

**CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION  
ELECTIVE ENGLISH  
SEMESTER ONE — FIRST SESSION**

TIME: 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 70

This paper has 2 pages

**READING 1 (Items 1 – 4)**

Read these four texts. Where are the speakers? For each text, choose one of the items in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example. (There are two extra items in the box.)

*e.g.* "I'd like some chicken, please. With plain rice and salad, and a large bottle of water."

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1. "I'm sorry, sir, I think all of our rooms are full. But I'll just check to see if any of our guests have cancelled."

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2. "Excuse me, I'm looking for a French dictionary. A basic one, with lots of pictures, suitable for a child."

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3. "This letter was written by King George III in 1765. As you can see, it's still in excellent condition."

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4. "Excuse me, officer, I wish to report a robbery. Someone broke into my flat last night and took my wallet."

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A in a bookshop

B in a hotel

C in a police station

D in a bank

E in a post office

~~F in a restaurant~~

G in a museum

**READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)**

Read the text, and then answer the questions on page 2.

In 2005, the British Minister of Health opened the new Evelina Children's Hospital in West London. The seven-storey, glass-fronted building cost sixty million pounds to build. Construction work started in July 2002 and was completed in August 2004. It replaced the old building which had been used by the hospital since 1928.

The new building has already won two international prizes for its architecture, which tries to be modern but also friendly. Its designer was a young Spanish architect called Antonia Lamela. She wanted the building to be as pleasant as possible for its most important users, that is, the young patients who are treated there. She even involved the children in the design process by allowing them to choose the colour of the paint on the walls as well as some of the furniture. As a result of this design, the hospital is full of light and there are bright, cheerful colours everywhere.

On the practical side, the hospital has one hundred and forty beds, three operating theatres and all the latest in medical technology. It pays a lot of attention to the quality of the food served to patients, which is better than the usual 'hospital food'! It even has a hospital school, with specialist teachers, so that sick children can keep up with their lessons.

**READING 2 (cont'd)**

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

5. How long did it take to build the hospital? — \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the front of the building made of? — \_\_\_\_\_
7. When was the first Evelina Children's Hospital opened? — \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who helped the architect to design the building? — \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many patients can stay in the hospital? — \_\_\_\_\_
10. Give TWO adjectives that describe the building. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING 1**

Write 40 – 50 words on the following topic:


***"How do Muslims celebrate the birth of a baby?"***

Your writing should be clear, lively and interesting.

**WRITING 2**

Write a paragraph about **Wellington Wimpy**. Use the picture and ALL the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

<b><u>Wellington Wimpy</u></b>	
good education	since 1933
cartoon character	☹ pay bill
😊 food/ hamburgers	newspaper/ TV
clever with words	lazy/dishonest



**WRITING 3**

Write about your own experience. Write at least 100 words about:

***"The most interesting journey I have ever made"***

Your story should be clear, lively and interesting.

**Write your answers on your answer paper.**