

سَلْطَنَةُ عُمان
وَزَارَةُ التَّعْلِيمِ

امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
 للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٨ هـ - ٢٠٢٧ / ٢٠٢٦ م
 الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الأول
(Practice Exam One - اختبار تدريبي)

المادة: English Language تنبيه:	زمن الإجابة: ثلاث ساعات.
الأسئلة في (١٥) صفحة.	الإجابة في الورقة نفسها.

تعليمات مهمة:

- يجب على الممتحن التأكد من استلام دفتر امتحانه، مغلفاً بغلاف بلاستيكي شفاف وغير ممزق، وهو مسؤول عنه حتى يسلمه لمراقبي اللجنة بعد الانتهاء من الإجابة.
 - يجب الحضور إلى قاعة الامتحان قبل عشر دقائق على الأقل من بدء زمن الامتحان.
 - يجب إحضار أصل ما يثبت الهوية وإبرازها للعاملين بالامتحانات.
 - يجب الالتزام بضوابط إدارة امتحانات دبلوم التعليم العام وما في مستواه، وأي مخالفة لهذه الضوابط تعرضك للتدابير والإجراءات والعقوبات المنصوص عليها بالقرار الوزاري رقم ٥٨٨ / ٢٠١٥.
 - يجب الالتزام بالزي (الشداشة البيضاء، والمصر أو الكمة للذكور)، والزي المدرسي للطالبات، ويستثنى من ذلك الدارسون من غير العمانيين بشرط الالتزام بالذوق العام، ويمنع على جميع المتقدمات ارتداء النقاب داخل المركز وقاعات الامتحان.
 - يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الامتحان بقلم الحبر (الأزرق أو الأسود).
 - يقوم المتقدم بالإجابة عن أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد بتظليل الشكل (●) وفق النموذج الآتي:
- س - عاصمة سلطنة عمان هي: الدوحة ○ القاهرة ○ مسقط ● أبوظبي ○
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الذاكرة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.
- ملاحظة: يتم تظليل الشكل (●) باستخدام القلم الرصاص وعند الخطأ، امسح بعناية لإجراء التغيير.
- صحيح ● غير صحيح: ☒ × -

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LISTENING 1

(Items 1-7) (7 marks)

You are going to hear an interview about a photography competition. Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. The competition was held in _____.

- ☐ Muscat ☐ Salalah ☐ Sur

2. Khalid first became interested in photography at the age of _____.

- ☐ four ☐ fifteen ☐ eighteen

3. Khalid's winning photograph showed _____.

- ☐ a mountain village ☐ an old fisherman ☐ a busy souq

4. The judges based their decision mainly on _____.

- ☐ originality ☐ colour ☐ equipment

5. Khalid's prize included _____.

- ☐ a camera only ☐ a course abroad only ☐ a camera and a course

6. Next year, Khalid hopes to _____.

- ☐ teach beginners ☐ study photography abroad ☐ open a gallery

7. Khalid's advice to young people is to _____.

- ☐ keep practising ☐ buy an expensive camera ☐ enter many competitions

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LISTENING 2

(Items 8-15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about 'Ibn Sina, a famous scientist and physician'.

Part One

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

8. When was Ibn Sina born?

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9. Where was he born?

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10. How many of his books have survived until today?

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11. Why is "The Canon of Medicine" so important? Because _____.

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Part Two

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

12. Ibn Sina began to study medicine when he was _____.

○ ten

○ thirteen

○ sixteen

13. "The Canon of Medicine" describes _____.

○ hundreds of diseases

○ modern hospitals

○ European universities

14. According to Ibn Sina, good doctors should treat _____.

○ only the disease

○ only the mind

○ the whole person

15. Ibn Sina died in _____.

○ Bukhara

○ Hamadan

○ Muscat

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Vocabulary

(Items 16-20) (2½ marks)

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

16. The rescue team showed great _____ during the storm.

- courage ○ silence ○ anger ○ fear

17. The company plans to _____ two hundred new workers next year.

- resign ○ employ ○ dismiss ○ retire

18. Scientists have made an important _____ in the fight against cancer.

- journey ○ mistake ○ discovery ○ habit

19. The desert can be a very _____ place in the summer.

- welcoming ○ pleasant ○ hospitable ○ hostile

20. The two countries signed a trade _____ last week.

- agreement ○ argument ○ accident ○ adventure

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Grammar

(Items 21-25) (2½ marks)

Complete the following dialogue by shading in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Sara: Hi Amal! (21) _____ you watch the football match on TV last night?

