SULTANATE OF OMAN
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
General Directorate of Southern Batinah
Alamal School (10-12)

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST GRADE ELEVEN 'CORE'

## Semester Two First Session

Name		
School	Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours

Pages: 17

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

## LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)

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3.	Billy's story was published	in the school's	. •	
	magazine	website	newspaper	
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4.	Billy told abou	ut his published story.		
	his sister	his mother	o no one	
5.	Billy's helps h	nim study at home.		
	sister	o brother	father	
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6.	The teacher's	_suffered from dyslexia.		
	sister	o son	daughter	
7.	Billy's mother will meet the	e teacher		
	o next week	next month	tomorrow	
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#### LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

(8 marks)

You are going to hear a biography about a famous painter named Van Gogh.

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<b>One</b> : For each item, i	vrite a <u>short</u> answer ( <b>not mo</b>	ore than FOUR WORDS).
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LISTENING SCORE 15

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(2½ marks)

Complete the text. Shade under the correct word for each gap.

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<b>6.</b> Have you been to the USA?								
7. There is less land water on Earth.								
8 is your favourite football player?								
<b>9.</b> T	urandot		performed	at the Roy	yal Opera H	louse - Mus	scat in 2011.	
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(5 marks)

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	One of the (11) famous carnivals in the world is in New Orleans, USA. It is							A. It is
(12) Mardi Gras, which is French for 'Fat Tuesday', the day (13) people would traditionally eat up all the fat before starting the Lent fast. The (14) in New Orleans lasts around two weeks, with a (15) e day in which people walk, dance and sing in groups. Groups of people, called 'krewes', dress up in special (16) and ride on decorated (17) shaped as dragons which move over their heads as they walk. There are also (18) balls, especially masked balls. Mardi Gras is very (19)							_ every	
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14.	0	celebration	0	tradition	0	ritual	0	ceremony
15.	0	champion	0	wreck	0	parade	0	genius
16.	0	cosmos	0	cosmetics	0	customs	0	costumes
17.	0	participants	0	floats	0	medals	0	journeys
18.	0	decorated	0	decorating	0	decorates	0	decorate
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## **READING 3 (continued)**

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## WRITING 1 (5 marks)

Write an evaluative text of at least 85 words on the following topic.

## "Facebook is a safe platform to make friendships."

Do you agree? Give reasons.

Your writing should be <b>clear</b> and <b>organised</b> .

WRITING1 (continued)
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Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING 2	(10 marks)
Write a narrative text of at least 100 words on the following topic.	
The most amazing event I have ever attended.	
Your writing should be <b>clear</b> and <b>organized</b> .	
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Marker A	Marker B	Average

WRITING SCORE 15

## **Answer Key:**

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(8 marks)

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<b>7.</b>	There is les	ss land	than	water	on Earth.			
<b>8.</b> _	Who	is yo	ur favourit	e football <sub>l</sub>	player?			
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#### **READING 3 (continued)**

dancing

<u>Task One</u>: 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  $\bigcirc$  next to the correct option. **17.** The festival of Holi originated from \_\_\_\_ America Asia Australia on each other. **18.** Participants throw plates flowers paint 19. People gather around fire the \_\_\_\_\_\_before Holi celebration. night day morning **20.** Modern Holi includes a \_\_\_\_\_ competition.

running

singing