



**GRADE TEN — BASIC EDUCATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SEMESTER TWO — 2007/08**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 6

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

You will hear a conversation between a mother and son, who are on holiday in Malaysia. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.

- The conversation takes place _____.
A. in a school B. on the beach C. in a shop
- In Malaysia, the coconut palm is called 'the tree of life' because it _____.
A. tastes good B. has many uses C. provides medicine
- A coconut usually weighs about _____ kilos.
A. 1.5 B. 2 C. 2.5
- At the end, they decide to buy some coconuts in _____.
A. Salah B. Malaysia C. Muscat

LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)

You will hear some information about this evening's TV programmes. Listen and complete the table. Write **ONE WORD** only.

Time	Programme	Time	Programme
6.30	(5) A quiz about _____	8.30	(7) A movie called " _____ "
7.30	(6) Traditional music from _____	(8) _____	International tennis

LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)

You will hear three people speaking. Where are they? For each speaker, choose ONE of the items in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example.

Example: "It's getting hot. I think I'll go in the water for a swim." F

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

PLACE

- A in a restaurant
- B in a hospital
- C in a shop
- D in a school
- E in a factory
- F at the beach
- G in a police station

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.)

conduct	manufacture	persuade	practise
protect	recycle	reduce	threaten

Climate change, pollution, deforestation and overpopulation all **(1)** _____ the future of our planet. However, we should not become too depressed – there are many things we can do to **(2)** _____ the environment. We need to **(3)** _____ people to recognize the problem and change their lifestyle. For example, everybody should **(4)** _____ their consumption of electricity and learn to **(5)** _____ materials such as paper, glass, metals and plastic.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. Why don't you try to _____ smoking?
A. pick up B. give up C. turn up D. get up
7. The doctor has _____ this medicine for the patient.
A. subscribed B. inscribed C. prescribed D. described
8. Deforestation has destroyed the natural _____ of the orangutan.
A. pollution B. habitat C. atmosphere D. rubbish
9. The concert wasn't a success. There were only about eighty people in the _____.
A. advertisement B. scenery C. group D. audience
10. The salary is good, so many people have _____ the job.
A. invested B. applied for C. survived D. looked after

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11 – 15)

For each item, read the definition and write the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word. Make sure you spell the word correctly.

*Example: kitchen (noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked
 e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit**.....*

11. _____ (adjective) not clean
 e.g. Your hands are **d**.....! Go and wash them immediately!

12. _____ (verb) sell goods to other countries
 e.g. We **ex**..... dates to France and Italy.

13. _____ (noun) a chemical which is used as a medicine
 e.g. Scientists hope that the new **dr**..... will cure malaria.

14. _____ (noun) the group of people who work for a company or organisation
 e.g. The hotel has more than 200 people on its **st**.....

15. _____ (verb) get money for working
 e.g. In your present job, how much do you **ea**.....?

GRAMMAR 1 [Items 1 – 5]

Complete the dialogue. For each space, choose the correct option: A, B, C or D.

Speaker A: Someone called this morning while you ___(1)___ your presentation.

Speaker B: Who was that then?

*Speaker A: I'm not sure. He ___(2)___ me his name, but he gave me this number.
 He wants you ___(3)___ him back.*

*Speaker B: It starts with '44', so it must be ___(4)___ British phone number.
 I don't know ___(5)___ in the UK!*

Speaker A: Well, you'd better call him and find out who it is.

- 1.** A. give B. were giving C. have given D. gave
- 2.** A. doesn't tell B. won't tell C. isn't telling D. didn't tell
- 3.** A. call B. calling C. to call D. for calling
- 4.** A. a B. an C. one D. the
- 5.** A. somebody B. nobody C. everybody D. anybody

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Complete each sentence. Write **ONE WORD** only.

6. Many houses _____ damaged in last night's storm.
7. _____ you go to school yesterday?
8. Sami is _____ best footballer in the team.
9. She used _____ be my friend, but not any more.
10. If you _____ stayed a little longer, you would have met him.

GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Look at the sentences. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

If the sentence is not correct, write it correctly.

Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

Examples: Ahmed is a nice man. _____ ✓ _____

Salma are a nice woman. _____ Salma is a nice woman.

11. She moved to Sohar on March. _____
12. Everyone was at the party. _____
13. You should be more careful. _____
14. We haven't met before, are we? _____
15. They arrive two hours ago. _____

READING 1 [Items 1 - 4]

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

The tarsier is one of the strangest animals in the world. It is an endangered species and can only be found in Indonesia and the Philippines. Its habitat is the tropical rainforest and it spends its whole life in the trees.

The tarsier's main food is insects, but even though it is only 10 to 15 cm in length and only weighs about 0.12 kilograms, it also sometimes eats small birds, lizards and bats. It sleeps during the day and hunts these animals at night. In order to see in the dark, it has huge eyes. Because it cannot move these eyes from side to side or up and down, it has a very unusual ability — it can turn its head all the way round so that it can see behind itself! It also has large, highly sensitive ears, which are always moving.

The tarsier has five long fingers on each hand, which it uses to hold onto branches. It also has long, powerful legs, which help it to jump from tree to tree. It is a very shy animal, which avoids human beings and is rarely seen.

READING 1 (cont'd)

Read the text, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE or TWO WORDS only**).

1. In how many countries does the tarsier live? _____
2. What is its favourite food? _____
3. When is the tarsier active? _____
4. How often does it walk on the ground? _____

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read the following letters. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

Text 1

Hi Peter,
Many thanks for your message. I'm very happy to hear that you can visit me in Oman soon. It'll be great to finally meet you after all this time just sending each other letters!

However, there is one small problem. You suggested coming here at the end of December. That's basically a good idea, because the weather here is wonderful at that time of year, but the thing is, this year I'm taking my Grade 12 exams. They're in the first two weeks of January, so of course in December I'll be very busy preparing for them — and they're very important for my future!

So my question is: would it be possible for you to visit me after my exams? In late January or early February, for example? I hope this is OK. Please let me know as soon as possible. Best wishes to you and all your family, Ahmed

5. Peter wants to visit Ahmed in _____.
A. December B. January C. February
6. Ahmed _____.
A. agrees with Peter's suggestion B. does not want Peter to come to Oman C. suggests a change in Peter's plan
7. Ahmed has _____ before.
A. never met Peter B. met Peter once C. met Peter many times

Text 2

Hi Ahmed,
Yes, it is possible for me to postpone my visit to a later date, but unfortunately I'm not free in either January or February. So how about sometime in March? Would that be OK? Please let me know soon, so that I can book my flight.

I also have a couple of questions. I'd like to learn some Arabic before I visit you and your family. Just some speaking, that's all — the script looks a bit difficult to me! Do you know about any good courses, preferably with cassettes or CD, so that I learn the correct pronunciation.

I also need to know what clothes to bring with me. You told me earlier that it can be quite cold in Nizwa in December, but how about in March? Is it already very hot then, or will I still need to take some warm clothing? Write soon, Peter

READING 2 (cont'd)

8. Peter now wants to visit Oman in _____.
- A. January B. February C. March
9. He wants to learn to _____ Arabic.
- A. read B. speak C. write
10. He asks Ahmed about _____ Oman.
- A. the weather in B. the culture of C. flights to

WRITING 1

Describe and comment on the picture below. Write 20 – 30 words.



WRITING 2

Write at least 75 words about the following topic:

'A business that I would like to run'

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

Write your answers on your answer paper.