

**GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE 'A'
SEMESTER TWO — SECOND SESSION**

TIME: 3 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 70

This paper has 8 pages.

LISTENING: *You will hear each text three times. The first time, only listen; the second time write; the third time check your work. When the tape finishes, write your answers on your answer paper.*

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 6)

*You will hear part of job interview at an airline. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.*

1. The man is applying for a job as a _____.
A. pilot B. marketing manager C. flight attendant
2. He has already been working for the airline for _____.
A. three months B. two years C. five years
3. He is especially keen to _____.
A. meet new people B. travel C. earn more money
4. After the classroom training, the participants will have _____.
A. practical training B. a holiday C. an exam
5. The interviewer is very interested in the man's ability to speak _____.
A. Spanish B. English C. French
6. The man has a problem with his _____.
A. hearing B. heart C. eyesight

LISTENING 2 (Items 7 – 15)

You will hear a scientist giving a lecture about a dangerous disease. The text is divided into two parts.

Part One: *For each question, write a short answer (**ONE OR TWO WORDS only**).*

7. How many blind people are there in the world? _____ million
8. What is the disease usually called? _____
9. In which two continents is it found? _____ and _____
10. What kind of animal gives the disease to human beings? _____
11. Which parts of the body are affected? The _____ and the eyes

Write your answers on your answer paper.

LISTENING 2 (cont'd)

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

12. The WHO campaign started by _____.
- A. moving people away from the rivers B. making a film about the disease C. killing the animals that cause the disease
13. The medicine given to patients is _____.
- A. free B. cheap C. expensive
14. Because of the campaign, _____.
- A. clean water is now available B. people have started farming again C. the disease has disappeared
15. The next thing WHO must do is _____.
- A. find new medicines B. report to the UN C. start more campaigns

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.)

application	judge	lawyer	murder
prison	referee	trial	witness

(23 March 2009) Crime boss, Josef Kellner, appeared in court again yesterday at the end of a four-week **(1)** _____. The **(2)** _____ told him that he had been found guilty of a long list of crimes, including **(3)** _____ and kidnapping. "Because of the serious nature of these crimes," she said, "you will have to spend the rest of your life in **(4)** _____." Kellner listened in silence, but his **(5)** _____ later told reporters that his client would certainly appeal against the decision.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. "Smoking is a very bad _____. You should try to give it up."
A. character B. aptitude C. habit D. career
7. "I don't understand your essay. It doesn't make any _____ at all!"
A. sense B. meaning C. summary D. knowledge
8. "I've _____ a lot of money in this company, so I hope it makes a profit."
A. exported B. applied C. invested D. developed
9. "In the north-east of the country, people speak a strange _____."
A. diagram B. diameter C. diagnosis D. dialect
10. "The newspaper has a huge _____. It sells over a million copies every day."
A. communication B. celebrity C. citizenship D. circulation

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) neatly arranged with everything in the right place
e.g. *If you keep your room **ti**....., it's much easier to find things.*
12. _____ (noun) the name of a product made by a particular company
e.g. *What **br**..... of washing-up liquid do you use?*
13. _____ (adjective) extremely big or large
e.g. *A **va**..... area of rainforest is cut down every year.*
14. _____ (noun) a large mass of ice that moves slowly down a valley
e.g. *Because of rising temperatures, the **gl**..... is shrinking.*
15. _____ (adverb) approximately, about
e.g. *This vehicle weighs **rou**..... one-and-a-half tonnes.*

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)

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

Speaker A: Have you noticed how ___(1)___ these days?

Speaker B: Yes, and my AC in my flat ___(2)___ just broken down!

Speaker A: That's the third time this year! Why ___(3)___ buy a new one?

Speaker B: I will. But not right now. I'm still ___(4)___ my salary.

Speaker A: Would you like me ___(5)___ you some money?

Speaker B: Oh, thanks, but I'm OK. I 'll survive!

