

**CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SEMESTER TWO — FIRST 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 a telephone conversation between two people. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.*

1. The speakers are _____.
A. mother and son B. husband and wife C. brother and sister
2. The woman is _____
A. in a furniture shop B. at the office C. at home
3. The man buys a table with _____ chairs.
A. four B. six C. eight
4. He buys a bed made in _____.
A. Italy B. India C. England
5. Next, he will go to the _____.
A. clothes shop B. bank C. printer's
6. He is getting married _____.
A. next week B. next month C. next year

LISTENING 2 (Items 7 – 11)

*You will hear a teenager talking about a visit to a factory. Listen, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE WORD only**).*

7. Where is the factory? _____
8. What does it make? _____
9. How long has it been operating? _____ years
10. What must visitors wear? A special _____
11. Where do they go at the end of their visit? To the factory _____

Write your answers on your answer paper.

LISTENING 3 (Items 12 – 15)

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

Example: “I got it from the school library. It’s really good.
I’ve read it three times!” F

TALKING ABOUT:

12. (1) _____

13. (2) _____

14. (3) _____

15. (4) _____

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| A | an accident |
| B | a football match |
| C | an island |
| D | a hospital |
| E | a meeting |
| F | a book |
| G | a photo |

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.)

become	disagree	generate	graduate
invent	suggest	solve	spend

Nowadays, many people **(1)** _____ a lot of time working on computers. Because of this, they don’t get enough exercise and **(2)** _____ overweight and unhealthy. A team of scientists now have an interesting idea which could **(3)** _____ this problem. They **(4)** _____ putting bicycle pedals under the desk! These pedals would not only be good for exercise; they would also **(5)** _____ electricity for the computer!

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)

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

X: "Hey, Amna, why (1) _____ we go to the beach this afternoon?"

Y: "I'm sorry, I can't. I (2) _____ to Muscat after lunch. I've got
(3) _____ interview tomorrow morning (4) _____ eight o'clock."

X: "Oh, yes! You (5) _____ me about that last week! Sorry, I forgot."

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|----|---------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. | A. not | B. doesn't | C. aren't | D. don't |
| 2. | A. 'm driving | B. drove | C. driving | D. 've driven |
| 3. | A. the | B. a | C. to | D. an |
| 4. | A. on | B. to | C. at | D. in |
| 5. | A. 've told | B. 're telling | C. told | D. tell |

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. I used _____ smoke, but I stopped last year.
7. Tokyo is more expensive _____ New York.
8. Cars _____ use unleaded petrol cause less pollution.
9. How _____ people are coming to the party?
10. I went to New York _____ plane.

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.

Example 1: Ahmed lives in Muscat. _____ ✓ _____

Example 2: Siham live in Salalah. _____ Siham lives in Salalah. _____

11. His father is doctor. _____
12. I've lived here for ten year. _____
13. This mosque was built in 1989. _____
14. I didn't saw her yesterday. _____
15. Has your sister arrived yet? _____

READING 1 (Items 1 – 6)

Match the six cues on the left with the responses in the box.

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

e.g. Have you finished the report? H

1. Those shoes are nice. Where did you get them? _____
2. Have you heard the news? Huda's applied for a new job! _____
3. My mother phoned me today. She's worried about Rashid. _____
4. I'm reading a really good book about climate change. _____
5. It's easy to get to her house. Just follow the main road. _____
6. So, you're a scientist. That's interesting. What are you working on at the moment? _____

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| A | Tomorrow's weather will be fine in the south, but wet and cloudy in the north. |
| B | But I've never been there before. I might get lost. Could you draw a map for me? |
| C | There was a sale at the shopping centre last week. I bought four pairs, actually! |
| D | My office is on the third floor. If you can't find it, just ask somebody. |
| E | Why? What's wrong? Is he having problems with his health again? |
| F | I don't believe you! She always says how happy she is, working at the bank. |
| G | Medical research. I'm trying to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. |
| H | No I haven't, but I'll give it to you tomorrow. |
| I | I think I'll go shopping this evening. I want to buy some new clothes. |
| J | That sounds interesting. Could I borrow it when you've finished? |

Write your answers on your answer paper.

READING 2 (Items 7-12)

Read the following two texts by the same writer. Then answer the questions.

Text 1 For each question, write a short answer (**not more than THREE WORDS**).

As you probably know, Vienna is the capital city of Austria, a German-speaking country in Central Europe. It's a famous old city, so when I was offered the chance to take a six-month course at Vienna University, I immediately accepted.

I arrived there in early October 1993, and at first I really enjoyed it. But then, in November, the *winter* came, with horrible freezing winds straight from Siberia! I've never been so cold in all my life! The problem was that, as a student, I was always very short of money, so I couldn't afford to stay in a nice warm flat or to buy good clothes to protect myself from the cold. Anyway, being in Vienna was not a pleasant experience for me, so after finishing my course, I was very happy to leave.

7. What was the writer doing in Vienna? _____
8. What did he dislike about the city? _____
9. How long did he stay there? _____

Text 2 For each question, write a short answer (**not more than THREE WORDS**).

