

(Total: 560 Marks)

I. Vocabulary (100 Marks)

A) From a, b, c, or d, choose the most suitable word that best completes each of the following sentences: (5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

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01. Our English teacher promised to the best essay on the school's website.

a. desert b. hike c. converse d. publish

02. After years of hard work, the company achieved success in many world markets.

a. financial b. disposable c. cardiac d. irritated

03. We hired a famous designer to help decorate the of our new house.

a. fragrance b. capacity c. interior d. empire

04. My aunt welcomed the guests into her home with a warm smile.

a. cordially b. originally c. meticulously d. harshly

05. My grandmother set a/an on her mobile phone to take her medicine on time.

a. distraction b. nomad c. reminder d. impact

B) Fill in the spaces with the most suitable words from the list below: (5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

(canopy / recognise / non-verbal / literacy / well-deserved / import)

06. Signals and **non-verbal** messages can sometimes say more than words.

07. Kuwait has a high **literacy** rate of 96.5%; nearly all adults can read and write.

08. China and Japan **import** large quantities of oil from Gulf countries every year.

09. After winning the race, the team needed a/an **well-deserved** break for three days.

10. I couldn't **recognise** my friend in that old photo; he looked completely different.

III. Language Functions (40 Marks)**Write what you would say in the following situations: (4 x 10=40 Marks)**

19. Your friend spends a lot of money on mobile game applications.

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Expressing opinions

20. You are asked why many people like to use social media.

Giving reasons

21. You are in the library, and you need help from the librarian to find a book.

Making polite requests

22. Your classmate explained a math problem that you couldn't solve.

Expressing gratitude**Any reasonable response is to be accepted.****IV. Set- Book Questions (40 Marks)****Answer ONLY FOUR of the following questions: (4X10 = 40 Marks)**

23. How are festivals important for any country?

They help spread the culture of the country / ... good for the national income / ...good for tourism

24. What role does the Diwaniya play in Kuwaiti society?

The diwaniya plays a vital role in reinforcing strong ties among extended families / ... serves an important social function.

25. Why has coffee become popular in the Arab countries?

Because it has an interesting taste/ ... gives energy.

26. What are the barriers to effective communication?

Having poor listening skills / ... defensiveness / ... improper gestures / ... lack of eye contact

27. Why is writing so important to people?

Because it is a practical method of communication / ...helps people express their feelings and thoughts.**Any reasonable answer is to be accepted.**

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V. Writing (120 Marks)

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Write on the following topic: **(Descriptive)**

Every meeting place holds special memories of the people we share it with.

Plan and write an essay of not less than 14 sentences (160 words) describing your favourite meeting place and the activities you enjoy doing there.

NB: (Your essay should include an introduction, 2 body paragraphs & a conclusion.)

Outline (20 Marks)



Introduction:

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Body:

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Paragraph 2:

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Conclusion:

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Topic (100 Marks)

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Outlining	Exposition of ideas & coherence	Paragraphing & Number of sentences	Spelling	Grammar	Hw., spacing & punctuation	Total
20	60	10	10	10	10	120

- 20 marks to be deducted from the total mark for changing the format.
- Off point topics / outlines receive ZERO.
- 5 marks to be deducted from the outline if the ideas are not used in the topic.



VI. Reading Comprehension (110 Marks)

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow:

Food is not only something we eat; it is a window into culture and identity. Every country has dishes that tell a story about its people, history, and way of life. When we try food from another country, we are not only enjoying a meal but also learning about the traditions, family values, and the importance people give to their culture. For many, food is a connection to home, celebrations, and even a symbol of national identity.

Food is strongly connected to geography. The natural environment shapes what people eat. For example, countries near the sea rely on fish and seafood, while those with rich soil grow a wide variety of fruits, grains, and vegetables. Climate also plays a role: in warm areas, spicy food helps people stay cool and fight bacteria. In cold areas, on the other hand, heavy soups and stews provide people with warmth and energy. This shows that food is more than just taste; **it** is linked to survival and the relationship between humans and nature.

