

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
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SECOND INTERMEDIATE
END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAM /BLIND/ 2023-2024

COURSE NAME : English Language

TIME : 2½ Hours

Listening: Part 1**(30 marks)****15**

A. You will hear an interview with a woman called Rachel who is talking about the shows she puts on for children. Listen and circle the correct answer a, b or c.

(6 × 2.5 = 15 marks)

1. Before her children were born, Rachel worked as.....

- a) an art teacher.
- b) a painter.
- c) an actor.

2. Who first thought of doing a show at a party?

- a) Rachel's husband.
- b) Rachel's children.
- c) Rachel's parents.

3. Rachel's neighbour, Lena, helps by.....

- a) making some dolls for the shows.
- b) performing in the shows.
- c) writing the music for the shows.

4. When Rachel did a play about a lion.....

- a. the children laughed too much.
- b. the children were frightened.
- c. the children's parents complained.

5. How do Rachel's daughters help her?

- a. They show new dolls to their school friends.
- b. They think of ideas for new stories.
- c. They give her their opinions on her new plays.

6. Rachel thinks her shows are successful because

- a. She enjoys doing them so much.
- b. She does a show daily.
- c. They are suitable for all ages.

Listening: Part 2

15

B- You will hear some information about an art gallery. Listen and fill in the missing information in the numbered space with one word OR numbers ONLY. You will hear the recording twice.

(6×2.5=15 marks)

Art gallery

- Downstairs:
 - collection of paintings by famous artists from the (1) century.
 - collection of modern sculptures of animals for three months only.
- Upstairs:
 - an exhibition of the modern art in the (2)
 - a (3) with wide selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks are available.
- Entrance fees:
 - £ (4)
 - audio guides are available at the reception desk.
- Working hours:
 - The gallery opens six days a week from 9 to (5)
 - The gallery closes on (6) and bank holidays.

Reading: Part 1

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(34 marks)

A-Read the text below and choose the correct word. For each space circle the correct letter A, B, or C. Number (0) is done for you as an example.

(10x1=10 marks)**Grass**

Grass is probably the (0) successful living plant in the world. There are over 9,000 different types of grasses and they are (1) in every region on the earth. They are the (2) flowering plants that can exist in the freezing environment of the Arctic (3)..... the Antarctic.

Grasslands support a wide range of animal life, from tiny insects and birds to huge animals like cows and lions. All of them (4) on grass in one way or another.

Grass recovers very quickly (5) it is cut or damaged. Unlike other plants, (6) new leaves grow from below the soil, (7)..... from the top of the plant. That is (8).....large families of animals are able to live together in one area. As soon as they (9) eaten all the grass there, a fresh meal is always (10)..... because the plants start to grow again.

0	A	more	B	<u>most</u>	C	very
1	A	found	B	caught	C	noticed
2	A	single	B	only	C	special
3	A	because	B	but	C	and
4	A	depend	B	turn	C	hang
5	A	after	B	before	C	now
6	A	a	B	the	C	an
7	A	for	B	to	C	not
8	A	why	B	where	C	when
9	A	have	B	has	C	had
10	A	complete	B	present	C	available

Reading: Part 2

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B- Read the text in each question and circle the letter next to the correct meaning (a-c). Number (0) is done for you as an example.
(5x2=10 marks)

