in 1938, and worked as a reporter in San Francisco. In 1939, Katherine's father bought a newspaper called The Washington Post. At that time, it was the least successful of the five newspapers in Washington, so Katherine returned to Washington and worked as an editor for her father's newspaper. Katherine subsequently got married to Philip Graham who was a lawyer. She decided to leave her job and stay at home to look after their children. Sometime later, Philip left his law firm to become the publisher of The Washington Post. He made quite a few changes to the company and increased its profits. Unfortunately, he became seriously ill and died in 1963.

After her husband's death, Katherine did not believe that she had the ability to manage The Washington Post Company. She had no business training or experience in operating a large company. In those days, it was unusual for a woman to be the head of a business. Women were expected to only look after their homes and children, and Katherine had four young sons. Against the advice of family and friends, Katherine decided to manage the newspaper herself. She became the publisher as well as the president of The Washington Post Company.

In the 1970s, The Washington Post became famous around the world for its reporting on the Watergate Story which resulted in President Nixon having to resign from his position. In 1973, The Washington Post newspaper was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for public service. Katherine supported women's right to work. She employed more women at The Washington Post and the Newsweek magazine. She also was very active in organisations that wanted to improve public education in Washington. She travelled around the country and gave speeches about important media issues and women's rights.

When she was eighty years old, Katherine wrote a book called "My Personal History." The book was extremely popular and won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1998. Three years later, she died at age of eighty-four.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. What was Katherine's first job?

47. When did Katherine's father buy the Washington Post newspaper?

48. Who did Katherine marry?

49. What was the role of most women in the 1960's?

50. Why did The Washington Post win a Pulitzer Prize in 1973?

51. How old was Katharine when she wrote her book?

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Reading 3 (continued)

Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

52. Katherine's husband died in_____.

☐ 1938

☐ 1963

☐ 1970

53. After her husband's death, Katherine decided to _____.

☐ do a business course

☐ manage the company

☐ stay at home

54. She supported women by offering them opportunities to work in _____.

☐ the media

☐ law companies

☐ universities

55. She travelled around America to _____.

☐ find editors

☐ write stories

☐ make speeches

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(10 marks)

Situation: Imagine you are Nasser/Nasra Al Ajmi. Last year, you took a course during the summer holidays. A friend has contacted you and asked you if you would recommend it.

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

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 للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٢ هـ - ٢٠٢٠ / ٢٠٢١ م
 الدور الأول

- زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
- الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

- تنبيه: المادة: 'English Language 'Core'
- الأسئلة في (١٣) صفحة.

تعليمات مهمة:

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- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
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- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل () وفق النموذج الآتي:
 س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
 القاهرة ☐ الدوحة ☐
 مسقط ☒ أبوظبي ☐
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.
- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

*You are going to hear a conversation between **Maryam** and her **father**.*

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

1. Maryam is in _____.
☐ Australia ☐ Oman ☐ the UK
2. Maryam's _____ got infected with COVID 19.
☐ brother ☐ father ☐ mother
3. During the total lockdown, Maryam suffers from _____.
☐ loneliness ☐ stress ☐ a lack of food
4. Maryam's university has _____.
☐ closed down ☐ shifted to distance learning ☐ moved to online learning
5. The main challenge that Maryam is facing now is _____.
☐ keeping focussed during online lectures ☐ submitting work on time ☐ using a new architecture software
6. Maryam's father promised to _____.
☐ call back ☐ send money ☐ visit her
7. Maryam can't return home now because _____.
☐ she is busy with her final project ☐ she can't afford it ☐ the airports are closed

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

*You are going to hear a talk about a young entrepreneur called **Lizzie**.*

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

8. Who first discovered Lizzie's talent?

9. How old was Lizzie when she started her first business?

10. What did she spend the money on from her first business?

11. What does Lizzie post on her website?

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

12. Lizzie was invited by the fitness programme to speak to _____ about the importance of exercising.

☐ parents

☐ adults

☐ students

13. Lizzie borrowed money from a bank to _____.

☐ expand her business

☐ help her father

☐ produce films

14. One of her future plans is to _____.

☐ launch more websites

☐ get a job

☐ join a college

15. Lizzie is planning to publish a book on _____.

☐ setting up a business

☐ healthy cooking

☐ communication skills

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. "You can start your presentation with a funny story to _____ the audience's attention."

☐ edit ☐ grab ☐ reduce ☐ revise

17. Latest statistics indicate that the number of social media users has _____ increased in the world.

☐ locally ☐ fluently ☐ rapidly ☐ personally

18. The tourists were _____ with the beautiful sites in Al Hoota cave in Al Hamra.

☐ embarrassed ☐ exhausted ☐ fascinated ☐ terrified

19. A lot of students competed in the International Math Olympics. But, Farah was the only _____ to win a prize.

☐ candidate ☐ consumer ☐ lecturer ☐ presenter

20. Ahmed felt that he would not be able to _____ with the new job, so he decided to quit.

☐ celebrate ☐ cope ☐ impress ☐ share

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

- Khalid:** Have you ⁽²¹⁾ ☐ **submit** / ☐ **submitted** your project?
- Mazin:** Not yet. My laptop is destroyed. I need to buy a new one,
⁽²²⁾ ☐ **but** / ☐ **so** I don't have enough money.
- Khalid:** ⁽²³⁾ ☐ **If** / ☐ **Unless** you don't have enough money for a new one,
you can buy a used one.
- Mazin:** Oh. How ⁽²⁴⁾ ☐ **many** / ☐ **much** does that cost?
- Khalid:** Around R.O. 150. Last month, my brother ⁽²⁵⁾ ☐ **bought** / ☐ **will buy**
one in good condition with a three-month warranty.
- Mazin:** Really! That's a good price. I'll get one. Thank you.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (☐) next to the correct option.*

The latest research on consumer shopping habits finds that shoppers now (26) becoming more careful about what they spend compared with the past. The most significant (27) is that many shoppers think of what they will buy before going shopping. According to the most recent findings, shoppers tend to avoid (28) random purchases as they do not want to buy unnecessary items. In the past, they would happily buy things that they actually (29) not planned to get. Also, the findings indicate that people (30) to buy well-known brand names. They are also attracted to local products which are cheaper.