(21) Do ☐ Did ☐

Amal: Yes, I did! Our team (22) _____ never played so well before!

(22) has ☐ have ☐

Sara: I agree. If they train hard, I think they (23) _____ win the championship this year.

(23) will ☐ would ☐

Amal: I hope so. By the way, the trophy (24) _____ presented by the minister at the end of the match.

(24) was ☐ were ☐

Sara: Really? I missed that part. Next time, you (25) _____ call me so we can watch together!

(25) must ☐ had to ☐

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Grammar / Vocabulary**(Items 26-30) (5 marks)**

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

Oman is investing heavily in green hydrogen, (26) _____ is produced using renewable energy such as solar and wind power. Experts believe that this clean fuel will play an important role in the future of the country. Several large projects have (27) _____ been announced in the governorates of Dhofar and Al Wusta, and work on them has already started. The government hopes that these projects will create thousands of new (28) _____ for young Omanis in the coming years. In addition, green hydrogen can help to (29) _____ the country's carbon emissions and protect the environment. If these plans succeed, Oman could become one of the world's leading (30) _____ of clean energy.

26.

- ☐ which ☐ who ☐ where ☐ whose

27.

- ☐ rarely ☐ recently ☐ hardly ☐ never

28.

- ☐ hobbies ☐ habits ☐ jobs ☐ games

29.

- ☐ increase ☐ raise ☐ reduce ☐ worsen

30.

- ☐ consumers ☐ importers ☐ producers ☐ sellers

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Reading 1

(Items 31-37) (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.

City Library Notice: Please note that the library will close at 1 p.m. on Friday for staff training. Normal opening hours (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.) will continue on all other days. We apologise for any inconvenience.

31. *The library will open late on Friday.*

○ True

○ False

Hi Salim, I'm really sorry, but I can't come to your house on Thursday as we planned. My grandmother is visiting us from Nizwa, and my mother wants the whole family to be at home. How about Saturday afternoon instead? Let me know. Yours, Hamed

32. *Hamed suggests meeting on a different day.*

○ True

○ False

Learn Spanish this summer! The International Language Centre offers a four-week course for beginners, starting 1st July. Classes are held three times a week, from 5 to 7 p.m. Special price for students who register before 15th June: only 45 rials.

33. *The course is cheaper if you register early.*

○ True

○ False

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Reading 1 (continued)

URGENT: Tonight's football match between Al-Nahda and Dhofar has been moved to Sultan Qaboos Stadium because of maintenance work at the usual ground. The kick-off time has not changed. Gates open at 6 p.m. All tickets remain valid.

34. *The match will start at a different time.* ☐ True ☐ False

Weather Warning: The Meteorology Office warns that heavy rain and strong winds are expected in the northern governorates tomorrow afternoon. Drivers are advised to avoid wadis, and fishermen should not go out to sea until Friday morning.

35. *Fishermen are advised to stay on land.* ☐ True ☐ False

Mr and Mrs Al-Harthy request the pleasure of your company at the graduation ceremony of their daughter Maryam, who will receive her Bachelor's degree in Engineering. The ceremony will be held at the Grand Hall on Tuesday, 20th October, at 7 p.m. Dinner will follow.

36. *Maryam has studied medicine.* ☐ True ☐ False

Welcome to the Natural History Museum. Visitors are kindly requested not to take photographs in the main exhibition hall. Cameras may be used in all other areas of the museum. Please keep your voice low and do not touch the displays.

37. *Photography is not allowed anywhere in the museum.* ☐ True ☐ False

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Reading 2**(Items 38-45) (8 marks)**

Read the following letter. Then, for each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

Dear Ahmed,

Thank you for your last e-mail. I'm sorry I haven't written for a while, but life here has been really busy since I started my course at the university.

I arrived in Manchester three months ago, and at first I found everything very strange. The weather was the biggest shock - it rained almost every day during my first month, and I really missed the Omani sunshine! Luckily, I have made some good friends in my dormitory, so I never feel lonely. Two of them are from Malaysia and one is from Brazil. We often cook dinner together in the shared kitchen, and last week I taught them how to make shuwa. It wasn't as good as my father's, but my friends loved it!

My course is going well, although it is harder than I expected. I have lectures every morning from nine to twelve, and in the afternoon I usually work in the library. The lecturers are very helpful, but they give us a lot of reading. My English is improving day by day, but I still find it difficult to understand some of the local accents.

