

**GRADE TEN — ENGLISH  
BASIC EDUCATION  
SEMESTER ONE**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 5

**LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)**

You will hear a conversation between a man and a woman. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B, or C.**

1. The woman started mountain-climbing when she was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
 A. 15    B. 17    C. 20
2. She became interested in mountain-climbing after \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. reading a book about it                      B. meeting a famous climber                      C. watching a TV programme
3. She is planning to go climbing in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Oman    B. Scotland    C. the Alps
4. The man gives her \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the name of a website                      B. an e-mail address                      C. a telephone number

**LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)**

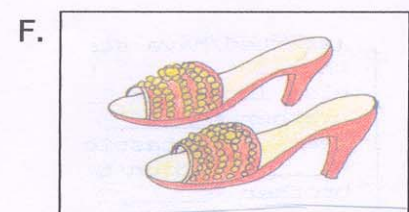
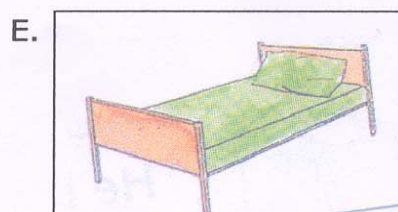
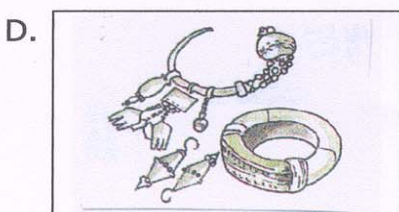
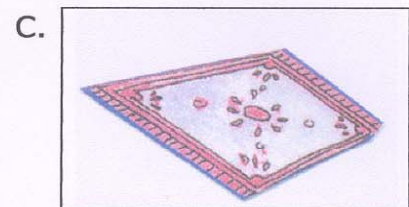
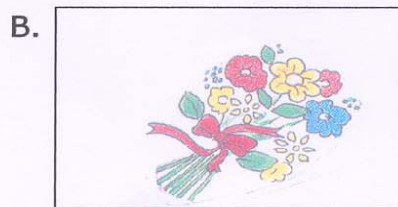
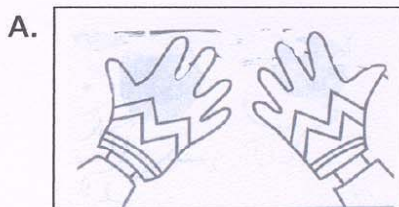
You will hear a history teacher talking about the Vikings. Listen, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE or TWO WORDS only**).

5. Which part of Europe did the Vikings come from? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did they travel to other places? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Give an example of a Viking word in the English language. \_\_\_\_\_
8. What were 'runes'? \_\_\_\_\_

**LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)**

You will hear three women speaking. What are they talking about?

Listen and number the pictures: **1, 2, 3.** (There are three extra pictures.)



**GRAMMAR 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.)

are      does      is      it      has      have      there      to

Sometimes a country (1) \_\_\_\_\_ not have enough food to feed its people. Many developing countries in Africa (2) \_\_\_\_\_ this problem because (3) \_\_\_\_\_ isn't always enough rain to grow food. In order (4) \_\_\_\_\_ prevent this from happening in future, new irrigation and farming methods (5) \_\_\_\_\_ needed.

**GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

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

6. Let's wait here \_\_\_\_\_ it stops raining.  
A. until                      B. so                      C. because                      D. when
7. I'm good \_\_\_\_\_ making models.  
A. in                      B. with                      C. at                      D. for
8. It's the only shop \_\_\_\_\_ sells fresh fruit.  
A. where                      B. what                      C. that                      D. who
9. She used \_\_\_\_\_ a lot, but now she's on a diet.  
A. eating                      B. to eat                      C. eat                      D. ate
10. If he \_\_\_\_\_ the car, I'll give him 500 baisa.  
A. wash                      B. washed                      C. will wash                      D. washes

**GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)**

Complete the dialogue. In each space, write **ONE WORD** only.