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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. Last Friday, I went shopping with my four sisters who adore shopping just as much as I do. This time, we went to the jewellery shop. All of us bought rings except my youngest sister who insisted on buying a bracelet.

Statement**True****False**

All the sisters bought rings at the jewellery shop.

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32. Ali bought a special chair which had a lot of features. It had a place for food and drinks, a radio and a little TV too! Sadly, it was broken into pieces when his heavy brother sat on it as it was not strong enough to hold him.

Statement**True****False**

The special chair was broken by Ali's brother.

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33. Last year, Amina went to Singapore with her family. They visited the Botanic Gardens. They saw more than two thousand five hundred species of plants. Amina used her diary to write down the names of the new plants while her sister Fatma used their mother's camera to take some photos.

Statement**True****False**

Amina took some photos of the new species.

☐☐

34. I am confused about choosing the right career. My father advised me to do an aptitude test to help me find a proper job which suits my skills and talents. Although I hate sitting for tests, I decided to take the test and discover the job that suits me best.

Statement**True****False**

The writer decided to follow his father's advice.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. A local juice company which was launched in 2016 sells a range of ten types of juices. All of them contain natural local ingredients such as mango, orange, berries, lemon and mint. They are fresher and cheaper than imported juices. They do not contain any chemicals.

Statement

Imported juices are more expensive than local ones.

True

False

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36. I like taking photographs to record my memories. Everyone says I'm becoming an expert photographer. Recently, my father bought me a new professional camera as the old one given to me by my mother was not the latest model. The photos from the new camera are much more professional.

Statement

The old camera was a gift from the writer's father.

True

False

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37. My sister, Zainab, decided to open a gym in our town as the equipment in the existing one is broken. Before starting, she did an on-line survey to find out more about local needs. Now, her gym is open and everyone goes there.

Statement

The new gym was established as the previous one wasn't good enough.

True

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

Medical Tourism

Medical tourism has become very popular nowadays. A recent report by 'Patients Beyond Borders', an international health travel magazine, shows that nearly eight million patients travelled abroad for medical care in 2019. Medical tourism is big business, and the value of this industry is between twenty and forty billion US dollars. In addition, a report by the 'World Medical Tourism Market' forecast that the medical tourism industry will grow by 25% by 2026.

According to the 'Global Health Travel' magazine report in 2020, the rapid growth in medical tourism is due to several reasons. The low cost in countries such as India, Thailand and Turkey is one of the reasons. For example, the surgery prices are 30% to 70% lower in these countries compared to others. The second reason is the easy access to online consumer information about medical treatments around the world. This helps people make decisions about the most suitable hospitals and they can book appointments without getting delayed or being placed on a waiting list. Many websites are marketing best medical centres and are available to serve people who are looking for medical services in different countries. For example, one of the famous free sites is Medigo, which was launched in 2014, in Germany. This site lists over two hundred hospitals in twelve different countries such as the UK, USA and China, and is available in four languages. However, according to the "Global Health Travel' statistics, the main reason that attracts medical tourists is the quality of the medical services provided by well-trained doctors in technologically advanced hospitals.

According to the list of the most popular medical destinations published by 'Patients Beyond Borders' in 2019, Malaysia comes at the top of the list. It is famous for luxurious hospitals with five-star rooms and it offers medical treatments for people who struggle to have children. Brazil is second on the list with approximately three hundred thousand medical travellers. It has the highest number of cosmetic surgeons in the world. Even film and TV stars have operations in this country. India is the third most popular destination, and is home for highly trained heart doctors at a low cost. Although Singapore is very expensive, it comes fourth on the list because it has one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world with the highest technology especially for cancer treatments. Turkey has a growing medical tourism sector, and it is fifth on the list. It is known for its eye treatments, especially laser surgery. Turkey also offers discounted flights through its airlines to attract more medical tourists.

With the rise of medical tourism, destinations that offer quality and affordable healthcare, competition between countries has increased to provide top quality medical services with attractive offers.

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. According to the _____ report, the medical tourism industry will increase in 2026.
- ☐ 'Global Health Travel' ☐ 'Patients Beyond Borders' ☐ 'World Medical Tourism Market'
39. The Medigo website provides information on more than _____ hospitals.
- ☐ 12 ☐ 70 ☐ 200
40. Statistics show the main reason for medical tourism is the _____.
- ☐ easy access for appointments ☐ highly qualified, trained doctors ☐ low cost
41. The 'Patients Beyond Borders' destination list was published in _____.
- ☐ 2014 ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020
42. _____ is a popular medical destination for famous celebrities.
- ☐ Brazil ☐ Germany ☐ Malaysia
43. Tourists prefer India for _____ surgery.
- ☐ cancer ☐ eye ☐ heart
44. According to 'Patients Beyond Borders', Singapore is listed in the _____ position.
- ☐ third ☐ fourth ☐ fifth
45. Turkey offers discounts on its _____ to attract medical tourists.
- ☐ airline flights ☐ five-star rooms ☐ laser surgeries

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Writing 1**(10 marks)**

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Having classes in school is better than studying online."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:

☐ القاهرة ☐ الدوحة

☒ مسقط ☐ أبوظبي

ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Mrs. Sally and her previous student Mark. Listen, and shade in the bubble (☐) next to the correct option.

