



**GRADE TEN — GENERAL EDUCATION  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
SEMESTER ONE — 2007 – 2008**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 5

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**LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)**

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

1. For her project, Nasra will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. write a report                      B. make a poster                      C. give a presentation
2. The project must be ready by the end of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. this week                              B. next week                              C. this month
3. The project will be about \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Chinese history                      B. Islamic architecture                      C. famous people
4. She will get information from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the school library                      B. an encyclopedia                      C. the Internet

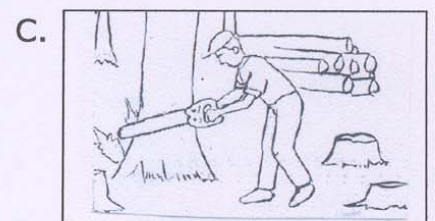
**LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)**

You will hear a tourist talking about an unusual village in Britain. Listen, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE WORD only**).

5. When was the village built? In the \_\_\_\_\_ century
6. What kind of architecture can you see there? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many tourists go there every day in summer? \_\_\_\_\_ thousand
8. What colour is the pottery that is made there? \_\_\_\_\_

**LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)**

You will hear three people talking about their friends. Who are they talking about? Listen and number the pictures: **1, 2, 3.** (There are three extra pictures.)



**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.)

accident	disease	emergency	hospital
immunisation	injuries	part	road

Last year, a schoolgirl saw a terrible (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on her way to school. There was a man with very bad (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to his head and chest. She ran to a public telephone and called the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ services. Firemen had to cut off the front (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the car to set the man free. He was taken to the local (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It took him over six months to recover.

**VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

Match the definitions with the words in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example.  
(There are five extra words in the box.)

Example: A place where you can buy things. \_\_\_\_\_ **F**

6. A place where crops are grown. \_\_\_\_\_

7. The planet on which we live. \_\_\_\_\_

8. The top of a mountain. \_\_\_\_\_

9. A special shop where you can buy medicine. \_\_\_\_\_

10. An area of land with water around it. \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|----------|
| A | island   |
| B | park     |
| C | summit   |
| D | library  |
| E | earth    |
| F | shop     |
| G | lake     |
| H | pharmacy |
| I | equator  |
| J | farm     |
| K | desert   |

**VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11 – 15)**

Complete the unfinished word in each sentence/ short text.

You are given the first letter(s) of each word. Make sure you spell the word correctly.

11. A lot of children were playing in the swimming **po**\_\_\_\_\_.

12. The Omani football **te**\_\_\_\_\_ has played very well recently.

13. I'm meeting him at the airport. The **pl**\_\_\_\_\_ will arrive at 12.30.

14. I live in a small **fl**\_\_\_\_\_ with only one bedroom.

15. I really like Charles Dickens' stories. In fact, he's my **fav**\_\_\_\_\_ writer.

**GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)**

Complete the text/dialogue. Use five of the words in the box.

Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

in	is	enjoy	enjoyed	there	to	when	where
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Going to foreign countries (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fun because (2) \_\_\_\_\_ you travel, you see different people and cultures. Last year, I went (3) \_\_\_\_\_ India with my father. I really (4) \_\_\_\_\_ my stay in India and I'm planning to go (5) \_\_\_\_\_ again soon.

**GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

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

6. Ahmed likes classical music, but his sister Laila \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. don't                      B. doesn't                      C. didn't                      D. isn't
7. I hope you are ready \_\_\_\_\_ your exams.  
A. with                      B. on                      C. in                      D. for
8. If you have a toothache, you should \_\_\_\_\_ the dentist.  
A. visits                      B. visited                      C. visit                      D. visiting
9. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ arts books at home.  
A. any                      B. an                      C. some                      D. every
10. Be careful and do your homework \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. correction                      B. correctly                      C. correct                      D. correctness

**GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)**

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

Speaker A: Hi, Ali! (11) \_\_\_\_\_ you watch the football match

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ television last night?

Speaker B: No, I had (13) \_\_\_\_\_ complete my school project.

Speaker A: It (14) \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting match.

Speaker B: (15) \_\_\_\_\_ won? Oman or Bahrain?

**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. Immunisation is an important part of health care.
- 2. Most of the restaurants are expensive and not very clean.
- 3. Life in Oman was often very difficult in the past.
- 4. Many people are killed in road accidents every year.
- 5. Camels can live without water for a long time.

- A Many villages did not have electricity or good roads.
- B The main cause of this is high-speed driving.
- C I went to the hospital to visit one of my relatives.
- D So I always take something to eat from home.
- E I think I'm going to buy a new car next year.
- F ~~Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.~~
- G It protects babies from dangerous diseases.
- H For this reason, they are the best way to travel across the desert.

**READING 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

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

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. She was the only child in the family and her parents had enough money to buy her whatever she asked for. Most women in those days were expected to marry and bring up children, not to take a job. But Florence was different — she wanted to be a nurse. She went around Europe with her father and during those trips she visited hospitals. She took notes on hygiene, hospital management and the design of wards, as well as on the work of the doctors.

Then, at the age of thirty-one, she spent three months studying nursing. During the Crimean War, she was asked to help with the injured soldiers. So in 1854, she went to a place called Scutari with thirty-eight other nurses. Conditions were terrible. The wounded soldiers lay on the dirty floor of the hospital. There were no medical supplies and not even any toilets.

Florence decided to take action. She set up a kitchen and fed the soldiers well. She also arranged for toilets to be dug and the hospital to be cleaned. Within six months, the death rate of the soldiers was reduced from 60% to an amazing 20%. Florence went round the wards talking to the soldiers, who called her 'the lady with the lamp'. Now she is known to everyone as the founder of modern nursing.





