

سَلْطَنَةُ عُمان
وَزَارَةُ التَّعْلِيمِ

امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
 للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٨ هـ - ٢٠٢٧ / ٢٠٢٦ م
 الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الأول
(Practice Exam Two - 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: ✗ ○

مسودة، لا يتم تصحيحها
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LISTENING 1

(Items 1-7) (7 marks)

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

1. The final round of the competition was held in _____.
○ Muscat ○ Sohar ○ Nizwa

2. Salma's school team first learned about robotics from _____.
○ online videos ○ a training course ○ university students

3. This year, the robots had to _____.
○ clean a model beach ○ build recycling bins ○ swim underwater

4. The judges chose the winning design because it was _____.
○ fast and modern ○ clever and cheap ○ small and light

5. Before the final, the team repaired their robot with _____.
○ new wheels ○ special tools ○ tape and plastic

6. The team's prize included _____.
○ laptops and a trip ○ money and a trophy ○ a trip to Europe

7. Salma's advice to students is to _____.
○ buy good equipment ○ start small ○ watch experts

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LISTENING 2

(Items 8-15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about 'Ibn Battuta, the famous traveller'.

Part One

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

8. When was Ibn Battuta born?

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9. Where was he born?

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10. How far did he travel in total?

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11. Why is "The Rihla" so important? Because _____.

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Part Two

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

12. Ibn Battuta left home at the age of _____.

- twenty-one ○ twenty-four ○ thirty

13. Ibn Battuta worked as a judge in _____.

- Egypt and Syria ○ Delhi and the Maldives ○ Turkey and India

14. "The Rihla" was written down by _____.

- Ibn Battuta himself ○ the ruler of Morocco ○ Ibn Juzayy

15. Ibn Battuta died in _____.

- Morocco ○ India ○ China

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Vocabulary

(Items 16-20) (2½ marks)

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

16. The doctors worked all night to _____ the injured climber.

- survive ○ revive ○ rescue ○ shelter

17. His speech made a deep _____ on everyone in the audience.

- impression ○ expression ○ permission ○ decision

18. The old neighbourhood has been completely _____ in recent years.

- destroyed ○ decorated ○ transformed ○ invented

19. Water is a _____ resource that we must never waste.

- worthless ○ precious ○ common ○ minor

20. The two brothers opened a small business _____ selling honey.

- specifying ○ generalising ○ advertising ○ specialising

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Grammar

(Items 21-25) (2½ marks)

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

Nasser: Hi Fahad! (21) _____ you already chosen your university course?

(21) Have ☐ Has ☐

Fahad: Not yet. I (22) _____ thinking about engineering since last year, but I am still not sure.

(22) has been ☐ have been ☐

Nasser: If you enjoy mathematics, engineering (23) _____ be a good choice for you.

(23) would ☐ would have ☐

Fahad: True. By the way, the application forms (24) _____ sent to all schools last week.

(24) was ☐ were ☐

Nasser: Really? Then we (25) _____ fill them in before Friday. Let us start today!

(25) must ☐ must have ☐

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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.

Reading is one of the most valuable habits (26) _____ a person can develop. People who read regularly improve not only their knowledge, but also their imagination and their language skills. Studies have shown that students who read for pleasure usually (27) _____ better results at school than those who do not. Unfortunately, many young people today spend most of their free time on their phones (28) _____ of reading books. To solve this problem, schools and families should work together. Parents can read with their children from an early age, and schools can organise reading (29) _____ with prizes for the best readers. In this way, reading can become a daily (30) _____ for the whole community, not just a school subject.

26.

- ☐ who ☐ that ☐ whose ☐ whom

27.

- ☐ achieve ☐ achieves ☐ achieved ☐ achieving

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- ☐ because ☐ instead ☐ in spite ☐ in front

29.

- ☐ competitions ☐ attractions ☐ examinations ☐ inventions

30.

- ☐ holiday ☐ habit ☐ hobby ☐ job

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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.

School Trip: All Grade 12 students are reminded that the trip to the Science Centre is on Wednesday, not Thursday as originally planned. Buses leave at 7.30 a.m. sharp. Please bring your permission slip and 2 rials for lunch. Sports clothes are recommended.

31. *The trip is on the day first planned.*

○ True

○ False

Dear Ms Huda, Thank you for your order. Unfortunately, the dictionary you requested is currently out of stock. We expect new copies to arrive within ten days, and we will send yours immediately. As an apology, please accept free delivery on this order. Yours sincerely, Al-Noor Bookshop

32. *The bookshop will send the dictionary later.*

○ True

○ False

AL-SAFA GYM: New members welcome! Join this month and get two months for the price of one. Our facilities include a swimming pool, three tennis courts and a fully equipped fitness hall. Open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight. Call 2414 0000 for details.

33. *The gym closes at twelve at night.*

○ True

○ False

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Reading 1 (continued)

From: Oman Travel. Dear Passenger, flight WY 101 to Salalah tomorrow will depart at 9.45 a.m. instead of 8.30 a.m. due to weather conditions. Please arrive at the airport two hours before the new departure time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

34. *The flight will leave earlier than planned.* ☐ True ☐ False

Public Warning: The Consumer Protection Authority advises shoppers that fake smartphone chargers have been found in some local markets. These chargers can damage your phone or cause fires. Always buy from authorised dealers and keep your receipt.

35. *Fake chargers can be dangerous.* ☐ True ☐ False

The Art Society invites you to the opening of its annual exhibition, 'Colours of Oman', at the Grand Mall Gallery on Friday at 5 p.m. Works by forty local artists will be shown. Entry is free, and light refreshments will be served after the opening speech.