1. Mrs. Sally was Mark's _____ teacher.
☐ Math ☐ English ☐ Science
2. Mrs. Sally listened to Mark's report about _____.
☐ health ☐ shopping ☐ travel
3. Mark's programme focusses on _____.
☐ adults ☐ children ☐ teenagers
4. Mrs. Sally knew Mark to be a _____ student.
☐ sociable ☐ shy ☐ worried
5. According to Mark, _____ students are working at the local radio station.
☐ three ☐ four ☐ six
6. Mark says it was difficult for him to _____ while broadcasting.
☐ be natural ☐ deal with equipment ☐ read a script
7. In the future, Mark wants to be a _____.
☐ producer ☐ journalist ☐ computer engineer

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a hiker called Emma Gatewood.

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

8. How old was Emma when she started hiking?

9. What did she do for a living after marriage?

10. Which magazine inspired her to start hiking?

11. How was her first hiking experience?

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

12. Emma became a famous hiker after she appeared in a _____.

- ☐ documentary film ☐ newspaper article ☐ TV show

13. During her second hiking trip, she was supported by _____.

- ☐ associations ☐ strangers ☐ friends

14. She hiked the Appalachian Trail in 1963 for the _____ time.

- ☐ first ☐ second ☐ third

15. In her lifetime, she hiked a total of _____ thousand miles.

- ☐ 2 ☐ 14 ☐ 60

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. You will be amazed with the _____ view of the city if you stand at the top of the tower.

☐ bizarre ☐ normal ☐ terrible ☐ stunning

17. You need to add the contact information for your second _____ to your CV so we can get in touch with him.

☐ customer ☐ editor ☐ pioneer ☐ referee

18. He decided to take a mountaineering training programme as he will _____ to reach the summit of Jabal Shams, next winter.

☐ attempt ☐ hesitate ☐ navigate ☐ pretend

19. "Can you please check if your details are _____? I think there is something wrong."

☐ accurate ☐ basic ☐ compulsive ☐ stable

20. As the company's debts reached 10 million RO, it was forced to announce its _____.

☐ consolation ☐ bankruptcy ☐ promotion ☐ tolerance

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

- Sara:** How was your check-up appointment yesterday? Was everything OK?
- Laila:** Well, my cholesterol level was high and I was ⁽²¹⁾ ☐ **refer** / ☐ **referred** to a nutritionist.
- Sara:** ⁽²²⁾ ☐ **What** / ☐ **When** did he tell you?
- Laila:** He told me to avoid ⁽²³⁾ ☐ **eating** / ☐ **to eat** food containing fat, oil and sugar. He also told me that I ⁽²⁴⁾ ☐ **ought** / ☐ **should** eat lots of vegetables and walk for forty five minutes a day.
- Sara:** Did he advise you to do anything else?
- Laila:** He told me to reduce my weight ⁽²⁵⁾ ☐ **so** / ☐ **and** go for a check-up every four months.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)**

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

Ecotourism - a new type of travel - has been (26) to make sure that both tourists and residents have a positive experience. The aim of ecotourism is to provide an enriching experience for tourists while taking care of the environment. It (27) travellers to be sensitive to local people and cultures. Also, it teaches tourists to be (28) for the environment. Furthermore, ecotourism makes residents work to improve their lives and feel (29) connected to the land. It also raises travellers' levels of awareness. The hope (30) the future is to increase travellers' commitment and passion for our beloved planet Earth.

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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. The best thing about my job is the people I work with. We have a lot of fun at work. The worst thing is the timings of the shift-work. I hate working at night and very early in the morning. I don't think I'm going to continue working here.

Statement**True****False**

The writer is unhappy with his working hours.

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32. Scientists have built a 300kph racing car that uses biofuel with a mix of chocolate waste and vegetable oil. The project is intended to show how car-manufacturing could become environmentally friendly. Currently, biofuel cars are not allowed to participate in auto racing.

Statement**True****False**

Nowadays, biofuel cars are widely used in car racing.

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33. When I visited Marrakech, I stayed in a traditional house in the old city. There are hundreds of these very popular old houses, called Riads. They have been turned into charming guesthouses to attract more visitors. However, luxurious hotels still receive the most visitors.

Statement**True****False**

Most tourists in Marrakech stay in old houses.

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34. According to the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management report, an earthquake hit Sulawesi Island, Friday 15 January, 2021. Forty two people were killed, six hundred and thirty seven were injured and fifteen thousand were reported missing.

Statement**True****False**

More people died than were reported missing.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Currently, I work as a journalist at a local newspaper. Mainly, I write stories about local issues, and sometimes I interview politicians. My future plan is to work at a well-known international newspaper and have the opportunity to work abroad with experienced journalists.

Statement

True

False

The writer's dream is to be an international journalist.

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36. My plane was three hours late. I walked around the shops in the airport, and drank coffee as I didn't feel like eating anything. Unfortunately, they served a cold, tasteless sandwich on the plane which I couldn't eat although I was very hungry.

Statement

True

False

The passenger had a meal while shopping.

