

**Sultanate of Oman
Ministry of Education**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE NINE

Semester Two

First Session

2021/2022

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 1½ hours






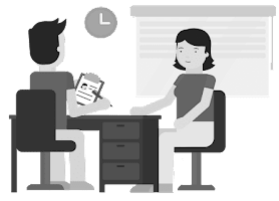
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TEST SCORES	LISTENING	10	
	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	

LISTENING 1 (Items 1–5)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear five short texts about free time activities. For each statement, shade in the bubble under the correct option.

A.		B.		C.	
D.		E.		F.	

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LISTENING 2 (Items 6–10)

(5 marks)

You are going to hear a text about Malak's day. Listen and indicate which of the three options is correct.

6. Bangkok is a very _____ city.

<input type="radio"/> calm	<input type="radio"/> crowded	<input type="radio"/> clean
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7. In Bangkok, travelling by _____ is a waste of time.

<input type="radio"/> taxi	<input type="radio"/> train	<input type="radio"/> boat
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8. You can travel around _____ on a longtail boat.

<input type="radio"/> historical places	<input type="radio"/> shopping malls	<input type="radio"/> hotels
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9. The food in Bangkok is _____.

<input type="radio"/> cheap and disgusting	<input type="radio"/> expensive and delicious	<input type="radio"/> cheap and delicious
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10. You can see the snake show _____.

<input type="radio"/> on tv screens	<input type="radio"/> in a snake farm	<input type="radio"/> in a snake zoo
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VOCABULARY (Items 1–5)

(2½ marks)

Complete the text. Shade next to the correct word for each gap.

Tourism is travelling for pleasure or to (1) _____ yourself away from the place you live. People do this for many different reasons – to have fun, visit other countries and learn about other (2) _____ or just relax from stressful working life. (3) _____ go to various destinations - countries with great landmarks, places with lovely beaches and untouched nature. In the last few decades tourism has grown very much. People don't want to stay at home anymore. They (4) _____ more money on travelling than previous generations did. Travelling has also become cheaper and more affordable. The rise of budget airlines has made it possible to afford (5) _____ to faraway countries.

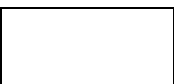
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3.	<input type="radio"/>	Tourists	<input type="radio"/>	Sites	<input type="radio"/>	Services	<input type="radio"/>	Tours
4.	<input type="radio"/>	save	<input type="radio"/>	skip	<input type="radio"/>	spend	<input type="radio"/>	score
5.	<input type="radio"/>	products	<input type="radio"/>	trips	<input type="radio"/>	decades	<input type="radio"/>	markets

GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

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

6. This is the hospital _____ I was born.
7. There _____ be more robots in the future.
8. I _____ going to buy a new car.
9. You have _____ follow the company rules.
10. When _____ the tv invented?



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–20)

(5 marks)

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

The next time you go to a (11) _____ to watch a play, give the (12) _____ and the people involved in putting up the entire play the cheering they truly deserve. The (13) _____ you get (14) _____ see is the end product of a few months of hard work. The birth of a play lies in the mind of the (15) _____. He may have (16) _____ interesting story to tell. He may also feel strongly (17) _____ a recent debate on a topic and consequently, writes a play about this. Another crucial person involved is the director. He is the person (18) _____ decides how the play should be acted out. Directors have different (19) _____ of presenting plays, even identical plays. That is why you sometimes get to see plays of the same title being staged (20) _____ different theater groups at different points in time.

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| 12. <input type="radio"/> actors | <input type="radio"/> waiters | <input type="radio"/> divers | <input type="radio"/> architects |
| 13. <input type="radio"/> races | <input type="radio"/> images | <input type="radio"/> soundtrack | <input type="radio"/> performance |
| 14. <input type="radio"/> to | <input type="radio"/> of | <input type="radio"/> at | <input type="radio"/> in |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> engineer | <input type="radio"/> playwright | <input type="radio"/> teacher | <input type="radio"/> detective |
| 16. <input type="radio"/> the | <input type="radio"/> a | <input type="radio"/> an | <input type="radio"/> these |
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| 19. <input type="radio"/> courses | <input type="radio"/> styles | <input type="radio"/> customs | <input type="radio"/> traditions |
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GRM/VCB

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SCORE

10

READING 1 (Items 1-5)

(5 marks)

Match the excerpts in the first column with the texts in the second column.

- 1 Oman is a beautiful country with wonderful places for everyone. Anyone would love visiting it.
- 2 People around the world differ in the way they greet each other. Japanese people bow as a sign of saying hello.
- 3 A play was performed at our school last week. The students did it very well.
- 4 Being creative is very important at any job. Having new ideas make you stand out.

A.	They were acting amazingly and everyone admired them
B.	Always try to bring out the best to be a successful worker.
C.	Whether you are a fan of the sea or the desert, you can always find a place to visit.
D.	You can't work at any time in this company. You have to respect the rules.
E.	However, Arabs shake hands
F.	Movies can be watched anywhere. You can see them on tv, the cinema or even the internet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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READING 2 (Items 6–10)**(5 marks)**

Read the text. Write a SHORT answer to each question.

Dear sir,

I am writing to express my interest in the tour guide position that you have available. I ran into the job advertisement while reading the local newspaper and I believe that I would be a great addition to your team and would enjoy working with your guests.

