

**GRADE TEN — GENERAL EDUCATION
ENGLISH PAPER for ABSENTEES (APPROVED CASES)
SEMESTER ONE**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 5

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

You will hear a conversation between a husband and wife. They are talking about their son, Sami. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: A, B, or C.

1. Sami wants to go diving _____.
 A. tomorrow B. this weekend C. next month
2. How often has he been diving before? _____.
 A. Never B. Once C. Several times
3. His parents decide that he must _____.
 A. go on a training course B. go with some experienced divers C. buy his own diving equipment
4. Sami's usual hobby is _____.
 A. music B. football C. computers

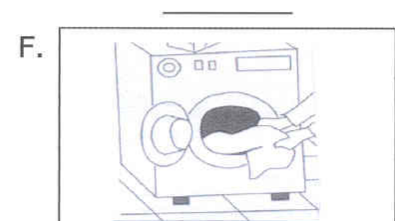
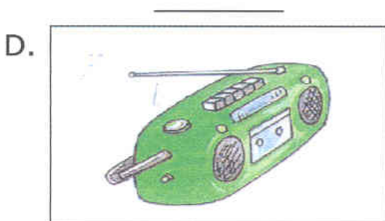
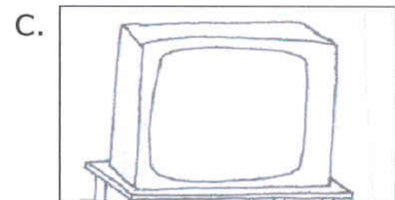
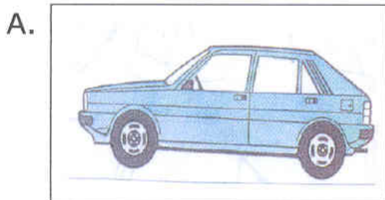
LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)

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

5. When did the Maoris come to New Zealand? _____ years ago
6. What kind of food did they eat when they first arrived? _____
7. At that time, how long did Maoris usually live? _____ years
8. What did the Maoris do to welcome visitors? _____

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.)

cook	eat	grow	keep
live	plant	show	weigh

Rabbits are small animals that **(1)** _____ in many different parts of the world. They can **(2)** _____ up to 50 cm long and **(3)** _____ more than 2 kilograms. They have long, soft fur, which is white, brown and gray. Rabbits **(4)** _____ grass and leaves. Many people **(5)** _____ rabbits as pets for their children.

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 type of sport.

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- 6. A special cupboard for keeping food cold _____
- 7. An activity that you enjoy in your free time _____
- 8. A piece of paper that shows how much you have to pay _____
- 9. The meal that you have in the morning _____
- 10. A plastic or metal container where you put rubbish _____

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| A | bin |
| B | blender |
| C | breakfast |
| D | hobby |
| E | bill |
| F | volleyball |
| G | tent |
| H | crop |
| I | journey |
| J | fridge |
| K | rope |

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. Omar took some beautiful pictures with his new **ca**_____.
- 12. To stay healthy it is important to eat **fr**_____ fruit and vegetables.
- 13. "These boxes are too heavy for Ali to **ca**_____."
- 14. "You're making a lot of noise! Please be **qu**_____!"
- 15. "Amal, don't forget to **w**_____ your hands before you eat."

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.)

a	at	but	not	or	to	the	with
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Camping in the desert is **(1)** _____ good way to spend a weekend, **(2)** _____ you must always plan your trip well. You need **(3)** _____ take care of some important things. First, make sure you take enough food and water **(4)** _____ you. Second, either wear a hat **(5)** _____ take an umbrella to protect yourself from the sun.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

6. Yesterday the weather _____ hot and dry.
A. is B. was C. are D. were
7. She likes playing basketball, but they _____.
A. don't B. doesn't C. do D. does
8. I _____ the news when my friend phoned me.
A. watch B. was watching C. watched D. watches
9. _____ Salma go to the university last week?
A. Has B. Will C. Does D. Did
10. I travelled to South Africa _____ December.
A. at B. to C. in D. on

GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)

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

Speaker A: Good morning, madame. Can I help you?

Speaker B: Actually, I'm looking **(11)** _____ a washing machine.

Speaker A: We have some new models. **(12)** _____ you like to see them?

Speaker B: Yes, please. Ah yes, this looks nice. How **(13)** _____ is it?

Speaker A: You mean **(14)** _____ green one? It's 220 rials.

Speaker B: That's **(15)** _____ expensive! Have you got something cheaper?

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 house.* F

1. The language course that I took last year was very useful. _____
2. It's my wife's birthday next week. _____
3. I'm sorry I couldn't come to the meeting yesterday. _____
4. Some thieves broke into my friend's flat last night. _____
5. I spent a long time in the library working on my project. _____

- A I was out of town and my return flight was delayed.
- B I'm planning to take her on a trip to Malaysia.
- C It really helped me to communicate with the guests at our hotel.
- D Finally, I was able to find all the information that I needed.
- E Some expensive items were missing from the shop.
- F ~~It was built at the end of the eighteenth century.~~
- G The police think it was group of teenagers.
- H I'm very interested in food, and I have a lot of books about cooking.

READING 2 (Items 6 – 10)

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

The Maldives is the smallest country in Asia, with a population of only three hundred thousand, but it is a popular place for tourism. Because of its warm climate and amazing natural beauty, it attracts a large number of visitors all through the year.

The Maldives is located in the Indian Ocean, south of India and south-west of Sri Lanka. The country consists of small coral islands. People live on about two hundred of these islands, but there are one thousand more which are empty. The Maldives is famous for its fantastic beaches, and you can find many kinds of fish in the waters around the islands. You can also see the colourful traditional boats used by the local fishermen.

The capital of the country is Malé. It is quite small, but it is full of new buildings, and there are lots of shops selling the latest imported products. The paved streets of the capital are lined with beautiful palm trees. Places of interest that can be found in Malé include the National Museum and the Islamic Centre.

Unfortunately, the Maldives has one big problem. All the land is very low and flat. In fact, the highest point on the islands is only two metres above sea level! Scientists think that if the sea level continues to rise, the islands could disappear within the next hundred years! If that happens, the islanders will have to find another place to live in...