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37. The first Earth Hour was held on 31 March, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in Sydney, Australia. More than two million residents and two thousand companies turned their lights out for one hour. More cities decided to have their own 'Lights Out' event in the same year in October.

Statement

True

False

More than one city turned off their lights in March, 2007.

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Reading 2 (Items 38 – 45)**(8 marks)**

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

Trusted Media Brands

Trusted Media Brands, previously known as the 'Reader's Digest Association', is an American multi-digital platform media and publishing company. The Reader's Digest Association company was founded by DeWitt Wallace, and his wife Lila Bell, in New York City in 1922. Later, the name of the company was changed to Trusted Media Brands in September, 2015 by Bonnie Kintzer, the Chief Content Officer (CCO). The new name was chosen to include the various brands of the company under one umbrella rather than just 'Reader's Digest'. The company now contains ten well-known brands which are 'Taste of Home', 'Reader's Digest', 'The Healthy', 'Family Handyman', 'Birds & Blooms', 'Country', 'Country Woman', 'Farm & Ranch Living', 'Reminisce' and 'Haven Home Media', which is the latest.

Trusted Media Brands has continued to publish 'Reader's Digest' magazine with its inspiring true stories and up-to-date information. It reaches an average audience of nineteen million. It contains fifty editions translated into twenty different languages. These editions include Indian, Australian, Canadian, Portuguese, Swedish and many more. At one time, there was an Arabic edition, titled 'Al Mukhtar', which was published in Egypt. However, it was stopped in 1993 by the 'Reader's Digest Association'.

According to Trusted Media Brands CCO, during the COVID 19 pandemic, the most visited and electronically read magazine is the 'Taste of Home' where the number of visitors reached more than 32.3 million. The 'Family Handyman' is the second most widely read magazine with 9.6 million readers. Bonnie Kintzer stated that the reason for this increase was that the company works hard to create engaging content to support the growing numbers of readers of all ages who want to break the boredom of having to stay at home during COVID 19. For example, people appreciate the 'Taste of Home' as it provides them with new home recipes. It also provides them with information to help them store their food supplies smartly. The 'Family Handyman' supports families with online courses on how to repair their homes and these are suitable for all ages.

All in all, the Trusted Media Brands' administration board is very efficient and powerful. The company operates about 60 branded websites. It uses its database of more than 140 million consumers to market books, special-interest magazines, music, videos, financial and health products in 76 countries. According to recent statistics, 80 million visitors a month log into the Trusted Media Brands websites in addition to the 16 million people who read the paper magazine.

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Reading 2 (continued)

38. The 'Reader's Digest Association' was established in _____.
☐ 1922 ☐ 1993 ☐ 2015
39. The name 'Trusted Media Brands' was introduced by _____.
☐ Bonnie Kintzer ☐ DeWitt Wallace ☐ Lila Bell
40. The 'Reader's Digest' is translated into _____ languages.
☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 50
41. The translated edition which was stopped, was published in _____.
☐ Australia ☐ Egypt ☐ India
42. According to Trusted Media Brands CCO, the _____ registered the highest number of visitors.
☐ 'Haven Home Media' ☐ 'Family Handyman' ☐ 'Taste of Home'
43. The number of readers has increased during COVID 19 because the content _____.
☐ engages all ages ☐ is well known ☐ is amusing
44. The content of 'Taste of Home' covers _____.
☐ cooking recipes ☐ projects ☐ online courses
45. Trusted Media Brands has more than sixteen million monthly _____.
☐ paper magazine readers ☐ special interest websites ☐ online visitors

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Writing 1**(10 marks)**

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"In Oman, everyone is happy to use recycled bags rather than plastic bags."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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

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Writing 1 (continued)

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(10 marks)

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امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام

للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٠/١٤٣٩ هـ - ٢٠١٨ / ٢٠١٩ م

الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الثاني

تنبيه: • المادة: 'Core' English Language
• الأسئلة في (١٦) صفحة.

• زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
• الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات ، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل () وفق النموذج الآتي:
س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
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- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Ali and Sara.

Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Ali will travel for _____ days.
☐ 17 ☐ 10 ☐ 14
2. Ali is travelling _____.
☐ alone ☐ with his sister ☐ with his family
3. Ali's television needs to be _____.
☐ repaired ☐ replaced ☐ shifted
4. Ali's plants need watering every _____.
☐ day ☐ two days ☐ three days
5. His new refrigerator will be delivered in the _____.
☐ morning ☐ afternoon ☐ evening
6. He wants his letters to be left _____.
☐ in the living room ☐ in the kitchen ☐ with his clients
7. At the end, Sara sounded as if she were _____ with her brother's demands.
☐ happy ☐ annoyed ☐ confused

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a Rainbow Village.

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

8. Where is Kampung Rainbow Village?

_____ (country)

9. What is Widodo's job?

10. Who paid for the project?

11. When was the project opened to the public?

_____ (year)

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

12. Kampung is more famous on _____.

☐ Twitter

☐ Facebook

☐ Instagram

13. The project's greatest impact is _____.

☐ economic

☐ social

☐ environmental

14. In the future _____ more houses will be painted.

☐ 100

☐ 150

☐ 232

15. The next step of the project will involve _____.

☐ cleaning the river

☐ building hotels

☐ opening restaurants

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Vocabulary 1 (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

Peter Roget was an accomplished doctor, lecturer, and inventor. He (16) from professional life when he was 61 years old. After some time, he became depressed and to cope with this he (17) working on one of his dream projects which involved making lists. He (18) all his time to creating a catalogue of words organised by their meanings. Eight years later, he (19) to publish his book. In 1852, the first printed edition was called "*Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*". He kept working on it until he (20) at the age of 90 and was buried in his home town. His son continued revising and expanding his work. Nowadays, this book is widely available in bookshops and online stores.

