



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

### GRADE ELEVEN 'CORE'

Semester Two

First Session

<b>Name</b>			
<b>School</b>		<b>Class</b>	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours

Pages: 17

ELEMENT		Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
				Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
GRM/VCB	10					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>					

**LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)****(7 marks)**

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

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

**(8 marks)**

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

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9. Where did Van Gogh work as an educator?

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**LISTENING  
SCORE**

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**GRAMMAR (Items 6-10)**

**(2½ marks)**

Complete each sentence with **ONE** word only.

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- 7. There is less land \_\_\_\_\_ water on Earth.
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ is your favourite football player?
- 9. Turandot \_\_\_\_\_ performed at the Royal Opera House - Muscat in 2011.
- 10. I travelled to Thailand five years \_\_\_\_\_ .

**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–20)**

**(5 marks)**

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<b>GRM/VCB SCORE</b>
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**READING 2 (continued)**

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*Read the text. Then complete the tasks.*

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Holi celebrations happened as early as the fourth century. It is thousands of years old! But recently, Holi-themed events have become popular with a new generation in Europe and North America. Every year, bigger and bigger crowds of people go to Holi events in London and all over the country, arriving dressed in white T-shirts and returning covered from head to toe in bright colours. There are paint-throwing parties at music festivals and races like the five-kilometre 'Colour Run', which is celebrated in more than 35 different countries. In the UK, restaurants and cultural organisations also offer their own Holi celebrations, with special menus, Indian music and dance.

**READING 3 (continued)**

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

**13.** What season does Holi symbolizes the start of?

\_\_\_\_\_

**14.** When is Holi celebrated?

\_\_\_\_\_

**15.** What two values does Holi teach participants?

\_\_\_\_\_

**16.** Where can you organize a Holi celebration in the UK?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Task 2:** For each item, shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.

**17.** The festival of Holi originated from \_\_\_\_\_.

America

Asia

Australia

**18.** Participants throw \_\_\_\_\_ on each other.

plates

flowers

paint

**19.** People gather around fire the \_\_\_\_\_ before Holi celebration.

night

day

morning

**20.** Modern Holi includes a \_\_\_\_\_ competition.

dancing

running

singing

READING  
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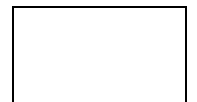


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Holi marks the beginning of spring. It is a celebration of good winning over evil, and a time to give thanks for the good harvest. The dates change each year according to the full moon, but it is normally in March and sometimes in late February. People go outside and throw coloured paint powder at each other. It does not matter if you are rich, poor, old or young – everyone can throw paint and everyone can get messy! There is a spirit of togetherness and equality. It is a time to forgive people and repair broken relationships, as well as meet with other people, play and have fun.

Traditional Holi celebrations start the night before the throwing of colours. People meet around a bonfire and pray that evil will be destroyed, in the same way that the demon Holika was burnt in a fire, according to the legend. The next day is the chaotic and noisy festival of colours. People chase each other and throw coloured paint powder over each other. There is music and drumming, and people run and laugh in the streets and parks. Holi is celebrated outside.

Holi celebrations happened as early as the fourth century. It is thousands of years old! But recently, Holi-themed events have become popular with a new generation in Europe and North America. Every year, bigger and bigger crowds of people go to Holi events in London and all over the country, arriving dressed in white T-shirts and returning covered from head to toe in bright colours. There are paint-throwing parties at music festivals and races like the five-kilometre 'Colour Run', which is celebrated in more than 35 different countries. In the UK, restaurants and cultural organisations also offer their own Holi celebrations, with special menus, Indian music and dance.



**READING 3 (continued)**

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

**13.** What season does Holi symbolizes the start of?

\_\_\_\_\_ spring \_\_\_\_\_

**14.** When is Holi celebrated?

\_\_\_\_\_ March or late February \_\_\_\_\_

**15.** What two values does Holi teach participants?

\_\_\_\_\_ togetherness and equality \_\_\_\_\_

**16.** Where can you organize a Holi celebration in the UK?

\_\_\_\_\_ at a restaurant or cultural organisations \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 2:** For each item, shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.

**17.** The festival of Holi originated from \_\_\_\_\_.

America

Asia

Australia

**18.** Participants throw \_\_\_\_\_ on each other.

plates

flowers

paint

**19.** People gather around fire the \_\_\_\_\_ before Holi celebration.

night

day

morning

**20.** Modern Holi includes a \_\_\_\_\_ competition.

dancing

running

singing