0	Receipts must be presented before goods can be handed over.	a. All receipts are kept with the goods. b. You can only buy goods with a receipt. c. <u>You cannot take away goods without showing a receipt.</u>
1	We keep extra stocks in the storeroom. Ask an assistant to bring more if any product has run out on a shelf.	a. Look in the storeroom if you don't see the product. b. Talk to an assistant if you are unhappy with a product. c. If a shelf is empty tell us and we will fill it again.
2	To: Jane From: Annie It is Ok if I borrow your sliver shoes for the wedding tomorrow? I don't have any that go with my new dress.	Annie is writing to Jane.... a. to ask her for a pair of shoes. b. to apologise for borrowing her shoes. c. to lend her shoes to Jane.
3	Reminder Take the medicine only when your stomach hurts. Never take more than once a day	a. Take the medicine every day until you feel healthy again. b. Wait until you are in pain before taking the medicine for the day. c. Taking the medicine more than once a day will make your stomach hurt.
4	Sports Hall Final five minutes of bookings must be used to put equipment away.	a. Bookings now include an extra five minutes for equipment to be put away. b. You have five minutes after bookings have finished to return any sports equipment used. c. The hall must be cleared of equipment in the last five minutes before bookings end.
5	£ 25 RESERVES ANY PICTURE IN THE GALLERY	a. We will keep any picture for you if you give us £25. b. Some of the pictures in the gallery are reserved. c. It costs £25 to show your picture in the gallery.

Reading: Part 3**14****C-Read the text and answer the questions on the next page.****Buy Nothing Day****The festival**

People have been celebrating Buy Nothing Day for years now. It started in 1993 in Canada and is now an international event in 64 countries.

How people celebrate

On this day, people try their best not to buy anything at all for the whole day. The idea is to make people stop and think about what they buy and how their spending habits affect the Earth's natural environment. Just a little effort can make a big difference. Let's take a look at how some school students celebrate this day in Montreal, Canada.

Montreal

Montreal is the second largest city in Canada. It is believed that the city took its name from a hill in the heart of the city called 'Mont Royal'. It's a very clean city with cold winters and wet and sunny summers.

How students celebrate

'Today we're celebrating Buy Nothing Day at our school by holding an eco-bazaar. We have been working hard on it all week.

All the students have brought in a few items from home that are still in good condition. We will then receive coupons in return for each item. We will use the coupons in exchange for things from the bazaar. This way, we recycle things we don't need without polluting the environment'.

Erica, 15

A- Read the sentences carefully, then put (T) for true sentences and (F) for false ones (4× 1.5 = 6 marks)

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1	Buy Nothing Day began in the USA	T	F
2	The festival is an international event.	T	F
3	On that day people mustn't buy anything.	T	F
4	Schools' students in Montreal also take part in the event.	T	F

B -Now answer the following questions. (2× 4 = 8 marks)

1. When did the Buy Nothing Day start?

2. How many countries are celebrating the event?

3 .What is the point of holding the Buy Nothing Day?

4 .What do students in Erica's school hold on the Buy Nothing Day?

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Writing: Part 1**(36 marks)****You have to answer this question**

You spent your last weekend at one of the resorts in Bahrain and you noticed that large amounts of food were being wasted. Write a letter of complaint to the hotel manager. Give at least three examples or facts about how people waste food and explain why they should not. You can suggest one or more practical ways to resolve the issue. Your writing should include the following:

- (Paragraph 1): opening remarks, reason of writing
- (Paragraphs 2&3): main body
- (Paragraph 4): closing remarks, sign off

(Your email should be between 90-110 words)

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Yours _____, Ali / Alia

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Score	4		4		4		4		16	

Writing: Part 2**Answer ONE question ONLY****EITHER**

A. Public art is one way to improve our schools and communities surrounding environment. Imagine you are going to create a piece of public art in your school or community. Describe the process of how you will create it. In your *essay*, include the following:

- Introduction: what kind of art, what subject and where it will be located
- Body: at least 3 steps for creating the art (3 paragraphs to explain each of the steps)
- Conclusion: the benefit of the piece of public art

OR

B. Real-life survival stories are always the best. Write a *story about* survival that happen to you , someone you know or a famous person. In your story, remember to include the following points:

- the topic, the person/people and the setting
- plot, conflict and climax (details of the events)
- a strong conclusion that shows how the story ended and the message of it

(Write between 110-130 words)

المعلم فقط	Accuracy		Appropriacy		Organization		Task Achievement		Total	
Score	5		5		5		5		20	

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