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Vocabulary 2 (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

In each sentence, complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word.

*Make sure your **spelling** is correct.*

21. (adj) hurting, painful.

e.g. My knee is still **so** — — from the surgery.

22. (verb) to observe and check progress or quality of something over a period of time.

e.g. The doctor said; "We need to **mon** — — — her condition every hour."

23. (noun) someone or something that won a competition, especially in sport.

e.g. He is a **cham** — — — racing car driver.

24. (verb) to aid or help someone, typically by doing a share of the work.

e.g. As a team we need to **ass** — — — each other to hand in the project on time.

25. (adv) quickly, speedily.

e.g. The city has grown **rap** — — — since the start of the new public transportation.

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Grammar 1 (Items 26 – 30)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct answer.*

26. It was a very long and tiring journey. I _____ to change flights four times to reach New Zealand.

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27. Salim was very excited _____ see his results, because he had studied very hard.

☐ to ☐ for ☐ of ☐ at

28. According to the advertisement, applications must be _____ by 18 June.

☐ submit ☐ submits ☐ submitting ☐ submitted

29. "I haven't seen my cousins for ages. My mother promised we _____ visit them this weekend. "

☐ will ☐ won't ☐ are ☐ aren't

30. "Is your mother _____ home? My aunty wants to visit her."

☐ of ☐ at ☐ on ☐ to

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Grammar 2 (Items 31 – 35)**(2½ marks)**

Complete the text. Fill each gap with **ONE** word only.

Speaker A: Good morning sir, can I help you?

Speaker B: I'm looking for a nice watch for my friend. Can you recommend one,
(31) _____ not expensive one.

Speaker A: Normally, what type of watch (32) _____ your friend like to wear?

Speaker B: Well he wears different types. He's a professional diver, so I was thinking
(33) _____ buying him a diving watch.

Speaker A: How about this one, sir? It's a digital diving watch with a camera. Luckily,
it's on sale now. It'll only (34) _____ 75 Omani Rials.

Speaker B: Great, that suits my budget. I'll take it. Can (35) _____ please gift-wrap it?

Speaker A: Of course, I'll do that sir. It'll just take a few minutes.

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Reading 1 (Items 36 – 42)**(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.

36. Those days were the best. I travelled to South Africa where I met your mother. She was working with the United Nations (UN) as a nurse. I was filming a documentary about wild life in the country. We got married and went back to the UK where you were born.

Statement**True****False**

The filmmaker travelled to South Africa with his son.

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37. It was almost midnight when John stopped to buy some snacks. He noticed something strange inside a black car across the street. It was dark but the lights from the passing cars allowed him to identify the man sleeping inside the car.

Statement**True****False**

John was able to recognise who was in the black car.

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38. I am so confused about what to specialise in at university. I am more interested in Arts because I see myself as a teacher but my father is pushing me to study medicine and become a doctor. He sees himself in me and I do not want to let him down.

Statement**True****False**

The writer's father is encouraging him to study Arts at university.

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Reading 1 (continued)

39. I did not check whether I had bought all the items on the list my wife had given me because I was in a hurry. It was time for the football match, so I started running. I gave my wife the groceries and sat down to watch the match. Unfortunately, I had forgotten to buy the milk, so I had to go back to the shop.

Statement

True

False

At the end, the writer bought all the items on the list.

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40. I think of myself as a sports person and an adventurer; therefore I love to try different sports. Last week, I went to Jabal Shams and did a parachute jump for the first time in my life. I was scared at first but it was a wonderful experience.

Statement

True

False

The writer is an expert in parachute jumping.

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41. The competition consisted of three stages from easier to more difficult. In the first stage, the participants rode their bikes, racing through the city's roads for ten kilometres. The second stage required them to run for fifteen kilometres. Finally, they had to swim across the river to the opposite side.

Statement

True

False

Before crossing the river, the participants ran for 15 kilometres.

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42. There was a terrible storm. Hundreds of houses were destroyed and all the ships that were anchored at the port were damaged. The death toll reached 253 people. Thousands of people became homeless as a result of the storm.

Statement

True

False

Thousands of people lost their lives because of the storm.

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Reading 2 (Items 43 – 48)**(6 marks)**

Read these two texts. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (☐) next to the correct option.

Text 1:

I like to watch survival movies. In fact, there are two movies which are my favourites. One of them is *The Way Back* which is based on the novel 'The Long Walk' a biography about seven Polish prisoners-of-war who managed to escape from a jail deep inside Siberia and walked 4,000 miles to freedom during World War Two, in 1941. Along this difficult journey, they discovered the real meaning of friendship. The group's leader is a man called Janusz, who as a young man had spent much of his youth outdoors and knew how to survive in the wild. I was amazed at how these prisoners survived freezing nights, lack of food and water, sandstorms, walking across endless desert landscapes, climbing the Himalayas, as well as having to face many other challenges on their journey towards freedom. Only four survived this terrible journey.

I asked myself after watching this film: what would I do to survive? Would I be prepared to do anything just to survive even at the expense of another person's life? I think it is a fascinating film with excellent acting and, in my opinion, is one of the best movies I have ever watched.

