

CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEMESTER ONE — 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	6
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You will hear a conversation between two people. They are talking about a new colleague called Sarah. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A**, **B** or **C**.

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1.	Sarah started working at this of A. today		e last week	C.	last year
2.	At the meeting, Sarah was ver			6	talkative
	A. quiet	В.	rude	C.	talkative
3.	She was in Dubai for		years.		
	A. three	В.	four	C.	five
4.	The next meeting is on				
	A. Sunday	В.	Tuesday	C.	Thursday
5.	Sarah needs				
	A. a new computer	В.	a company car	C.	a place to live
6.	The man has to				
	A. meet some visitors	В.	see his boss	C.	write a report
	LISTENING 2 (Items 7 – 11) You will hear a talk about an i question, write a <u>short</u> answer	mpo	- C		
Visit (7. Where is the Cussac Cave?		(country)
	8. How old are the drawings in	the	cave?		_ years
	9. What do most of the drawing	gs sl	now?		
	10. Who discovered the cave?	·			
	11. Who can go into the cave?				

LISTENING 3 (Ite:	ms 12 - 15]
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You will hear four people speaking. Who are they? For each speaker, choose ONE of the items in the box. Write A, B, C, etc, as in the example.

Example: "Now students. Who can tell me the

correct answer to number five?".

SPEAKERS

- **12.** (1) _____
- **13.** (2) _____
- **14.** (3) _____
- **15.** (4) _____

- a photographer
- В a historian
- C a policeman
- D a farmer
- E a dentist
- a teacher
- G a parent

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.)

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	prefer	receive	repair	write

Your task is to (1) _____ a biography of a famous scientist. Your biography should (2) _____ all the important events in the scientist's life. Make sure you (3) _____ clearly why his or her achievements were important in the history of science. The deadline is 31 March. If you (4) _____ to complete the task by this date, you will not (5) _____ any marks.

VOCABULARY 2	(Items 6 - 10)
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Match the definitions with the words in the box. Write \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} , etc, as in the example. (There are five extra words in the box.)

	Example: A room where food is cooked.	<i>F</i>	А	entrance
6.	A place on the coast where ships can be kept		В	pharmacy
0.	safely.		С	ruin
7	The line between two different countries.		D	harbour
/.	The line between two different countries.		Е	village
8.	A place where dead people are buried		F	kitchen
0.	A place where dead people are buried.		G	canal
9.	A large expensive house where a king, queen or		Н	palace
Э.	president lives.		I	border
10.	A special kind of shop where medicines are sold.		J	cemetery
10.	A special kind of shop where medicines are sold.		K	laundry
		E	10.00	

VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11 - 15)

Complete the unfinished word in each short text. You are given the first letter(s) of each word. Write the <u>whole</u> word in your Answer Book. Make sure you spell the word correctly.

Example: Your hands are d_irty__. Go and wash them!

11.	They found a large wooden box full of g	and silver coins.
12.	"My son's a soldier. He joined the ar	last year."
13.	The police caught him, and he was sent to pr	for six years.
14.	"If you're not sure of the correct answer, just gu _	."
15.	"My bike was damaged in the accident. Now it nee	ds a new front wh "

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 - 3	G	MMA	R	1	(Items	1	_	5	1
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Complete the text. Use $\underline{\text{five}}$ of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

	а	been	start	started	the	to	yea	ar years
Whe	n I was	a child, I a	always wan	ted to be (1	L)		_ journali:	st, and my
drea	ım came	true three	e (2)	ag	o when I	(3)		working for
the '	Sun' ne	wspaper.	The job's g	reat becaus	e it allows	me (4)		travel so
muc	h. Since	joining th	e 'Sun', I'v	e (5)		to thirty o	different o	countries!
GRA	MMAR	2 (Item	s 6 – 10)					
				e the correc	ct option: A	A , B , C or	D.	
6.	The da	y I met yo	u was the		day of	my life.		
	A. ha	рру	В. І	nappiness	C.	happiest	D.	happier
7.		yo	u ever ridd	en on a cam	nel?			
	A. Die	d	В. Н	Have	C.	Are	D.	Will
8.	I'm sor	ry, there _		any lette	ers for you	today.		
	A. is		В. а	are	C.	isn't	D.	aren't
9.	He plai	ns to go to	Europe		Novembe	r.		
	A. in			at		with	D.	on
10.	The do	ctor	looke	ed after me	was very	kind.		
	A. wh		—— В. Н			which	D.	and
GRA	MMAR	3 (Item	s 11 – 15)					
				space, write	ONE WO	ORD only	9	
Spea	iker A:	Hi there!	It's me, Ra	ashid. Sorry	to phone	you (11)		
				eed (12) _				
Spea	iker B:							
Spea	iker A:	It's abou	t air tickets	. Do you kn	ow how (14)		<u>=</u>
		it costs to	fly to Los	Angeles?				
Spea	ker B:	Sorry, I'v	e no idea.	You'll have	(15)		_ ask a tr	ravel agent.
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READING 1 (Items 1 - 6)