After leaving Vienna in 1994, I always said to myself, "I'm never going back *there* again!" But, in fact, I did! It was ten years later, and I was already working for a travel company. A group of American tourists needed a guide; they wanted to visit some of the capitals of Europe, including Vienna. Three guides were available, but the boss knew that I could speak German, so he chose me!

To be honest, I wasn't looking forward to it at all. But funnily enough, it was one of the best trips I've ever had. The food, the museums, the concerts — everything in Vienna was fantastic! Of course, this time, it was *summer*, the weather was perfect and I had enough money to enjoy myself!

10. When did the writer go to Vienna again? _____ (year)
11. Why was he chosen for this trip? *Because he* _____
12. Who travelled with him? *Some* _____

Write your answers on your answer paper.

Reading 3 (Items 13 -20)

Read this magazine article, and then complete Task 1 and Task 2.

For centuries, the region now known as Bangladesh has been famous for producing materials such as cotton, wool and silk. These products do not come from large factories; they are made by weavers working in small workshops in the villages, using traditional methods and simple equipment. One million people in the country — weavers and their families — make their living from this industry.

For these people, the floods which hit the country in July 1998 were a disaster. A huge area of land was covered by water, and millions of people became homeless. When they were able to return to their homes, the weavers found that all their tools and machines had been damaged or destroyed by the floods. What could they do now?

Fortunately, most of the weavers were able to survive, thanks to help from the Grameen Bank. First, the bank lent them the money that they needed — about two hundred dollars — to replace the damaged equipment. Then a project was set up, known as 'Fashion for Development'. In this project, 35,000 weavers have been helped to find export markets for their products. Traditional materials and clothes from Bangladesh are very popular abroad and can be sold at high prices, because of their excellent quality and the beauty of their brightly-coloured designs. In fact, fashion shows, such as 'Stars of Bangladesh' in London in April 2001, have been a great success in Western countries.

However, 'Fashion for Development' would not have been possible without the work of one very special person, a fashion designer called Bibi Russell. Born into a rich family in Bangladesh, she became the first woman from that country to study at the London College of Fashion. After graduating in 1975, she had a successful career in Europe until returning home in 1990. Five years later, she set up her own company, Bibi Productions, working closely with local weavers in the villages and with the 'Fashion for Development' project. She is a modern woman, but is also very proud of her country's traditions.

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

13. Weaving is a new industry in Bangladesh. _____

14. The population of Bangladesh is 140 million. _____

15. Bibi Russell comes from a poor family. _____

16. She set up Bibi Productions in 1995. _____

Task 2 Choose the correct option: **A**, **B** or **C**.

17. The weavers lost their equipment because of _____.

- A. a fire B. an earthquake C. floods

18. Buying new equipment for weaving costs _____ dollars.

- A. 20 B. 200 C. 2000

19. Foreigners buy Bangladeshi fashion products because they are _____.

- A. cheap B. colourful C. modern

20. 'Stars of Bangladesh' is the name of a _____.

A. film

B. company

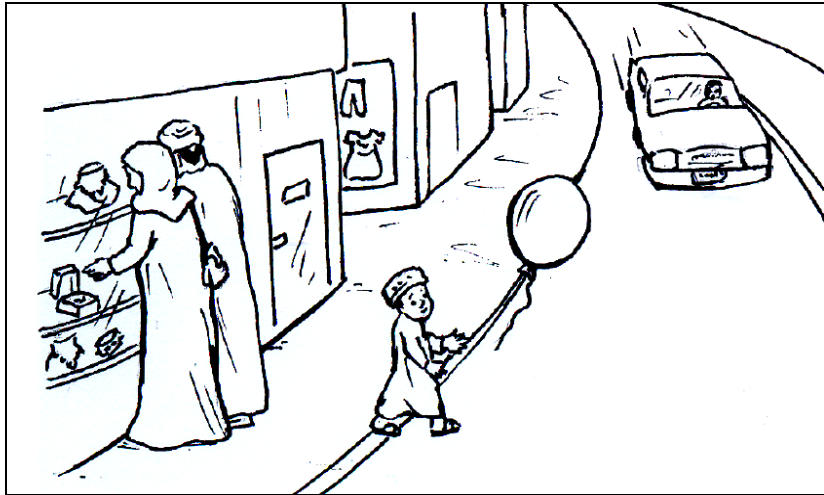
C. fashion show

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WRITING A. 1

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



WRITING A. 2

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

The Ocean Queen

ticket/ \$ 1,000	biggest/ world
4,300 passengers	sail/ France > USA
cross/ Atlantic/ 3 days	passenger ship
1360 crew	built/ Finland/ 2004
speed: 40 km/h	18 decks/ 4 swimming pools

WRITING B

Complete the following task. Write at least 100 words.

Situation: Imagine you went to a restaurant last night with your family, and it was a very bad experience. You are very unhappy, so you have decided to write a **letter** to the manager of the restaurant. Tell him what happened. Then say what you think he should do. Start your letter with "Dear Sir, I wish to complain about..."

Your name is Nasir/ Nada Al-Hinai.. Do not write an address.
Your letter should be clear and polite.

Write your answers on your answer paper.