



GRADE TEN — BASIC EDUCATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM for ABSENTEES (APPROVED CASES)
SEMESTER TWO — 2007/08

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 6

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

You will hear a conversation between a teenager and his grandmother. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: A, B or C.

1. The boy talks to his grandmother because he needs some _____.
A. money B. information C. advice
2. She says that, in the old days, if people had a cough, they drank _____.
A. honey B. hot tea C. orange juice
3. For an insect bite, she says they used a _____.
A. piece of lemon B. special cream C. wet cloth
4. At the end, she says she will _____.
A. buy some medicine B. visit a relative C. arrange a meeting

LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)

You will hear a tourist guide talking about a fort. Listen and complete the table. Write ONE WORD only.

Place:	(5) _____ Africa	Decoration:	(7) Pictures of _____
Built:	(6) In the _____ century	King's hobby:	(8) Collecting _____

LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)

You will hear three 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 always eat there. They serve really excellent food." F

9. (1) _____
10. (2) _____
11. (3) _____

TALKING ABOUT:

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| A an office |
| B a friend |
| C a shopping centre |
| D a film |
| E an old man |
| F a restaurant |
| G a book |

Write your answers on your answer paper.

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.)

advertise	earn	entertain	include
invest	protect	publish	reduce

A friend of mine is going to **(1)** _____ a book about the ways in which companies **(2)** _____ their products and services. His aim is not only to inform people but also to **(3)** _____ them. For this reason, he is going to **(4)** _____ in his book many strange or funny examples from newspapers and magazines. Of course, he also has another aim, that is, to **(5)** _____ a lot of money from the sales of his book!

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. I have a sore _____. I think I should buy some cough medicine.
A. wrist B. throat C. ankle D. neck
7. The local factory is going to _____ fifty new workers.
A. export B. hire C. produce D. apply
8. He didn't really want to come with us. It took us a long time to _____ him.
A. publish B. protect C. persuade D. promote
9. I don't like _____ movies. They're much too scary.
A. science fiction B. comedy C. horror D. action
10. These shoes are far too expensive. The shop needs to _____ the price.
A. raise B. manufacture C. employ D. reduce

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. I used _____ live in Nizwa, but I moved to Muscat three years ago.
7. If I lost my passport, I _____ be in big trouble.
8. Today is much hotter _____ yesterday.
9. _____ you ever been to the National Museum?
10. Jibrin Fort _____ built in 1670.

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. Mona said me she was tired. _____

12. Is Chicago in the USA? _____

13. She left Muscat on five o'clock. _____

14. Rashid don't live here. _____

15. These shoes are too small for me. _____

READING 1 [Items 1 - 4]

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

Squirrels can be found in many parts of the world, in Europe, Asia and the Americas. There are two main types — ground squirrels and tree squirrels — but all of them are famous for their ability to climb. Some squirrels in South-East Asia can even jump long distances from one tree to another, which is why they are known as 'flying squirrels'.

Squirrels do not like grass, but they do eat other kinds of plant food, such as nuts, seeds, fruits and fungi. They like to store their food by burying it in holes in the ground, and always seem able to remember where they put it.

Squirrels are not afraid of human beings and can often be seen in towns and cities. They sometimes cause problems for people — such as power cuts when they climb along electric cables — but they are generally popular because they are both cute and clever. In southern parts of the USA, they are also popular for another reason — people hunt them for food!

READING 1 (cont'd)

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

1. What kind of plant do squirrels **not** eat? _____
2. Where do they often keep their food? _____
3. Why do people usually like squirrels? (Give one reason) *Squirrels are* _____
4. In which country do people sometimes eat squirrels? _____

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read the following two texts. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

Text 1

Hi Safa,
Thankyou for your message. I was sorry to hear that your uncle is in hospital. It's very dangerous on the roads these days, isn't it? I hope he gets better soon.

I haven't got much news, except that I have a lot of work to do at school. We have our exams next month and our teacher also wants us to do a project about the environment. I've decided that mine will be about daily life in ancient Egypt.

I'll have to do some research, of course, but the problem is, I don't know where to get the information from. Do you know any useful websites? I hope you can help me.

Write soon, Mona

5. Safa's uncle _____.
A. is a doctor B. has had an accident C. is sick
6. Mona will do a project about _____.
A. health B. science C. history
7. Mona asks Safa to _____.
A. do the project together with her B. tell her about sources of information C. send her a photocopy of her last project

Text 2

Dear Mona,
I don't know about any websites, but I have an excellent book about ancient civilizations. My father gave it to me for my last birthday. I haven't started reading it yet, so would you like to borrow it? It's full of information and lots of nice pictures.

I've been very busy, too. As you know, I'm captain of the school volleyball team and we're taking part in a competition next week. We really want to win, so every day it's practice, practice, practice!

Good news about my uncle. His leg is much better now and the doctors say he'll be able to go home tomorrow or the day after.

Write soon, Safa