43. The movie is based on a _____.

☐ fictional novel

☐ true story

☐ folktale

44. _____ prisoners-of-war died on the journey.

☐ Three

☐ Four

☐ Seven

45. The writer's opinion is that, the film is _____.

☐ interesting

☐ scary

☐ boring

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Reading 2 (continued)

Text 2:

The second survival film *Into The Wild*, is based on a real story. It is about a college graduate named Christopher McCandless, who was born into a very wealthy family. He decided to leave everything behind including his credit cards and expensive cars to go and live in the wilderness in Alaska alone with his pencils and diary.

In the beginning this young boy was very excited to live in an isolated area far from humans. He used traditional tools to hunt for his food. As time passed, life became much harder and he found it more difficult to survive. Throughout this time, he kept a diary documenting his experiences and because of this diary, we know what he went through in his short life.

I was very sad at the end of the movie when Christopher mistakenly ate a poisonous plant which killed him. He died all alone in the wilderness. Later, when his diary was found, it was discovered that he had written that true happiness could only be found when living with others. Personally, I wish the ending had been different as I felt so depressed after I had seen this film.

46. Christopher took his _____ with him on the journey to Alaska.

☐ credit cards

☐ expensive cars

☐ diary

47. According to the film, Christopher's life in Alaska _____.

☐ became harder

☐ didn't change

☐ was easier

48. The writer was very _____ at the end of the film.

☐ happy

☐ sad

☐ excited

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Reading 3 (Items 49 – 56)**(12 marks)**

Read the text about a sportsman called Erik Weißenmayer. Then complete the task.

The Fire!

Let me tell you about a story that happened to me when I was 12 years old. I grew up in a town called Courtedge, where I lived with my mother and father. Because my father was working abroad, I was in charge of looking after my sick mother. One day, on a cold December morning in 1952, I left home to buy some medicine for her. When I turned the corner onto Willow Street, I saw smoke coming from one of the houses. A man who was waving his hands from one of the windows yelled, "Save the girls! Save the girls!" I ran towards the burning house, but the flames had blocked the front door, so I ran to the backdoor which fortunately was unlocked. I ran up the stairs where I found a six-year-old girl by the window. I grabbed the child, but she screamed, "No, no, my sister! You've got to get my sister!"

I went across the hall and checked the other bedroom, but I could not see anyone. I thought that she might be hiding in the cupboard or behind the curtains, but there was no one there. I was about to leave the room when I heard a noise coming from the direction of the bed. I searched under it and found a scared three-year-old girl, crying quietly. As the flames grew bigger, I carried the two sisters safely out to the street where their terrified mother was waiting with her baby. After making sure that the family was safe, I ran to pick up the medicine for my mother.

Over the years, I often wondered what had happened to the girls from Willow Street.

I spent four decades in Texas city with my wife, Jane, where I worked in the airline industry as a pilot. When I retired last October, we decided to return to Courtedge, and settle in a beautiful house overlooking the lake where I could sit outside and read and my wife could do some gardening.

Shortly after we moved in, two neighbours, Robert and Margaret, stopped by with a housewarming gift—English muffins and chocolate. My wife and I invited them in for dinner, and that is when we discovered that Margaret and I, now both in our 70s, had grown up round the corner from each other. Margaret's eyes lit up in surprise as she listened to me describing the fire. When I finished, I asked them "Now, how long ago would that have been?" And Robert answered, "That would have been in 1952." Then, Margaret cried: "Oh my God that must have been the fire at our house!"

Margaret, who was six at the time, had a clear memory of the fire, but she never knew how they had been saved. All of her siblings were at school that day except for Margaret and Alice who were at home with their baby brother, mother and grandfather. Sadly, Margaret's grandfather, who was the man who had called out to me to save the girls died as a result of the fire.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

49. Where was the writer going when the fire happened?

50. How many years did the writer spend in Texas?

51. What did the writer's wife plan to do after returning to Courtedge?

52. How did Margaret discover who had saved her from the fire?

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

53. The writer got into the burning house through the _____.

☐ front door

☐ window

☐ backdoor

54. The younger sister was hiding _____.

☐ in a cupboard

☐ under the bed

☐ behind the curtains

55. The writer is now a _____.

☐ retiree

☐ gardener

☐ pilot

56. _____ people survived the fire on Willow Street.

☐ Two

☐ Three

☐ Four

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Writing 1 (continued)

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Writing 2 (continued)

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امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام

للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٠/١٤٣٩ هـ - ٢٠١٨ / ٢٠١٩ م

الدور الثاني - الفصل الدراسي الثاني

تنبيه: • المادة: 'Core' English Language
• الأسئلة في (١٦) صفحة.

• زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
• الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
- يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
- يجب الالتزام بالزي (الدشداشة البيضاء والمصر أو الكمة للذكور) والزي المدرسي للطالبات ، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
- يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه وأية مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان المقالية بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
- يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل () وفق النموذج الآتي:
س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي:
القاهرة ☐ الدوحة ☐
مسقط ☒ أبوظبي ☐
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل () باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.

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Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between Ahmed and his mother.

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

1. Ahmed's mother is a _____.
☐ teacher ☐ housewife ☐ doctor
2. Ahmed plans to go to London for a _____.
☐ holiday ☐ course ☐ job
3. Ahmed believes that his father will _____ his plan.
☐ agree to ☐ reject ☐ be upset with
4. His mother thought Ahmed's cousin shouldn't have studied abroad because he _____.
☐ had to live on his own ☐ had never been abroad ☐ was too young
5. Ahmed thinks the course in London is _____.
☐ cheap ☐ reasonable ☐ expensive
6. Ahmed's father thinks that Salim is _____.
☐ shy ☐ wise ☐ funny
7. By the end of the conversation, Ahmed's mother agreed that he could _____.
☐ take the course ☐ stay with his cousin ☐ travel with his parents

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a job called video game testing.