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

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

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<u>Ex</u> .	It's a really beautiful place.	F		
1.	We've almost completed work on our new house, and it looks fantastic.	£ 1	А	At a press conference today, the Ford car company announced plans to build a new factory in Scotland.
2.	I was very sorry to hear that you're leaving us. I've really enjoyed working with you.		В	However, the arrival of human beings in the 17 th century quickly led to its extinction.
3.	Dear Salma, From your letter I can see that you are someone who is very easily hurt by others.		С	A bird flew in through the window and couldn't get out again. We wanted to help, but we didn't know what to do.
4.	Derry City is completely surrounded by a high wall which was built in the 17th century.		D	There's still some painting to be done but we should be able to move in at the beginning of next month.
5.	A flightless bird called the 'dodo' lived on the island of Mauritius for thousands of years.	,	Е	A huge explosion has caused the deaths of at least 320 employees at the Brent Chemical works in England.
6.	(headline): 'Hundreds killed in factory disaster'.		F	Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.
			G	Just try to relax and don't listen to the stupid things people say about you. They're only jealous!
			Н	I hope everything goes well for you in your new job, and very best wishes for the future.
			Ι	It is two kilometres long and tourists can walk all the way round, getting a lovely view of the old town.
			J	The important thing to remember is that, with the right kind of food and lots of exercise, you will stay in good health.

READING 2 (Items 7 - 12)

Read each text. Then, write ONE WORD only to complete the answer.

It was the most difficult landing I've ever made. Strong cross winds made it almost impossible to control the plane. I really thought we were going to crash.							
7. The writer is a (<i>job</i>)							
The intensive course starts on Saturday 14 March. Most of the lessons will be held in the Classroom 18, but on Day Three (on the Monday, that is) we shall be using the Computer Room.							
8. They will be in the Computer Room on March.							
Dear Yahya, Many men in their mid-forties start to have the difficulties you described in your letter. So don't worry. You're not going blind! All you need to do is to get some reading glasses. I'm sure you local optician will help you. Best wishes, Dr Saif							
9. Yahya has a problem with his							
It's clear that the two best applicants for the job are Rashid and Alia, but we can't agree on which one to choose. Some think that she would be better; others, including me, prefer him.	3						
10. The writer thinks is the best person for the job. (name)							
Reaching the ruined temple was quite an adventure. First, we flew to Kalputi airport. There's a good road from there to the temple, but it was flooded, so we had to go by boat instead. Then it rained the whole time we were there!							
11. They arrived at the temple in a (transport)							
Filipino farmers can often be seen carrying a bolo . With its curved iron blade and wooden handle, it is ideal for clearing vegetation from their land. It has also often been used in times of war.							
12. A 'bolo' is a kind of							

READING 3 (Items 13 - 20)

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

We were having a great holiday. We had flown to Portugal and were staying in a rented house eighty kilometres south of the capital, Lisbon. It was a beautiful place, right next to the beach and perfect for the children. Behind it, there was some woodland. It was lovely to go for a walk in the shade of the trees in the middle of the day when the July sun made it too hot to stay on the beach.

Then it happened. It was very early in the morning. I woke up and knew immediately that something was wrong. I could smell something burning, but it wasn't in the house; it was outside. I looked out of the window and saw that all the trees behind the house were on fire. A wall of flame was coming towards us.

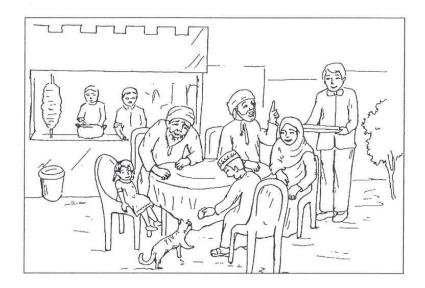
Quickly, I woke up my wife and together we hurried the children out of the house. My little daughter started to pick up her favourite toys, but I said to her, as calmly as I could, "There's no time for that. Don't take anything with you. No bags. No suitcases. Nothing." We all ran onto the beach and watched in horror as the fire came closer and closer to the house. Then the house started to burn, and soon there was nothing left at all, except a blackened ruin. Fortunately, the flames couldn't reach us on the beach. So we just waited there all day and watched while the fire and rescue services gradually put out the fire.

Later, I read reports in the newspapers which said that fifteen people had been killed in the disaster, including three firemen. So we were lucky to be alive! But the newspapers also reported that the fire was *not* an accident. The police had arrested two men who had actually *started* the fire 'for a bit of fun'. How can people do such a thing? I don't understand it at all. Anyway, they certainly ruined our holiday!

13.	They travelled to Portugal by A. ship		plane	c.	car
14.	They stayed A. on the coast	В.	in the mountains	c.	in the capital city
15.	The first sign of the fire was A. noise		smell	c.	heat
16.	They were able to save A. none		of their things.	C.	all
17.	They survived by A. putting out the fire			C.	leaving the house
18.	The house was A. not touched		by the fire. damaged	C.	completely destroyed
19.	people died in	the	fire.		
	A. 15	В.	18	C.	50
20.	The fire was caused by				
	A. hot weather	В.	a cigarette	C.	irresponsible people

WRITING A.1

Describe and comment on the picture. Write 20 - 30 words.



WRITING A.2

Write a PARAGRAPH about an <u>animal</u> called **the polar bear**. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.

The Polar Bear

food: meat/ fish

750 kilos/ 3 metres

Arctic region/ cold

biggest bear/ world

thick white fur

run/ fast/ 40 kph

excellent swimmer

hunt/ land/ water

black skin/ black tongue

WRITING B

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Teenagers should have mobile phones."

Do you agree? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be clear, lively and interesting.