



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE ELEVEN 'CORE'

Practice test 2

Semester Two

First Session

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2½ hours

Pages: 15

ELEMENT		Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
				Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15					
GRM/VCB	10					
READING	20					
WRITING	15					
TOTAL	60					

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)**(7 marks)**

You will hear **a conversation** between **a husband and a wife**.

Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. Tom and Ann are coming to Oman_____.

☐ to study

☐ to attend a
conference

☐ for a visit

2. Ann is a_____.

☐ teacher

☐ nurse

☐ tour guide

3. Ali can't meet Tom and Ann because he has_____.

☐ to travel to Salalah

☐ an eye operation

☐ an appointment

4. Tom and Ann are staying in Oman for_____.

☐ three days

☐ one week

☐ two months
☐

5. Ali decided to_____ for Tom and Ann.

☐ arrange a tour of
Muscat

☐ organize a self-
drive car

☐ buy some
Omani presents

6. Tom likes_____.

☐ traditional souks

☐ photography

☐ Omani food

7. Tom and Ann will spend the last day of their trip in _____.

☐ Nizwa

☐ Nakhal

☐ Muscat


LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to listen to **a radio programmes about an inspiring woman.**

Part One : For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

8. What was Sally interested in as a child ?

_____.

9. What was she doing when she applied for NASA's astronaut programme ?

_____.

10. How many female candidates were chosen for the astronaut programme?

_____.

11. When was her first flight into space ?

_____.

Part Two : For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct item.

12. Sally didn't travel into space for a third time because of_____.

☐ training problems ☐ a shuttle disaster ☐ her retirement

13. The 'EarthKAM' project was aimed at_____.

☐ school students ☐ university students ☐ astronauts

14. The 'Sally Ride Science' company specializes in_____.

☐ earth pictures ☐ educational programmes ☐ science books

15. Sally died at the age of_____.

☐ 34 ☐ 61 ☐ 71

LISTENING SCORE**15**

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VOCABULARY (Items 1–5) (2½marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.
(There are three extra words in the box.)

A refugee who could hardly speak a word of English when he arrived in Australia two years ago has (1)_____his exams with excellent grades. Mohammed Al-Kaab, 19 years of age, has (2)_____from one of Australia's biggest high schools with honours. His outstanding overall grades (3)_____him to apply to one of the topuniversities in Melbourne, Australia. He (4)_____through a lot of challenges inorder to start a new life in Australia. He said that he (5)_____to use everyopportunity to practice his English on a daily basis in order to improve his language.

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GRAMMAR (Items 6-10)**(2½ marks)**

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

6. What _____ you do last night?

7- It was the _____ challenging problem. It made me confused .

8- Ali is as as Saif .They are the same height .

9- I haven't seen my fiendhe moved to the new house in Muscat .

10- You drive a car in Oman without having license.



GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–20)**(5 marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

A book ____⁽¹¹⁾ ____ just been published to help parents to ____⁽¹²⁾ ____ with their children's behavior at home. Dr James Bruno, ____⁽¹³⁾ ____ is the author, says that the first positive discipline technique is for parents to ____⁽¹⁴⁾ ____ calm because ____⁽¹⁵⁾ ____ parents do not achieve good results with their children. The second challenge is ____⁽¹⁶⁾ ____ know how to correct bad behavior in ____⁽¹⁷⁾ ____ effective way. Dr Bruno believes parents should establish clear ____⁽¹⁸⁾ ____ for children to follow. Finally, the most effective way of ____⁽¹⁹⁾ ____ good behavior is to give positive feedback ____⁽²⁰⁾ ____.

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**GRM/VCB
SCORE**

READING 1 (Items 1-5)**(5 marks)**

Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

1

Engineers at a U.S. laboratory have discovered one answer to the problem of global warming. They have made a machine that can suck carbon dioxide from the air and convert it into liquid fuel. They believe their creation can provide a sustainable form of renewable energy.

Statement**True****False**

The engineers' invention is a solution to global warming.

☐☐**2.**

An older electric car designed by Tesla Motors could get from 0 to 100kph in 3.2 seconds. Using an upgraded battery pack, called Ludicrous Mode, Tesla Motors were able to get the car to reach a 100kph in less than three seconds.

Statement**True****False**

Ludicrous Mode decreased the speed of the new electric car.

☐☐**3.**

When he is not playing tennis, Saif is busy with his project, the robot chair, which helps older people. He is also a Goodwill Ambassador in his school. He regularly organizes charity events for those who are in need.

Statement**True****False**

Saif likes voluntary work.

☐☐

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READING 1 (continued)

4.

I looked out of the window at the railway tracks. Although we were moving at 340 kilometers an hour, the journey was smooth and relatively quiet. The part where we travelled under the English Channel took just 22 minutes. Soon I was looking at the French fields and farmhouses.

Statement**True****False**

The writer is travelling by plane.

☐☐

5.

I started having driving lessons when I was seventeen. Although I am normally a quicklearner, but I get so nervous during the tests that I can't drive properly. I have failed the test three times. It is so embarrassing.

Statement**True****False**☐☐

The writer has not got a driving licence.

READING 2 (Items 6-12)**(7 marks)**

Read the text . Then, shade in the bubble for each one . .

Dear Simon,

Sorry I haven't contacted you before. I arrived safely in the Alaskan capital, Anchorage, on the 31st of May, but I wish I'd taken your advice to use 'Atlantic Airlines' instead of the 'Glacier'! It was only a small plane, and we hit a lot of air pockets, so most of the passengers, including me, had to use their air-sickness bags. After that experience, I had to spend the whole day in the hotel to recover!