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

8. When do companies test new video games?

_____.

9. What attracts people to become video game testers?

_____.

10. What is the main requirement to get a job as a video game tester?

_____.

11. What should a video game tester do if a game has more than one character?

_____.

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

12. While testing a game, the tester should try _____.

☐ new things

☐ possible moves

☐ all options

13. During the meeting with programmers, testers _____.

☐ find solutions

☐ email feedback

☐ report problems

14. The highest salary a game tester might get is around _____ thousand US dollars.

☐ 18

☐ 55

☐ 80

15. The most important skill game testers acquire is to _____.

☐ work under pressure

☐ meet deadlines

☐ pay attention
to details

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Vocabulary 1 (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

On the 13th October 2018, a severe cyclone named Luban _____ **16** _____ the Arabian Peninsula. The storm _____ **17** _____ heavy rainfall to Southern Oman which resulted in flash flooding. It caused fourteen _____ **18** _____ and many serious injuries. According to official sources the _____ **19** _____ cost of the damage was one billion US dollars. People were _____ **20** _____ to avoid coastal areas. Schools were closed and emergency services were on duty 24/7. They did a fantastic job and saved many lives.

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Vocabulary 2 (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)**

In each sentence, complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word.

*Make sure your **spelling** is **correct**.*

21. (adj) causing you feel very worried.

e.g. Working in a very busy office environment can be **stre** _ _ _ _ _.

22. (noun) waste or rubbish that is to be thrown away.

e.g. Ahmed take the **ga** _ _ _ _ _ out otherwise there will be a bad smell in the kitchen.

23. (verb) to get away; to get out.

e.g. Despite the horrible fire, he was able to **esc** _ _ _ _ with minor burns.

24. (noun) the activity of selling and advertising company's products.

e.g. The company wants to employ a **mark** _ _ _ _ _ manager to sell their new products.

25. (adjective) aware of and responding to one's surroundings; awake; alert.

e.g. The operation went well and the patient will be **cons** _ _ _ _ _ within an hour.

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Grammar 1 (Items 26 – 30)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct answer.*

26. "Please don't make so much noise. I _____ to focus and complete this worksheet."

- ☐ try ☐ is trying ☐ am trying ☐ tried

27. I was very sad when the doctor _____ me to stay in hospital for three more days.

- ☐ tell ☐ told ☐ tells ☐ telling

28. "I wish you _____ told me this yesterday. Now, I can't help you. It's too late."

- ☐ has ☐ hasn't ☐ had ☐ hadn't

29. Mike lost his job seven months ago and hasn't found a job _____ then.

- ☐ still ☐ already ☐ since ☐ yet

30. The employees in this section don't get on well. They keep on _____ with each other all day.

- ☐ argue ☐ argues ☐ argued ☐ arguing

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Grammar 2 (Items 31 – 35)**(2½ marks)**

Complete the text. Fill each gap with **ONE** word only.

Speaker A: Hi Ali! ⁽³¹⁾ _____ did the chemistry exam go?

Speaker B: Not bad, although the last two questions were a bit difficult. Anyway
I ⁽³²⁾ _____ glad it's over! How about you?

Speaker A: I think I did very well. I agree, the last questions needed more thought.
I hope we both got ⁽³³⁾ _____ right.

Speaker B: I hope so too. So ⁽³⁴⁾ _____ you still coming to my house to revise
for our Math exam?

Speaker A: Oh yeah, sure! I'll be there ⁽³⁵⁾ _____ 4 p.m.

Speaker B: All right. I'll bring extra worksheets so we can practice solving more
problems.

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Reading 1 (Items 36 – 42)**(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.

36. A few months ago, I volunteered to work part-time at a charity. One day, we visited the family of a blind man and his six young daughters. We were shocked when they told us they had been living on nothing but dates and water for almost a year.

Statement**True****False**

The family was eating dates and water for six months.

☐☐

37. My story of how I became a vegetarian began a long time ago when I was seven. I remember Toffy, my little goat. She was my only friend, since I was living on a remote farm with my family. My father slaughtered Toffy for my brother's wedding. How could they eat my friend? Since then, my eating habits have changed.

Statement**True****False**

The writer stopped eating meat after the wedding of his brother.

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38. The fire resulted in the death of five workers and the complete damage of the store. The police reported that an electric short was the cause of the fire. But the real cause was carelessness. Workers thought that water could never get into the electric cables.

Statement**True****False**

Five people were injured and the store was destroyed in the fire.

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39. Mr. Bernie gave them the map and they set sail for the island. Two ships crashed and sixteen sailors died during the journey. The trip was full of difficulties but the prize was worth the effort. Twelve men managed to reach Treasure Island.

Statement**True****False**

Twelve men set sail for Treasure Island.

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Reading 1 (continued)

40. I work in a coal mine 12 hours a day, six days a week. It is really hard for a 57 year old-man to do this kind of job. In our country there are no labour laws to protect workers. Mine owners are so greedy that they do not care whether there are any structures in place to support different parts of the mine.

Statement

True

False

According to the text, the country's labour laws protect coal miners.