- Speaker A: Where are you going (11) \_\_\_\_\_ spend your summer holidays?
- Speaker B: I'm not sure. I'll either go to Malaysia (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Thailand.
- Speaker A: I visited Thailand last year, but I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ never been to Malaysia. What's it like?
- Speaker B: It's full (14) \_\_\_\_\_ interesting places and, of course, it's famous (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

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

**READING 1 (Items 1 – 5)**

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

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

*Ex.* It's a really beautiful place.          F    

1. Sharks have to keep swimming all the time.
2. Mobile phones and the internet have made the world a small village.
3. News media play an important part in our lives today.
4. Have you ever dreamed of becoming a famous author?
5. My son is always complaining about having to go to school.

- A Using these technologies, people can contact each other quickly and easily.
- B They keep us informed about what is happening in a fast-changing world.
- C I often spend the morning in the library reading one of my favourite novels.
- D If they stop, even for a little while, they will sink.
- E Tomorrow will be bright and sunny in most of the country, but there will be some rain in the north.
- F ~~Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.~~
- G He doesn't seem to understand that a good education is essential for his future.
- H If so, now is your big chance! Our new course on creative writing starts next month!

**READING 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

Read the text, and then complete the task on page 5.

I was on holiday in Indonesia for the first time. I had flown to the capital city, Jakarta, with my wife and children, and we stayed there for a few days. But we didn't like the noise and the traffic jams, so we drove south, stopping in a lovely fishing village called Cikampek. We stayed in a small hotel on a hill with a beautiful view over the sea. In the evenings, we used to go out and eat at one of the seafood restaurants on the beach — the best prawns I've ever tasted!

One day, I was on the beach with the children. My wife had stayed in the hotel because of a stomachache. The children were happily playing around on the sand, and I was filming them on video. Then something strange happened. Everything went very quiet, and I noticed that the sea had moved *back*, further away from us. Then I saw it — a thin dark line on the horizon, gradually getting bigger and bigger. I quickly realized what had happened. There must have been an earthquake on the floor of the ocean, and this was a *tsunami*, a huge, deadly wall of water heading straight for the shore!

I grabbed both the children and ran. There wasn't time to get back to our hotel, but I knew there was an area of a higher land nearby, a small nature reserve with a stone tower that was ideal for bird-watching. We got there *just* in time, and ran up the steps. The next moment, the wave hit the bottom of the tower. It seemed to shake a little, but it stood firm. Then the wave was gone. We had survived! But others were not so lucky. We later heard that nine hundred and fifty people had been killed in the disaster and many buildings were destroyed, including all of our favourite restaurants on the beach.



**READING 2 (cont'd)**

For each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

6. The writer went to Cikampek by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. plane                                      B. bus                                      C. car
7. On the day of the disaster, he was on the beach \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. alone                                      B. with his children                      C. with his wife and children
8. He was nearly killed by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a wave                                      B. a falling tree                          C. an explosion
9. He found safety in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. restaurant                                B. tower                                      C. hotel
10. \_\_\_\_\_ people died in the disaster.  
A. Almost a thousand                      B. Over a thousand                      C. Thousands of

**WRITING 1**

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

**The Kakapo**

look for food/ night	cannot fly
seeds, leaves, fruit	heaviest parrot/ world
bright green	rainforest/ New Zealand
short legs/ small wings	four kilograms

**WRITING 2**

Imagine you are Fahad/ Farah. Your friend, Nasr/ Nasra has written this e-mail to you:

Dear Fahad/ Farah,

As you know, I always get bad marks in English. I'm very worried about it. What should I do to improve my English? Please tell me what you think.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Nasr/ Nasra

Answer Nasr/ Nasra's e-mail. Write at least 75 words. Your e-mail should be friendly and helpful. Do not write an address.

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