



**GRADE TEN — BASIC EDUCATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SEMESTER ONE — 2007 – 2008**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 5

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

You will hear a conversation between Nasra and her father. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B, or C.**

1. For her project, Nasra will _____.
A. write a report B. make a poster C. give a presentation
2. The project must be ready by the end of _____.
A. this week B. next week C. this month
3. The project will be about _____.
A. Chinese history B. Islamic architecture C. famous people
4. She will get information from _____.
A. the school library B. an encyclopedia C. the Internet

LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)

You will hear a tourist talking about an unusual village in Britain. Listen, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE WORD only**).

5. When was the village built? In the _____ century
6. What kind of architecture can you see there? _____
7. How many tourists go there every day in summer? _____ thousand
8. What colour is the pottery that is made there? _____

LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)

You will hear three people talking about their friends. Who are they talking about? Listen and number the pictures: **1, 2, 3.** (There are three extra pictures.)



Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Complete the text. Use five of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

became	died	discovered	donated
joined	killed	rescued	visited

Alexander Fleming was born in Britain in 1881. In 1900, his uncle (1) _____ and left him some money, so at the age of 20, he (2) _____ a medical school. After six years of hard work, he finally (3) _____ a doctor. In 1927, he (4) _____ a chemical called penicillin. He found that this chemical (5) _____ bacteria but did not harm the human body.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Match the definitions with the words in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example. (There are five extra words in the box.)

Example: A person who flies planes.

___ **F** ___

- 6. A person who studies what ancient people left behind _____
- 7. Someone who has continued to live after being in a dangerous situation _____
- 8. The bad character in a story or film _____
- 9. A man who attacks people at sea and steals from them _____
- 10. A person whose job is to make sure that a game or sport is played properly and fairly _____

A	pirate
B	athlete
C	survivor
D	character
E	umpire
F	pilot
G	archaeologist
H	villain
I	volunteer
J	hero
K	ambassador

VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Complete the unfinished word in each sentence/ short text. You are given the first letter(s) of each word. Make sure you spell the word correctly.

- 11. He was **cap**_____ of the school football team.
- 12. The police chased after the thief, but he was able to **es**_____.
- 13. China has a huge **pop**_____ — over one billion people!
- 14. It's getting late — I hope we **man**_____ to finish on time.
- 15. If you're interested in the history of the region, you should visit the local **mu**_____.

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Complete the text/ dialogue. Use five of the words in the box.

Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

a	at	but	for	got	in	the	to
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Osama is good **(1)** _____ writing stories. He's **(2)** _____ a lot of ideas, **(3)** _____ he always finds it hard **(4)** _____ think of a good title! One day, he hopes to be **(5)** _____ famous writer.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Complete each sentence. Choose the correct option: **A, B, C** or **D**.

6. The club is important for students _____ want to practise their English.
A. they B. which C. and D. who
7. She _____ go to work yesterday.
A. didn't B. wasn't C. isn't D. doesn't
8. If she _____ some money, she would buy a new dress.
A. has B. have C. had D. having
9. My mother made this cake _____.
A. himself B. itself C. herself D. myself
10. _____ writing excellent essays, I'm also a very fluent speaker.
A. In addition to B. However C. Although D. Since

GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Complete the text. In each space, write **ONE WORD** only.

Speaker A: Hi, Ali! You look very sad. What's wrong?

Speaker B: I didn't **(11)** _____ a very good weekend. I got **(12)** _____ bad news. My uncle died.

Speaker A: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Had he **(13)** _____ ill for a long time?

Speaker B: No, he was fine until a few weeks **(14)** _____. But then he suddenly began **(15)** _____ get severe headaches.

<p>Write your answers on your answer paper.</p>
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READING 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Match the five texts on the left with the texts in the box.

Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example. (There are two extra texts in the box.)

Ex. It's a really beautiful place. F

- 1. I didn't watch television last night. _____
- 2. Both of my brothers are keen to go to university. _____
- 3. I never buy shoes in the shopping centre. _____
- 4. A small plane crashed in the desert last night. _____
- 5. I think the engine is getting hot. _____

- A Maybe we should stop for a while and let it cool down.
- B In the modern world, it's important for girls to get a good education.
- C The pilot probably ran into a sandstorm.
- D Instead, I went to the cinema with some friends.
- E They're too expensive and I don't like the styles anyway.
- F ~~Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.~~
- G Most deserts become extremely hot during the daytime.
- H But I'm going to work for my uncle's insurance company.

READING 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Read the text, and then complete the task on page 5.

One afternoon, Katy decided to go to the market to buy some groceries for her family. When she left the house, it was fine and sunny and the birds were singing happily. But then clouds began to gather in the sky and it began to rain. Katy hadn't brought her umbrella with her, so she started to walk faster, but soon she was caught in a very bad storm. Lightning flashed and thunder rumbled. She felt really scared and looked around for the nearest shelter, but there was nowhere to go and nobody around to help her.

By now, the rain was coming down very hard and it was difficult to walk. Soon water was running down the street so fast that the road looked like a river. Suddenly, Katy slipped, fell and broke her ankle. "Help!" she shouted as the flood carried her down the street.

She thought that her final moments had come, but then suddenly she felt a strong pair of arms lifting her out of the rushing water. She looked up and saw a huge policeman smiling at her. After being carried to a warm, dry police car, Katy sat and waited until the storm was over. Then she was taken to hospital, where the doctor X-rayed her ankle. She had to stay there for five days for treatment, but at least she had lots of visitors, including both her daughters, of course. Later, she told me: "Nowadays, every time I see any rain clouds, I start to feel afraid."



READING 2 (cont'd)

For each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.

6. When Katy left home, it was _____.
- A. a bright, sunny day B. already raining C. very windy
7. She was carrying _____.
- A. a shopping bag B. a suitcase C. an umbrella
8. She fell and hurt her _____.
- A. wrist B. ankle C. knee
9. She was rescued by _____.
- A. some people B. her husband C. a policeman
10. Now, Katy _____ what happened.
- A. has already forgotten about B. is still upset by C. laughs when she remembers

WRITING 1

Write a PARAGRAPH about **the Moon**. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.

<u>The Moon</u>	
no atmosphere	day/ very hot/ night/ very cold
385,000 km/ earth	no plants/ animals
surface area/ 38 million km ²	first landing/ 1969
4.5 billion years old	American astronauts

WRITING 2

Imagine you are Fahad/ Farah. A teenager from Britain has written this letter to you:

Dear Fahad/ Farah, I'm doing a project about Cyclone Gonu. I know that Oman was badly affected it. Could you please send me some information about the cyclone and about its impact on your country? Many thanks for your help, Paul/ Paula
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Answer Paul/ Paula's letter. Write at least 75 words. Your letter should be friendly and interesting. Do not write an address.