I have been a tour guide for the past four years, and I have worked at several different companies. I have worked as a tour guide for two years at the Historical Museum, and I have also worked as a guide for four years at a local history museum. I can communicate effectively with people. I can speak English and Spanish fluently. I know how to listen carefully. I also know how to keep a conversation going so that people don't get bored or uncomfortable. I can also remain calm under pressure. I am also proficient in using GPS and online mapping tools.

I am very excited about the opportunity to work for your company, and I hope that you will consider me for this position. I can be reached by email or phone. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Faithfully,

Talal

1. What job is Talal applying for?

2. How did he know about the job?

3. How long did he work at the Historical Museum?

4. What languages can he speak?

5. What technology can he use?

6. How can the company contact him?

READING
SCORE

10

WRITING 1**(5 marks)**

Write an evaluative text of at least 60 words on the following topic. *Your writing should be **clear** and **correct**.*

“Reading a story is better than watching a movie about the same story.”

Do you agree? Give reasons.

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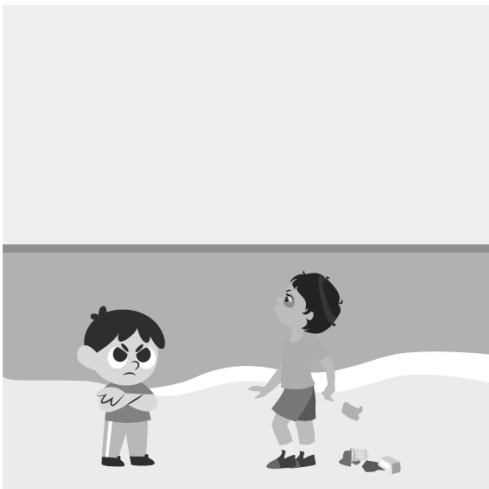
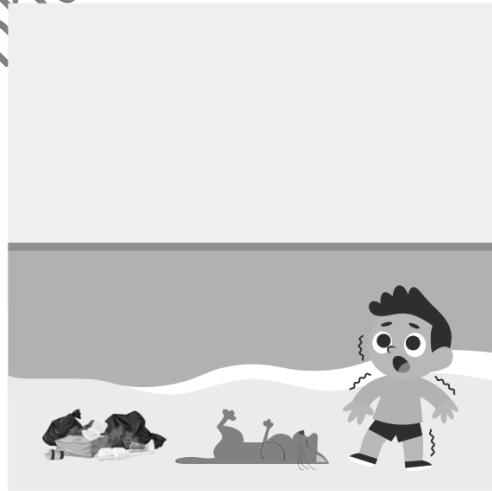
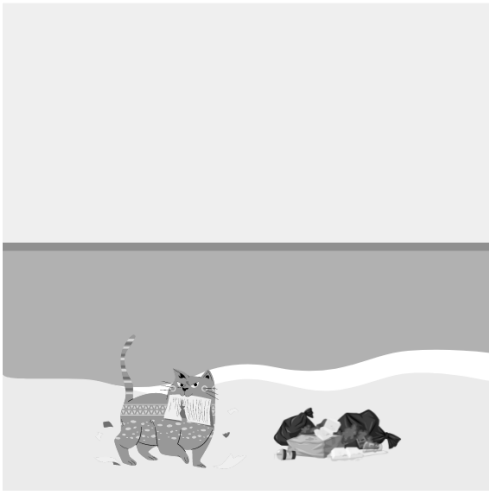
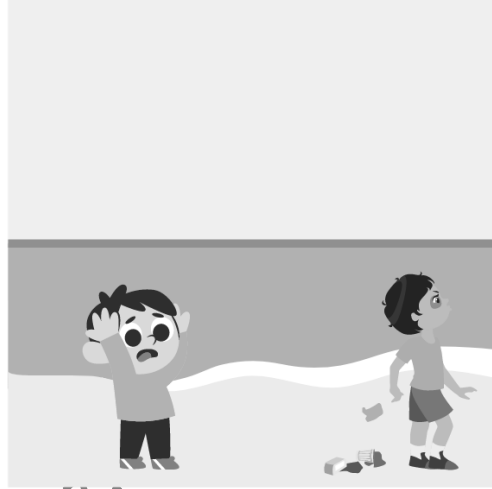
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WRITING 2

(5 marks)

Write a story of at least 60 words based on the following pictures. You can use the words in the book to help you. Your writing should be **clear** and **correct**.

beach family boy rubbish cat eat die collect



GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

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

- 6. This is the hospital _____ where _____ I was born.
- 7. There _____ will _____ be more robots in the future.
- 8. I _____ am _____ going to buy a new car.
- 9. You have _____ to _____ follow the company rules.
- 10. When _____ was _____ the tv invented?

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–20)

(5 marks)

- 11. cinema school theater college
- 12. actors waiters divers architects
- 13. races images soundtrack performance
- 14. to of at in
- 15. engineer playwright teacher detective
- 16. the a an these
- 17. about around from for
- 18. where when which who
- 19. courses styles customs traditions
- 20. for from by at

READING 1 (Items 1–5)

(5 marks)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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READING 2 (Items 6–10)**(5 marks)**

1. What job is Talal applying for?
_____ tour guide _____
2. How did he know about the job?
_____ from a local newspaper _____
3. How long did he work at the Historical Museum?
_____ for two years _____
4. What languages can he speak?
_____ English and Spanish _____
5. What technology can he use?
_____ GPS and online mapping tools _____
6. How can the company contact him?
_____ email or phone _____

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