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**Diploma Examination for General Education**

**End Of Year Exam – First Session**

**English Language ‘Core’**

**MOCK EXAM 2020/2021**

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ELEMENT	Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
			Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY/ GRAMMAR	10				
READING	15				
WRITING 1	10				
WRITING 2	10				
TOTAL	60				

**LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)****(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between **Tom and a camp manager**.  
Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. Tom found out about the job advertisement \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ at the university      ☐ online      ☐ in the camp
2. According to Mrs. Hamilton, the security guard's job will be for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.  
☐ two      ☐ four      ☐ seven
3. Most of the students who join the camp come from \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Africa      ☐ Asia      ☐ Europe
4. Mrs. Hamilton says that the guards are responsible for \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ arranging activities      ☐ accompanying students on trips      ☐ preparing meals
5. The security guards need to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ be sports' experts      ☐ know the place very well      ☐ speak different languages
6. If Tom gets this job, the \_\_\_\_\_ will be free.  
☐ accommodation      ☐ meals      ☐ transport
7. Tom would prefer to work in the camp from \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ 9 am to 2 pm      ☐ 10 am to 4 am      ☐ 4 pm to 10 pm





**LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)****(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about **a trip to Sweden**.

**Part One:** For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

8. Why did the company send him for a course instead of his friend?

Because \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which celebration was taking place when the family arrived?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. What Swedish food did they eat first?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the weather like in the northern part of Sweden?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Part Two:** For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

12. His daughters were unhappy because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ their father refused to go shopping
 ☐ none of the shops sold clothes they liked
 ☐ they couldn't buy any clothes

13. While he was attending the course, his wife spent her time \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ playing tennis
 ☐ walking
 ☐ cycling

14. They travelled to Karlskrona by \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ bus
 ☐ plane
 ☐ bicycle

15. In the 'leaf market', the father like the \_\_\_\_\_ the most.

- ☐ delicious stompas
 ☐ handmade crafts
 ☐ giant balloons

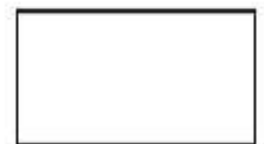
**LISTENING  
SCORE**

**15**

**VOCABULARY (Items 1–5)****(2½ marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. Physical \_\_\_\_\_ was necessary after the man injured his lower back.
- ☐ therapy      ☐ bargaining      ☐ control      ☐ powerful
2. Oman has become a popular \_\_\_\_\_ for many tourists.
- ☐ population      ☐ protection      ☐ evaluation      ☐ destination
3. Ask John to \_\_\_\_\_ this article before publishing? He is good at correcting language mistakes.
- ☐ edit      ☐ influence      ☐ control      ☐ prevent
4. When we went to Sri Lanka, we wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ as many places as possible.
- ☐ expand      ☐ explore      ☐ export      ☐ excuse
5. His friends were very \_\_\_\_\_ by his actions and lies.
- ☐ happy      ☐ delighted      ☐ upset      ☐ proud



**GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)****(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.*

**Ahmed:** Are you ready for the interview tomorrow ?

**Ali:** Oh yes, I've been preparing (6) ☐ for / ☐ since two days now.

**Ahmed:** Have you ?

**Ali:** Yes, I've made a list of all the questions they might ask me. But I still need to practise (7) ☐ answer / ☐ answering them.

**Ahmed:** So, (8) ☐ were / ☐ would you like me to help? I could pretend (9) ☐ to / ☐ for be the interviewer.

**Ali:** That's very kind of you! If they (10) ☐ gave / ☐ give me the job, I'll take you out to dinner!

**Ahmed:** Fine! Ok, let's start.

☐



**GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)****(5 marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

One place you really should see is the Chandni Chowk traditional market. You can go there any day (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, when it's closed. You'll love the atmosphere: the narrow streets are full of noisy activities, bright colours and the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ smell of spices. For serious shoppers, the market's (13) \_\_\_\_\_ attraction is probably its (14) \_\_\_\_\_, especially silk, cotton and wool. These can be rather expensive – the traders naturally want to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ as much profit as possible! But if you have good bargaining skills, you can actually get some very reasonable prices.

11. ☐ in spite of      ☐ except      ☐ including      ☐ such as
12. ☐ old-fashioned      ☐ elegant      ☐ nutritious      ☐ fragrant
13. ☐ greater      ☐ greatest      ☐ greatly      ☐ great
14. ☐ ingredients      ☐ brand names      ☐ textiles      ☐ logos
15. ☐ make      ☐ makes      ☐ made      ☐ making

GRM/VCB  
SCORE

10

**READING 1 (Items 1-7)****(7 marks)**

Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

1. For centuries now, the village of Phetburi in northern Thailand has been famous for its high quality, beautifully-painted, wooden umbrellas. Its craftsmen have been able to maintain this tradition despite recent competition from cheap, factory-made products.

**Statement**

Making umbrellas is a new industry in the village.

**True****False**☐☐

2. Finally, after 7 months of uphill working, we released the 1st Hybrid Double Decker vehicle in the middle east. MCV will manufacture and export 60 double-decker buses to the United Kingdom. I am proud of being one of the engineers who built this Egyptian monster.