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41. The wedding of my sister was so wonderful that I wished it had never ended. We danced all night and chatted with friends and relatives. My brother-in-law is a stand-up comedian, so he told some very funny jokes which added excitement to the ceremony. We laughed like we had never done before.

Statement

True

False

The writer enjoyed the comedian's jokes.

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☐

42. It is funny and sad at the same time that there are many news channels, but most of them cannot be trusted. Yesterday, I saw news of demonstrations. I changed the channel to discover that the same demonstrations were actually national celebrations. It is puzzling... who should we believe?

Statement

True

False

Some news channels show unrealistic news.

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Reading 2 (Items 43 – 48)**(6 marks)**

Read these two texts about watching TV. Then for each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Text 1:

In my opinion, social networks have more advantages than disadvantages. They are a type of entertainment and a means for individuals to become celebrities. The estimated number of users around the world is 3.596 billion. People can interact with others through chat, blogs, forums, online games and webcams, etc. Through these networks you can find friends you have not seen for many years, for example, Facebook. Furthermore, you can make new friends on sites such as Myspace, or share photos on Instagram.

Social media is a good way to keep up-to-date. We are able to find out about different things happening all over the world. For example, if we are talking business, these are some of the best platforms to advertise and sell a product. The most outstanding part of social media is that companies can advertise at no cost.

Through social media, every individual is able to meet new friends from different places and backgrounds. Such interaction with people from different cultures helps them to be more open-minded and understand ethnic and cultural differences.

To conclude, social networks are places where we can express ourselves freely. Therefore, they cannot and should not be avoided.

43. _____ three billion people use social media.

☐ More than

☐ Less than

☐ Approximately

44. According to the text, traders can promote their products online by paying _____.

☐ nothing

☐ very little

☐ a lot

45. The writer believes that social media has _____ international understanding.

☐ stopped

☐ discouraged

☐ encouraged

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Reading 2 (continued)

Text 2:

My opinion of social media is not very positive. I see that the majority of people are only too willing to give up their private data to a corporation for the promise of being connected to family and friends, but that same data can be stolen and used for other purposes.

There are many problems with social media such as cyber bullying, fake news, death threats, fake accounts; the list goes on and on. Whatever problems people have in society only seem to be worsened by social media.

Social media has also forced people to imitate the impossible standard of living as they give false information about the lifestyle of famous people such as celebrities.

Furthermore, these tools are designed to be addictive. They are like a bad drug that has been introduced into society to make us senseless. The incidents of depression and suicide are increasing and social media seems to play a very large factor in this.

Quite frankly, social media has been one of humanity's greatest mistakes and in my opinion rather than advancing society, it seems to be bringing us all down.

46. The writer thinks that people are ____ to provide personal information on social media.

☐ smart

☐ unwise

☐ cautious

47. A major disadvantage of social media is that people try to ____ other people's lives.

☐ copy

☐ stop

☐ ignore

48. The writer believes that social networks _____ society.

☐ benefit

☐ develop

☐ harm

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Reading 3 (Items 49 – 56)**(12 marks)***Read the following text. Then complete the task.***Anthony Michael Bourdain**

Anthony Michael Bourdain was born on June 25, 1956 in New York. He was an American celebrity chef, author, and television personality who featured in programmes that focussed on international culture, cuisine, and life-styles. He is considered to be one of the most influential chefs in the world.

During his childhood, Bourdain wanted to be a comic book illustrator because he was good at Art. However, his attention shifted to food when he visited France at the age of 10 and ate a fresh oyster on a fishing boat.

He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1978, and worked in a number of specialised kitchens throughout his long career. His big break came in 2000, when he released his book "Kitchen Confidential", which showed what happened in restaurant kitchens around the world. It became a best-seller, making Bourdain a celebrity.

He later started a food and travel television show, called "A Cook's Tour" which ran for 35 episodes on the Food Network between 2002 and 2003. Two years later, he began hosting the Travel Channel's food and cultural adventure programmes. The "Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations", was first broadcast in 2005 and continued for another seven years. He later switched his travel programme to Cable News Network (CNN) for his series, "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown."

In 2017, Anthony Bourdain travelled to the Middle East to film one of the latest "Parts Unknown" episodes. His first trip to the country officially known as the Sultanate of Oman involved stunning views, camel rides, and desert camps. He was also invited to observe and take part in a feast called Shuwa - a local specialty of goat meat that is buried underground for two days. This ended up being the chef's best experience. He considered Oman to be one of the most beautiful places he had ever visited. In his last interview, he said that he would always remember how friendly Omani people were. To him, That was his best memory of Oman.

Anthony Bourdain was best known for his culinary achievements and television programmes, along with several books on food, cooking and travel adventures. He also wrote fiction and nonfiction novels. On June 8, 2018, Bourdain passed away while he was filming in France. Two days later, CNN broadcasted a programme to acknowledge all of his wonderful achievements.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

49. What nationality was Anthony Bourdain?

50. Where was Anthony Bourdain when he first fell in love with food?

_____ (country)

51. When did Anthony Bourdain visit Oman?

_____ (year)

52. Which TV channel broadcasted a programme to honour Anthony Bourdain's life?

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

53. When he was a child he wanted to become _____.

☐ a chef

☐ a writer

☐ an artist

54. He first became famous because of his _____.

☐ book

☐ personality

☐ cooking skills

55. 'Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations' stopped broadcasting in _____.

☐ 2005

☐ 2012

☐ 2017

56. What he remembered best about Oman was the _____.

☐ stunning views

☐ delicious food

☐ friendly people

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