

**GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE 'B'
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 a conversation between two teachers, who are organizing a book sale. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.*

1. The conversation takes place in a _____.
A. coffee shop B. shopping centre C. school
2. At the **last** book sale, they didn't have enough _____.
A. customers B. books C. space
3. This time, they have about _____ books for sale.
A. 1,000 B. 3,000 C. 5,000
4. The **woman's** students have helped by _____.
A. making posters B. collecting lots of books C. sending invitations
5. They decide to meet again on _____.
A. Saturday B. Tuesday C. Wednesday
6. They will discuss _____.
A. how much the books will cost B. what time the sale should start and finish C. how many sellers they will need

LISTENING 2 (Items 7 – 11)

You will hear a woman talking about cars.

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

7. When she was a child, who looked after the family car? _____
8. How old was she when she got her driving license? _____
9. Who helped her when she had a problem with her car last year? _____
10. Who suggested that she should go on a 'Car Basics' course? _____
11. Who organised the course? _____

Write your answers on your answer paper.

LISTENING 3 (Items 12 – 15)

You will hear four people speaking. Who are they? For each text, 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 answer to number five?” F

12. (1) _____

13. (2) _____

14. (3) _____

15. (4) _____

SPEAKERS

- A a passenger
- B a policeman
- C an interviewer
- D a shopkeeper
- E a footballer
- ~~F~~ a teacher
- G a scientist

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.)

disappeared	discovered	left	returned
said	searched	told	took

“It was a difficult voyage. We (1) _____ Liverpool early in the morning and sailed across the Irish Sea. Unfortunately, because of bad weather, it (2) _____ us more than five hours to get to Dublin. We were just entering the port when something unusual happened. The captain (3) _____ me that one of the crew members, a Scotsman called Willy McBride, was missing. We (4) _____ all over the ship, but couldn’t find him anywhere. He had completely (5) _____!”

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. Remember to _____ some warm clothes. It's cold outside.
A. put on B. take out C. put off D. take off
7. If I want to turn the volume down, which button should I _____?
A. switch B. press C. reduce D. insert
8. Why are you _____? It isn't funny at all!
A. screaming B. shouting C. arguing D. laughing
9. That's strange. I _____ why she's late today? She's usually on time.
A. believe B. prefer C. wonder D. suggest
10. The _____ in the valley is excellent. If you plant any crop, it will grow.
A. cement B. liquid C. soil D. fuel

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) big
e.g. *We have this shirt in three sizes: small, medium or **la**.....*
12. _____ (verb) to get out of a dangerous or unpleasant situation
e.g. *Fifteen men were able to **es**..... from the prison.*
13. _____ (noun) an event that causes many deaths and a lot of damage
e.g. *The flood was the worst **dis**..... in the country's history.*
14. _____ (verb) to move upwards or to increase
e.g. *Scientists believe that temperatures will continue to **r**.....*
15. _____ (noun) a device that warns people of danger, usually with a loud noise
e.g. *When we heard the fire **al**....., we ran out of the building*

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**.

Speaker A: Excuse me. (1) _____ my glasses anywhere?

Speaker B: You haven't lost them again, (2) _____?

Speaker A: No! I just can't remember (3) _____ I put them.

Speaker B: When was the last time you (4) _____ them?

Speaker A: Let me think. Oh, yes! It was when I (5) _____ your report. Just after lunch.

1. A. Are you seeing B. Have you seen C. Do you see D. Had you seen
2. A. are you B. have you C. did you D. were you
3. A. how B. when C. which D. where
4. A. used B. are using C. have used D. will use
5. A. was looking at B. looked C. look at D. looking

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. "She went to the post office _____ buy some stamps."
7. "What kind _____ car do you drive?"
8. "I think Science is more interesting _____ all the other subjects."
9. "Those children _____ making so much noise! Tell them to be quiet!"
10. " _____ don't we go to the cinema?" — "Good idea!"

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. They fly to Qatar last night. _____
12. I'm waiting my mother. _____
13. She's lived here since 1995. _____
14. Would you like a cup of tea? _____
15. You should to stay at home. _____

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. She's a hotel receptionist.

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1. "Good evening. I'd like to report a problem with my Internet connection."
2. "Please make sure that these invitations go out today."
3. "If you're going to the super-market, could you buy some more milk, please?"
4. "You know that Fatma has just moved house. Shouldn't we go and visit her?"
5. "I've booked our usual table at the Chinese restaurant."
6. "Did you see the article in 'Environment Today' about that new 'hybrid' vehicle?"

- A "Are you sure? We've got lots in the fridge. Three litres, at least."
- B "You mean the car that has two engines: one electric and one petrol-driven? Yes, it was very interesting."
- C "She promised to bring some food and drink for the party, but then she said she didn't have time!"
- D "But we eat there every week! Why don't we try something different?"
- E "If you're driving to Salalah, I think you should have the car checked before you leave."
- F "Should I deliver them myself, or can I send them by fax?"
- G "Right. We'll send a technician to your house tomorrow morning. Could you give us the address, please?"
- H ~~No, she isn't! She works in a bank.~~
- I Yes, you're right. Now, let's see. I'm busy all this week, but Thursday would be fine. How about you?
- J "When we arrived, the place was completely empty. So we looked at the invitation again. It was the wrong day!"

Write your answers on your answer paper.

WRITING 1

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



WRITING 2

Write a PARAGRAPH about a famous map called the **Carta Africana**. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.

The Carta Africana

beautifully decorated now/ National Museum/ Portugal
discovered/ 1923/ Lisbon shows/ west coast/ Africa
used/ traders/ 16th century important cities/ ports
famous Portuguese map-maker
round/ 1 metre wide made/ 1516/ Manuel Figo

WRITING 3

Complete the following task. Write at least 100 words.

Imagine that a national magazine for teenagers is running an English writing competition.

The theme of the competition is: "Teenagers Today".

You have decided to enter the competition with an **article** on the following topic:

'My favourite place'.

In your article, explain why this place is your favourite.

Your article should be lively and interesting for your readers.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