**Statement**

60 double-decker buses will be made in Egypt.

**True****False**☐☐

3. At Indian weddings, the groom goes to the bride's home. When he enters the house, he must take off his shoes. Sometime during the various ceremonies, the bride's sisters 'steal' these shoes. Before the groom is allowed to leave, he has to give these 'thieves' some money to get his shoes back.

**Statement**

The bride's family give the groom a new pair of shoes.

**True****False**☐☐

4. Sara's mother went to visit her friend at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. She told Sara to look after the kids. "I will be here in two hours" said mother. As soon as mother had left the house, the kids began playing and screaming. Four hours later, the mother came and found the house in a mess.

**Statement**

When the mother came back, she found the house tidy.

**True****False**☐☐



**READING 1 (continued)**

5. I first met Ahmed in 1998, just after graduating from university. We were both waiting to be interviewed for the same job, so we started chatting. Actually, I got the job, but that didn't matter, and we soon became close friends.

**Statement**

The writer and Ahmed were good friends at university.

True	False
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6. "Hi everybody, we're arriving at Muscat Airport in 20 minutes' time. All passengers, please fasten your seat belts and don't move until we land."

**Statement**

The speaker and the listeners are in a bus.

True	False
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☐ ☐

7. A 10-year-old boy ran away from home in China because he had too much homework. He could not cope with the amount of homework. For example, in mathematics homework, he has to write 100 pages with all kinds of questions.

**Statement**

The boy ran away because he didn't like mathematics.

True	False
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**READING 2 (Items 8-15)****(8 marks)**

Read the text. Then for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

After considering many options, I am writing to your bank to apply for a business loan of 15.000 Rials. I need this loan to set up a new business, which is an Italian restaurant. Almost 70% of the loan will be spent on the building itself and on facilities, and the remaining amount will be used for training purposes.

Our restaurant will be located at Shatti Al-Qurm on the ground floor of the new shopping mall. Food will be served both indoors and outdoors. The indoor part of the restaurant will consist of two rooms: a larger room accommodating at least 80 guests and a smaller one as a playroom for their children. The aim is to provide a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere in which people can enjoy their food quietly. The playroom will be specially equipped with safe, child-friendly furniture. We will also provide a female member of staff to take care of the children.

We shall also be recruiting nine other full-time staff, including seven waiters (all hired locally) and two chefs (both Italian). Our waiters will be trained in Muscat. The training will consist of two parts, theoretical and practical, with seven days allocated to each. In addition, we have contacted Chef Fabrizio Maldini, who regularly visits Dubai to inspect Italian restaurants there, asking him to conduct a workshop for us.

I should also inform you that I myself am a very capable cook and have attended a course in Italy. As part of my training there, I worked for three weeks in a well-known restaurant in Venice. After that, I spent several years working with my uncle, who owns and manages three successful restaurants here in Oman.

I am currently employed at the Al-Safaa Hotel as Head of Section in the Human Resources Department. This has given me very useful experience of working with people. Please feel free to contact the hotel if you have any questions regarding my work there.

I have enclosed copies of my bank statements for the last three months, as well as a breakdown of my income and expenditure for each month. I plan to use some of this money to make the monthly loan re-payments. If you check my previous records, you will see that I have always paid any installments regularly and without any delay at all.

I would really appreciate it if you could consider my application for a loan. I am prepared to call at any of your branches to discuss the details. However, I should point that I will not be available this coming week as I have to travel to the United Kingdom. I can be contacted after 21<sup>st</sup> August to arrange an interview if required.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Abdullah AlRiyami



8. The restaurant will provide special facilities for \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ smokers ☐ children ☐ handicapped people

9. The waiters will be trained in \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Dubai ☐ Italy ☐ Oman

10. This training will last for \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a week ☐ two weeks ☐ three weeks

11. Most of Abdulla's practical experience comes from working with \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a relative ☐ an Italian chef ☐ a friend

12. At the moment, he works in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ restaurant ☐ bank ☐ hotel

13. Along with his letter, he has provided \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ his CV ☐ financial documents ☐ references

14. His past record of paying back loans is \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ poor ☐ quite good ☐ excellent

15. He will not be available next week because he will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ travelling abroad ☐ attending a course ☐ having surgery

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(\_\_\_\_\_)

15



**WRITING 1****(10 marks)**

Write at least **100 words** on the following topic:

**"It is always very important to do things on time."**

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.

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**WRITING 1 (continued)**

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Marker A	Marker B	Average

(\_\_\_\_\_)

10

**WRITING 2****(10 marks)**

Complete the following **narrative** writing task. Write at least **100 words**.

Write a story about a trip you had when something **bad** happened. Give it the title

**"The worst trip I have ever had"**. Include details such as:

Where you went. Who was with you. How long the trip was. Why it was bad. The bad things that happened.

Your writing should be **clear** and **well-organised**.



**WRITING 2 (continued)**

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Marker A	Marker B	Average

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**My best wishes**

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