Lots of events are taking place here during the summer. From Anchorage I rented a car to go into the interior of Alaska, and attended the opening ceremony of the Great Dog Sled Race. Unfortunately, on the first day of the race, two dogs were hit by a snow-mobile. One of them died instantly, and the other was badly injured. The owner still has four healthy dogs, but she's announced that she is dropping out of the race. However, I was able to interview one of the other competitors, Mitch Seavy, who has won four times already, and was doing very well yesterday.

I then returned to Anchorage for two days before travelling to a river-rafting competition in the Yukon River valley. However, getting here wasn't easy. It was even worse than the flight! I didn't know the way and I got completely lost. Then I crashed the car! In the end, I had to accept an offer of a lift from a lorry driver.

Luckily, I arrived thirty minutes before the rafting started. I decided to hire a raft myself to take photos of the different teams during the competition. It's an international event with 30 teams participating from all over the world. The water level was dangerously high — much higher than usual, according to the locals. And you won't believe what happened next! The raft hit a huge rock and I was thrown overboard. I'd been in such a hurry when I got on the raft that I forgot to put my life vest on! Fortunately, I was able to hang onto an overhanging branch, and the rafter threw me a rope and pulled me out. Actually, when I fell in. I banged my head on a rock, so it lucky I was wearing a helmet!

By the way, while I've been here, I've also taken some very nice photos of the bears and moose with my new 180 mm lens. They'd look great on the front page of the July edition! Anyway, the competition will continue for another two days. Then I'll drive up to Kivalina in the north. I want to interview the village leader, who is well-known for his campaigning about the threat of global warming. He believes that his village will disappear under the sea by 2050!

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Generally, I'm fine, but there is just one problem. During the summer months here, the days are so long— with up to twenty-one hours of sunlight — that I'm finding it very hard to get any sleep! I'll write again soon.

Best wishes, David

READING 2 (continued)

For each item, shade in the bubble (☐) next to the correct option.

1. The flight to Alaska was _____.
☐ very smooth ☐ uncomfortable ☐ delayed
2. David works for _____.
☐ a magazine ☐ a television company ☐ a newspaper
3. At the moment, he is in _____.
☐ Anchorage ☐ Kivalina ☐ the Yukon valley
4. He has mostly been travelling around Alaska by _____.
☐ car ☐ plane ☐ boat
5. Two of the dogs in the race _____.
☐ were hit by a vehicle ☐ drowned ☐ died of the cold
6. When David fell off the raft, he survived because he _____.
☐ is a strong swimmer ☐ was wearing a helmet ☐ had a life vest
7. He was taken photos of various competitions, and also of _____.
☐ the landscape ☐ wild animals ☐ the local people



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READING 3 (Items 13-20)**(8 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the tasks.*

Jabal Hareem Fossils are located at a height of 1,600 metres above sea level in Wilayt Khasab in the Musandam Governorate. The trip on the way up in the four-wheel drive pushing through mountainous villages, prairies planted with wheat and green valleys is an adventure itself, and the visitor will want to pause on the journey to take in the enchanting views. On Jabal Hareem's flat summit you can examine fish fossils and shells, in addition to other fossilized things. The estimated geological age of the fossils is more than 250 million years when the peaks were under the sea.

The most important ancient port on the Arabian Sea (Part of the Frankincense Trail) history dates back to before 2000 BC. Some archaeological research confirms that the city's prosperity dates back to the Iron Age. Much of this city's remains lie in Dhofar Governorate. The city of AL Balid was a trade hub, being one of the largest ports on the Indian Ocean, making it a thriving commercial centre for the export of frankincense to China and Rome. The city's location was first discovered in 1930. The ancient city was divided into three main sections: commercial, residential and a section devoted to services. There were also a mosque and a fort on the west side. In 2000, Al Balid City was registered by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Al Balid Fort: These monumental ruins represent the remains of Al Balid Fort. They tower to a height of 3 metres, with three circular towers in the corners, as well as several other semi-circular towers. The low ground in the middle of the fort is the remains of a large courtyard. It is believed that Al Balid Fort once comprised more than four storey.

Haffet Site is located in Al Buraymi Governorate. It is an old settlement that dates back to the third millennium BC. This site was a meeting place for trade caravans between the Bat civilization in Wilayt of Ibri, and the Um Am Nar civilization. Tombs in this region date to the third millennium BC and are built like the bee hive tombs of the Bat civilization. Also found was a piece of pottery similar to the pottery made during Nebuchadnezzar's reign in Iraq.

To know more about these places, you can refer to the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture.

READING 3 (continued)**Task 1:** For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).**13.** What can you find at the flat summit of Jabal Hareem?

14. When was Al Balid city discovered?

15. Where was the frankincense exported to?

16. Why was Haffet Site lively in the ancient days ?Because it was a

Task 2: For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.**17.** AL Balid _____ is a World Heritage Site.☐

city

☐

port

☐

fort

18. Most remains of the Frankincense Trail are found in.....☐

Muscat

☐

Dhofar

☐

Musandam

19. the Frankincense Trail history dates back to theBC.☐

first millennium

☐

second millennium

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third millennium

20. Al Balid Fort.....of more than four storeys in the past.☐

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**READING
SCORE****20**

WRITING 1

(5 marks)

Write at least **85 words** on the following topic:

“ Social media is a mixed blessing”

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **clear** and **organized**.

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WRITING 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write at least **100 words**.

"She was a hard-working girl. She led a very hard life, but she became a world known personality". Write the story of her success. What did she do at school?

What did she do after school? What did she do in her career?

*Your writing should be **clear** and **organized**.*

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**WRITING
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