Around the world, many dishes may look unusual but are actually delicious. In Italy, *truffle pasta* is prepared with rare mushrooms found underground. The mushrooms may look strange, but their strong **aroma** fills the air and gives the pasta a rich and unforgettable flavour. In Japan, *mochi ice cream* surprises visitors with its chewy rice top layer and creamy filling. It is unusual in texture, but fun to eat and very popular among young people. In South Korea, *kimchi* is a mixture of cabbage and garlic. It is kept for weeks until it becomes ready to eat. It has a sharp smell, but it is refreshing, healthy, and eaten daily with almost every meal as part of their tradition. In Thailand, *mango sticky rice* combines sweet tropical fruit with coconut-flavoured rice, creating a dessert that both locals and tourists can enjoy. In France, *crêpes* are thin pancakes that may be filled with chocolate, fruit, or even cheese, turning a simple-looking dish into something exciting.

These foods show that what first seems “strange” can be tasty and enjoyable. Food is not only about filling the stomach; it is about creativity, tradition, and sharing experiences. Trying new dishes helps us open our minds, discover new flavours, and understand more about different cultures. Perhaps the real adventure in food is not just eating but learning the stories behind each dish and realising how it connects us to the world.



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A) From a, b, c, or d, choose the correct answer: (5 x 10= 50 Marks)28. The **best title** for this passage would be:

- a. Food and Culture
- b. Dishes from Europe
- c. Avoiding Strange Foods
- d. Cooking Meals at Home

29. The underlined word “**aroma**” in the 3rd paragraph means:

- a. look
- b. taste
- c. **smell**
- d. touch

30. The underlined word “**it**” in the 2nd paragraph refers to:

- a. **food**
- b. energy
- c. climate
- d. warmth



31. Why do people in cold areas often eat heavy soups and stews?

- a. To learn about traditions
- b. **To get warmth and energy**
- c. To enjoy delicious flavours
- d. To fight the bacteria in their bodies

32. According to the passage, **ONE** of the following sentences is **FALSE**:

- a. In warm areas, spicy food helps people stay cool.
- b. Countries with rich soil grow fruits, grains, and vegetables.
- c. **Mochi ice cream is a traditional dish from Italy.**
- d. **Crêpes** can be filled with chocolate, fruit, or cheese.

B) With reference to the passage, answer the following questions: (4 x 15 = 60 Marks)

33. What do we learn when we try food from another country?

We learn about traditions/... family values/... how people value their culture.

34. According to the 2nd paragraph, how does the natural environment affect what people eat?

Countries near the sea rely on fish and seafood / ...those with rich soil grow a wide variety of fruits, grains, and vegetables.

35. Why is *kimchi* an important part of Korean meals?

Because it is healthy/ ... refreshing/ ...has become part of their daily tradition

36. According to the **last** paragraph, in what way is food an adventure?

Food is like an adventure because it lets us discover new flavours/... learn the stories behind dishes/... understand how food connects people and cultures.

Any reasonable answer related to the passage is to be accepted.



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VII. Summary Making (60 Marks)**Read the following passage, then do as required:**

Making a small garden at home is easy and enjoyable, and it can add beauty to your surroundings. First, you need to choose a sunny location with enough space where the plants can grow well. After choosing the right location, clean the area by removing weeds, stones, and anything else that may harm the plants. Next, select the plants or seeds you want to grow, ensuring they are suitable for the season and climate. The final step is to plant them carefully and water them regularly to make sure they remain healthy. With patience and care, your garden will soon grow into a colourful and relaxing space.

In a paragraph of FOUR sentences ONLY, summarise and paraphrase the passage above in answer to the following question:

How can we make a small garden at home?

The answer must include the following FOUR ideas:

- Choosing a sunny location /... enough space (where the plants can grow well).
- Cleaning the area /... removing weeds, stones, and anything else that may harm the plants
- Selecting the plants or seeds you want to grow (ensuring they are suitable for the season and climate).
- Planting and watering them regularly (to make sure they remain healthy).

Rubrics	Content/ relevance of ideas	Paraphrasing	Spelling & grammar	Format	Total
	30	20	5	5	60

- Copying the whole paragraph receives **ZERO**.
- Exceeding the required number of sentences:
 - Minus **5** marks for one sentence
 - Minus **10** for two sentences and above

VIII. Translation (30 Marks)

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Translate the following into good English: (2 x 15= 30 Marks)

علي: أصبحت الهواتف المحمولة ضرورة في حياتنا اليومية.

أحمد: نعم، أتفق الرأي، فقد جعلت التواصل أسهل وأسرع بكثير.

Ali: Mobile phones have become a necessity in our daily lives.

Ahmed: Yes, I agree. They have made communication much easier and faster.