38. Faisal has been in Manchester for _____.

- one month ○ three months ○ six months

39. At first, Faisal was shocked by _____.

- the food ○ the people ○ the weather

40. Faisal taught his friends how to _____.

- cook an Omani dish ○ speak Arabic ○ take photographs

41. In the afternoons, Faisal usually _____.

- attends lectures ○ works in the library ○ meets his friends

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Reading 2 (continued)

At the weekend, I try to explore the city. Manchester is famous for its music and its two football teams, and last Saturday my friends and I watched a match at the stadium. The atmosphere was unbelievable - fifty thousand people singing together! I have also joined the university photography club, which reminds me of you and your wonderful pictures of the wadis.

Next month, I am planning a short trip to London with some classmates. We are going to stay in a small hotel near the city centre for three nights. I have already made a list of the museums I want to visit, and of course I will buy presents for all the family.

I must tell you my good news: last week I received the results of my first exams, and I passed them all with excellent grades. My parents were so happy when I called them.

Well, that's all my news for now. Please write soon and tell me everything about your new job. Say hello to your family for me.

Your friend,
Faisal

42. Last Saturday, Faisal _____.

- ☐ played football
 ☐ visited a museum
 ☐ watched a match

43. Faisal joined a club for _____.

- ☐ cooking
 ☐ music
 ☐ photography

44. In London, Faisal and his classmates will stay for _____.

- ☐ three nights
 ☐ one week
 ☐ two weeks

45. Faisal passed his first exams with _____.

- ☐ average grades
 ☐ excellent grades
 ☐ no grades

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Reading 3

(Items 46-55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

THE FRANKINCENSE TREES OF DHOFAR

For more than five thousand years, the frankincense trees of Dhofar, in the south of Oman, have produced one of the most valuable natural products in history. Frankincense is a kind of resin - a sticky substance that comes from the trunk of the tree. When it dries, it can be burned to produce a beautiful smell, and in ancient times it was worth more than gold. Kings and queens in Egypt, Rome and China all wanted it for their palaces and temples.

The frankincense tree, known by its scientific name *Boswellia sacra*, grows only in a few places in the world: southern Oman, Yemen and Somalia. The trees of Dhofar are famous for producing the finest quality frankincense of all. The tree is surprisingly small and grows in dry, rocky soil where almost nothing else can survive.

The harvest begins in April each year. Workers make a small cut in the bark of each tree, and the white resin slowly comes out and dries in the sun. About two weeks later, the workers return to collect the dried resin. Each tree can be harvested two or three times every season, but only by skilled workers who know exactly how deep to cut. If the cut is too deep, the tree can die.

In ancient times, frankincense was carried by camel caravans along the famous Incense Road, which connected Dhofar with the great cities of the ancient world. From the port of Sumhuram, near modern Salalah, ships also carried the resin across the sea to India and beyond. The trade made southern Oman rich, and the Queen of Sheba is said to have given frankincense from this region to King Solomon.

Today, frankincense is still important to Oman. It is used in perfumes, in traditional medicine and in religious ceremonies around the world. Visitors can buy the best quality resin, called 'hojari', in the souqs of Salalah.

In the year 2000, UNESCO added the 'Land of Frankincense' - four sites in Dhofar, including the remains of ancient ports and caravan oases - to its World Heritage List. This means these places are now protected for future generations. However, experts warn that the number of frankincense trees is falling because of climate change and over-harvesting. A recent study found that many old trees no longer produce seeds that can grow. To save this precious heritage, the Omani government has started a programme to plant thousands of new trees in the mountains of Dhofar, and local schools are teaching children about the importance of these remarkable trees.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. What is frankincense? (a substance)

47. When does the frankincense harvest begin? (month)

48. How many times can each tree be harvested every season?

49. Who gave frankincense to King Solomon?

50. What kind of frankincense is called "hojari"? (quality)

51. How many sites in Dhofar are on the World Heritage List?

Task Two: For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

52. Frankincense trees grow best in _____ soil.

- wet ○ dry and rocky ○ rich and black

53. Workers collect the dried resin about _____ after cutting the tree.

- two days ○ two weeks ○ two months

54. Ships carried frankincense from Sumhura to _____.

- India ○ Egypt ○ Rome

55. The Omani government is protecting frankincense by _____.

- building new souqs ○ stopping all harvesting ○ planting new trees

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Writing 1

(10 marks)

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Each family in Oman should only have one car"

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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