1. A. is it hot B. hot it is C. it is hot D. hot is it
2. A. has B. was C. have D. is
3. A. you don't B. not to C. not you D. don't you
4. A. waiting B. waiting for C. wait D. wait for
5. A. to lending B. lending C. to lend D. lend

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. "He's been working for us _____ 1989."
7. "The meeting will _____ held in my office."
8. "She used _____ live with her parents, but now's she's married."
9. "Have they found out _____ stole the money?"
10. "Those children are making a lot _____ noise!"

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 usually travel with her parents. _____
12. The equipment was delivered yesterday. _____
13. They crossed Sahara Desert. _____
14. He wanted to know how much money I needed. _____
15. It was dark, so I didn't recognised him. _____

Text 2 (cont'd)

The story is about two old men. They are ex-comedians who worked together on stage for forty years as 'The Sunshine Boys', but then had a huge argument and split up. That was ten years ago, and since then, they have refused to speak to each other! Now, a young producer tries to persuade them to come together again on a 'Comedy Classics' TV show, where they will perform one of their most famous sketches. First, they refuse; then they agree; then there is another huge argument and a heart attack 'live' on TV — but finally the two old men make peace with each other.

I didn't actually see 'The Sunshine Boys' when it first came out, but when I did finally see it on TV in 1986, I loved it! The conversations between the two old men, who are so completely different from each other, are brilliantly funny! The jokes are so clever that I had to watch the film three times before I could understand them all! These jokes also taught me something. The two main characters may be old; they may sometimes seem to be 'confused'; but, in fact, their thinking is twice as sharp and twice as fast as all of the younger people around them!

6. Originally, 'The Sunshine Boys' was a _____.
A. documentary B. novel C. play
7. The film came out in _____.
A. 1973 B. 1975 C. 1986
8. The film has a _____ ending.
A. surprise B. happy C. sad
9. In the writer's opinion, the best thing about the film is the _____.
A. dialogue B. photography C. acting
10. The film changed the writer's attitude towards _____.
A. comedy B. old people C. films

READING 2 (Items 11 – 20)

Read this newspaper story, and then complete Task 1 and Task 2 on page 7.

(14 November 2008) A cleaner at the Singapore zoo who jumped into the white tiger enclosure yesterday was killed by the animals as a horrified crowd looked on helplessly. Malaysian Nordin Montong, aged 32, was attacked by two of the three big cats in the enclosure at around noon.

According to eye witnesses, the man first climbed onto the wall of the enclosure and then jumped down into the water-filled ditch which surrounds the tigers. Carrying a plastic bucket and a broom, he then waded through the water and climbed out on the other side, where he started waving the broom and yelling at the animals. When two of the tigers approached him, he lay down on the ground. In a flash, the huge cats were on him, dragging him with their paws and biting his back and neck. The onlookers tried to distract the tigers by shouting at them and throwing objects such as umbrellas and dustbin covers. But despite their efforts, the animals continued to attack the poor man. By the time the zookeepers arrived, he was already dead.



READING 2 (cont'd)

Later, a police spokesman said that it was still unclear why Nordin had done what he did. However, one of his colleagues in the bird enclosure where Nordin worked told us that he had been behaving very strangely that day. He had thrown his wallet on the floor and walked out of the zoo with the words: "Goodbye, you'll never see me again." Minutes later, he returned on his bike and rode straight to the tiger enclosure.

Following the incident, the tiger enclosure has been closed, but the zoo intends to open it again in a week's time. The director said that strict safety inspections are conducted regularly, and that at no time were any of the zoo's visitors in danger. He described the cleaner's death as "very unfortunate", but said that the animals cannot be blamed in any way; they were only behaving naturally and protecting their territory. He promised to provide financial assistance for the dead man's wife and three children. "He had only been with us for three months, but we must do something to help."

