

**GRADE TEN — ENGLISH  
GENERAL 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

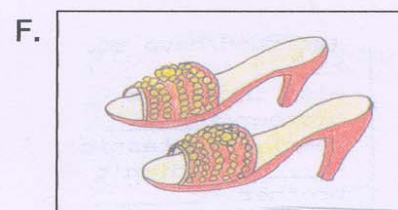
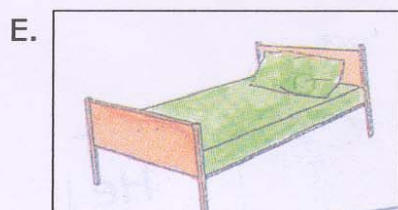
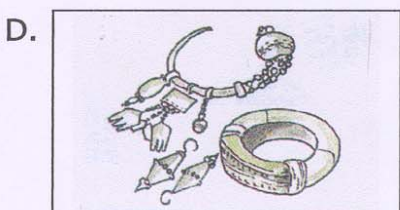
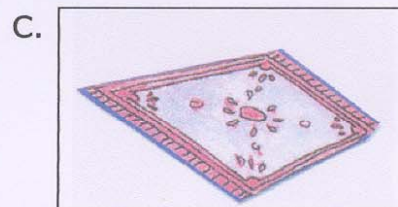
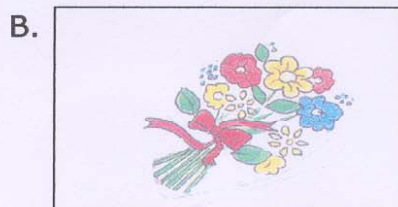
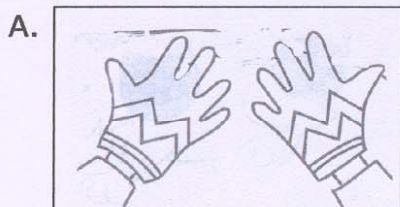
**LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)**

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.)



**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.)

sold	built	bought	decided
made	thought	grew	cost

Ali owns one of the biggest farms in the town. He **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ it very cheap a few years ago from a friend. He **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ carrots, tomatoes, onions and many other vegetables. Last year he **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ to open a guest house on his farm for visitors. He **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ six more rooms and a big swimming pool. This **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ him a lot of money.

**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: from different countries

\_\_\_\_\_ **F**

6. Happy to give money or help \_\_\_\_\_
7. Going a long way down under the surface \_\_\_\_\_
8. Produced or prepared recently \_\_\_\_\_
9. Thinking about what you are doing, trying not to make a mistake \_\_\_\_\_
10. Extremely good or enjoyable \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|---------------|
| A | deep          |
| B | fantastic     |
| C | easy          |
| D | fresh         |
| E | quiet         |
| F | international |
| G | careful       |
| H | favourite     |
| I | generous      |
| J | traditional   |
| K | calm          |

**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. My room is very dirty. Could you please send someone to **cl**\_\_\_\_\_ it?
12. Jasim hasn't eaten anything since morning. I'm sure he is **hu**\_\_\_\_\_.
13. I've been working on the report the whole day, so I feel really **ti**\_\_\_\_\_.
14. We went to the **ci**\_\_\_\_\_ last weekend to watch an action film.
15. The **wea**\_\_\_\_\_ is cloudy and dry. It's a good day for a picnic.

**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.)

by          are          was          for          a          the          from          them

In (1) \_\_\_\_\_ past, many people died young because there weren't enough hospitals in Oman. There (2) \_\_\_\_\_ only one in Muscat. To see doctors, people had to travel (3) \_\_\_\_\_ many days. Some of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ died on the way to the hospital. Today, there (5) \_\_\_\_\_ many hospitals and clinics in every region.

**GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

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

6. \_\_\_\_\_ this train go to Cairo?  
A. Are                      B. Do                      C. Does                      D. Was
7. I got good marks in the exam \_\_\_\_\_ I wasn't feeling well.  
A. while                      B. although                      C. unless                      D. because
8. I forgot to bring my file \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
A. to                      B. with                      C. by                      D. for
9. Why didn't you \_\_\_\_\_ your work?  
A. finished                      B. finishing                      C. finish                      D. finishes
10. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ shops in this village.  
A. any                      B. some                      C. lots                      D. much

**GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)**

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

Speaker A: Oh no, I left my bag (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the taxi!

Speaker B: (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you see the taxi's number?

Speaker A: No, but the driver gave (13) \_\_\_\_\_ his card.

Speaker B: (14) \_\_\_\_\_ don't we phone the police?

Speaker A: No, let's call (15) \_\_\_\_\_ driver first.

**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 really a beautiful place.          F    

1. You can use this room.  
Nobody is here right now.
2. Sorry, I can't travel with you  
next week.
3. The pilot had difficulty in  
controlling the plane.
4. I've had a terrible cough  
since last week.
5. A heavy box fell on my hand,  
and now my finger hurts  
whenever I move it.

- A My sister is getting married and I  
have to help with the shopping.
- B The doctor has advised me not to  
drink anything cold.
- C However, he managed to land the  
plane safely.
- D The flight was delayed, so the  
passengers had to wait for two hours.
- E We're going to paint the walls green  
and the ceiling white.
- F ~~Every year, thousands of tourists go  
there for their holidays.~~
- G Do you think I should go to the  
hospital to check if it's broken?
- H But make sure you switch off the  
lights before leaving.

**READING 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

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

Hi, my name is Adam Smith and I want to tell you about something that happened to me recently. Last year, I went to Kenya for three months to teach in a science college. One weekend, I decided to go on a safari, and I asked a local guide, Sam Kumbo, and a driver to go with me.

We started preparing for the trip at six in the morning, and left camp two hours later in our truck carrying food, water and some guns. We saw a lot of animals, but what I really wanted to see were the lions. Finally, we stopped and climbed onto the roof of the truck to get a better look, but Sam told me that it is very unusual to find lions in the afternoon because they sleep at that time of the day.

However, after a while, we saw a lion, and Sam told me to be very quiet. We crept nearer and saw a dead deer, still bleeding. This was the lion's lunch! Sam moved closer to take a photograph. The lion stopped eating and turned towards him.

Within seconds the lion jumped and tried to grab Sam's leg. I managed to pull him away. Fortunately, the driver fired three shots into the air, which frightened the lion and made it run away. Sam was lucky to escape with his life. That night, it was difficult for me to sleep! I kept waking up after dreaming about lions. In the morning I decided never to go looking for lions again. It's much too dangerous!



**READING 2 (cont'd)**

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

6. Adam went to Kenya to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. have a holiday                      B. work                      C. to go hunting
7. Adam and Sam climbed onto the roof of the truck to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. see animals clearly                      B. shoot and kill animals                      C. protect themselves from animals
8. The lion attacked the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. guide                      B. writer                      C. driver
9. The lion \_\_\_\_\_ when the driver fired the gun.
- A. was hurt                      B. was killed                      C. ran away
10. After the safari, Adam was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. excited                      B. afraid                      C. bored

**WRITING 1**

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

<b><u>The Yak</u></b>	
nomadic people/ keep	
grass/ small plants	danger/ wolves
Tibet/ Central Asia	
type/ cow	used/ carry things/ racing
long hair/ big horns	milk/ cheese/ meat

**WRITING 2**

Imagine you are Fahad/Farah. A teenager from Britain has written this letter to you:

Dear Fahad/ Farah,
I'm doing a school report on celebrations in different countries and I've chosen to write about Eid Al Adha.
Could you write to me and tell me what you do during Eid.
Hoping to hear from you soon, Paul/ Paula

Answer Paul/Paula's letter. Write at least 75 words. Your letter should be friendly and interesting. Do not write an address.

<b>Write your answers on your answer paper.</b>
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