36. *Visitors must pay to enter the exhibition.* ☐ True ☐ False

BEACH SAFETY: Swimming is not permitted after sunset. Red flags on the beach mean dangerous currents - do not enter the water when they are flying. Lifeguards are on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

37. *Lifeguards work for ten hours a day.* ☐ 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 Majid,

It was lovely to hear from you last week. Congratulations on your exam results - I knew you would do well! You asked me in your letter about our desert camping trip, so here is the whole story.

Three weeks ago, my uncle Saif invited me to join him and his two sons on a four-day camping trip to the Empty Quarter. At first, I was a little nervous because I had never slept in the desert before, but I packed my bag and joined them early on Thursday morning. We drove for six hours in my uncle's jeep, and by sunset we had reached a beautiful area of golden sand dunes, far away from any town.

That first night was the most amazing experience of my life. There was no electricity and no phone signal, so after dinner we simply sat around the fire and looked up at the sky. I have never seen so many stars! My uncle knows a lot about astronomy, and he showed us how to find the North Star and several constellations. His sons, Yousuf and Mazin, taught me how to read the old Bedouin signs in the sand - footprints of foxes, lizards and even a desert owl.

38. The camping trip lasted _____.

- two days ○ four days ○ one week

39. At first, Nabil felt _____ about the trip.

- nervous ○ bored ○ angry

40. On the first night, Nabil was amazed by _____.

- the food ○ the stars ○ the silence

41. Nabil learned about astronomy from _____.

- Yousuf ○ Mazin ○ his uncle

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Reading 2 (continued)

On the second day, we climbed the highest dune in the area. It took us almost two hours, and I was completely exhausted by the time we reached the top, but the view was worth every step. From up there, the dunes looked like golden waves stretching to the horizon. We took hundreds of photos, and then Yousuf showed us how to slide down the steep side of the dune on a piece of wood. It was terrifying at first, but after the second try I loved it!

We also visited a small Bedouin family who live in the area. They welcomed us with dates and camel milk, and the father told us stories about how his family has survived in the desert for generations. I was deeply impressed by their simple but happy way of life.

When we returned home on Sunday evening, I felt sad to leave. The desert taught me that we don't need phones and computers to be happy. I'm already planning our next trip - and this time, you must come with us! Write back soon and tell me you will.

Your friend,
Nabil

42. Climbing the highest dune took almost _____.

- two hours ○ four hours ○ six hours

43. The Bedouin family welcomed the visitors with _____.

- coffee and cake ○ dates and camel milk ○ tea and bread

44. Nabil was impressed by the family's _____.

- modern house ○ way of life ○ expensive cars

45. At the end of the letter, Nabil invites Majid to _____.

- join the next trip ○ visit his house ○ meet his uncle

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Reading 3

(Items 46-55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

THE AFLAJ OF OMAN

For more than two thousand years, the people of Oman have depended on a remarkable system of water channels called aflaj - the plural of the Arabic word 'falaj'. These channels carry water from underground springs and mountain streams to farms and villages, often over distances of many kilometres. In a country where rain is scarce, the aflaj have made agriculture - and therefore life itself - possible in the desert.

Engineers divide the aflaj of Oman into three main types. The first type, 'ghaili' aflaj, collect water from wadis after rainfall. The second, 'aini' aflaj, take water from natural springs. The third and most impressive type, 'daoudi' aflaj, run through underground tunnels - called 'qanats' - which are dug by hand into the earth, sometimes to a depth of forty metres or more. These tunnels gently slope downwards, allowing gravity alone to move the water for distances that can reach twenty kilometres.

Building an underground falaj was an extraordinary achievement. Workers dug a line of vertical wells first, then connected their bottoms with a tunnel - all without modern equipment. The knowledge was passed from father to son, and expert diggers were highly respected members of their communities. Historical records show that some of the oldest aflaj were built more than 1,500 years ago, and a few are believed to be even older than that. Amazingly, the techniques used by those ancient engineers are still taught and used in Oman today.

Water from the falaj is shared fairly among the farmers according to a traditional system. Each farmer has the right to use the water for a fixed number of hours each week, depending on the size of his farm. A special official, chosen by the community, supervises the distribution and makes sure nobody takes more than his share. This system has worked peacefully for hundreds of years, and many people consider it one of the world's oldest examples of fair water management.

In 2006, UNESCO recognised the importance of this heritage by adding five of Oman's aflaj to the World Heritage List. Today, there are more than three thousand aflaj still in use across the country, irrigating date palms, banana plantations and vegetable farms. However, many old channels are now threatened by falling groundwater levels, caused partly by modern pumps. The Omani government is working to restore and protect the aflaj, so that this ancient gift of water will continue to flow for future generations.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. What is the singular of the word "aflaj"?

47. When were the aflaj added to the World Heritage List? (*year*)

48. How many aflaj are still in use today?

49. Who supervises the distribution of the water?

50. What kind of aflaj run through underground tunnels? (*type*)

51. How deep can the underground tunnels be?

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

52. "Ghaili" aflaj collect water from _____.

- natural springs ○ wadis after rain ○ deep wells

53. Water moves through the tunnels by _____.

- pumps ○ gravity ○ wind power

54. Each farmer's share of water depends on _____.

- his farm's size ○ his family's size ○ the season of the year

55. Today, the aflaj are threatened by _____.

- heavy rainfall ○ new building projects ○ falling groundwater levels

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Writing 1

(10 marks)

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"All university students should study abroad for one semester"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be clear and well-organised.

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Writing 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write a narrative text of at least 100 words.

"An unforgettable day at school"

Your writing should be clear and well-organised.

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