A teenager named Ricky Chan was the only witness to capture the incident on film, using his father's video camera. "When I first saw the man walking towards the tigers, I thought it was some kind of 'show'. But then I saw the blood and realized that it was for real. For some reason, I don't know why, I carried on filming. I wasn't thinking. I feel rather ashamed now, but there was nothing I could do to help him, was there? Anyway, I've given the film to the police. A friend says I should put it on the Internet. He reckons I could make a lot of money from it. But there's no way I would ever do that!"

Task 1 For each statement, write 'True', 'False' or 'DNS' (= 'Doesn't Say').

11. The attack happened at midday. _____
12. Nordin's job was to clean the tiger enclosure. _____
13. He fell into the water by accident. _____
14. He had been suffering from illness for a long time. _____
15. You can see the incident on the Internet. _____

Task 2 For each question, write a short answer (**ONE or TWO WORDS only**).

16. Where was Nordin from? _____
17. How long had Nordin been working at the zoo? _____
18. During the attack, how many other people were in danger? _____
19. How many of the tigers will be killed because of the attack? _____
20. How long will the tiger enclosure be closed? _____

WRITING 1

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"It is always very important to do things on time."

— Do you agree? Give your reasons, with examples from your own experience.

Your writing should be clear and interesting.

WRITING 2

Write a **story** of at least 100 words based on the following pictures.

You can use the words in the box to help you.

You can also put in more details to make your story lively and interesting.

shopping centre

couple

balloons

information desk

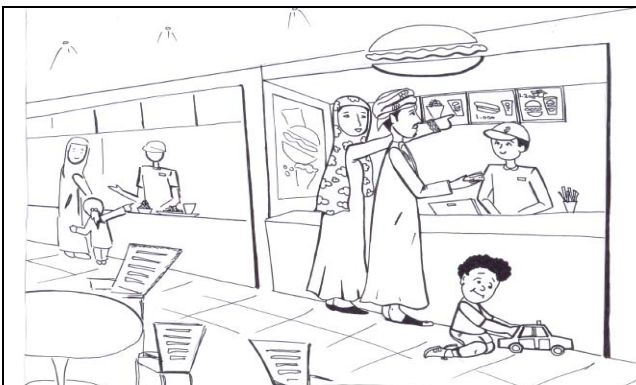
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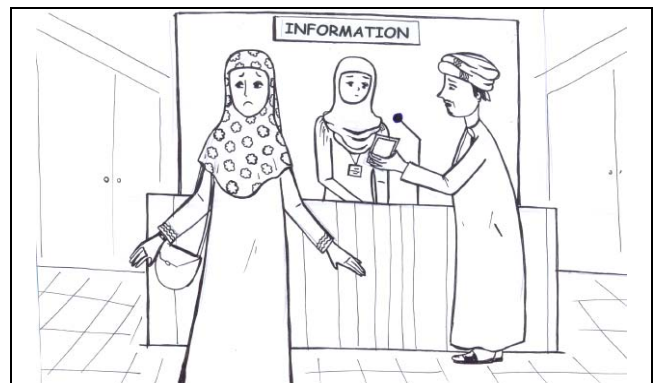
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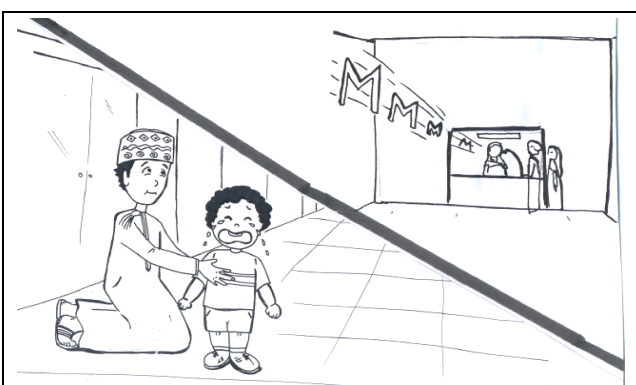
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Write your answers on your answer paper.

