



سَلْطَنَةُ عُمان
وَزَارَةُ التَّعْلِيمِ

امتحان دبلوم التعليم العام
للعام الدراسي ١٤٤٨ هـ - ٢٠٢٧ / ٢٠٢٦ م
الدور الأول - الفصل الدراسي الأول
(Practice Exam Three - 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 young novelist. Listen, and shade in the bubble ○ next to the correct option.

1. Maryam's novel is called _____.

- The Old Lighthouse ○ The Lost Letters ○ The Village Mystery

2. The idea for the novel came from _____.

- a dream she had ○ a place near her home ○ a story her grandfather told

3. Writing the novel took about _____.

- six months ○ ten months ○ fourteen months

4. Who helped Maryam with her writing?

- her mother ○ her English teacher ○ a publisher

5. The judges praised Maryam's _____.

- mature voice ○ fast writing ○ short sentences

6. Maryam's prize included _____.

- a trip to Europe ○ a publishing contract ○ a new laptop

7. Maryam's advice to young writers is to _____.

- write every day ○ read only novels ○ enter many competitions

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LISTENING 2

(Items 8-15) (8 marks)

You are going to hear a talk about 'Marie Curie, a famous scientist'.

Part One

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

8. When was Marie Curie born?

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9. Where was she born?

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10. How many Nobel Prizes did she win?

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11. Why did she move to Paris? Because _____.

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Part Two

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

12. Marie Curie moved to Paris at the age of _____.

- twenty ○ twenty-four ○ thirty

13. The word "radioactivity" was invented by _____.

- Pierre Curie ○ Marie Curie ○ the Nobel committee

14. The element "polonium" was named after _____.

- Marie's homeland ○ Pierre's brother ○ a Polish king

15. During the war, Marie Curie designed _____.

- new hospitals ○ mobile X-ray units ○ army radios

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Vocabulary

(Items 16-20) (2½ marks)

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

16. The new bridge will greatly _____ travel between the two cities.

- facilitate ○ celebrate ○ tolerate ○ decorate

17. The climbers faced a difficult and _____ journey to the summit.

- pleasant ○ trivial ○ exhausting ○ amusing

18. All students must _____ the school rules at all times.

- obey ○ deny ○ offend ○ confuse

19. The museum contains a rare _____ of ancient silver coins.

- selection ○ collection ○ direction ○ election

20. His _____ explanation helped everyone understand the problem.

- confusing ○ complicated ○ straightforward ○ meaningless

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Grammar

(Items 21-25) (2½ marks)

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

Huda: Hi Latifa! Have you decided about the school play? (21) _____ you going to take part?

(21) Are ☐ Is ☐

Latifa: I am not sure. If I (22) _____ more free time, I would love to act.

(22) have ☐ had ☐

Huda: You should try! The play (23) _____ written by our English teacher, and it is really funny.

(23) has been ☐ have been ☐

Latifa: Really? By the way, the first rehearsal (24) _____ held in the main hall tomorrow after school.

(24) is ☐ are ☐

Huda: Perfect! Then come with me. You (25) _____ be glad you did!

(25) will ☐ would ☐

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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.

Space exploration has entered a new era. In the past, only governments had the money and the technology to send rockets into space. (26) _____, in recent years, private companies have begun to play a major role. These companies have developed rockets (27) _____ can land back on Earth and be used again, which makes space travel much cheaper. Some experts believe that tourists will soon visit space. Others warn that space tourism might (28) _____ the environment of our planet. There are also concerns about the growing amount of space (29) _____ orbiting the Earth. If we do not control this problem, future missions could become very risky. Nevertheless, most scientists agree that the (30) _____ of space exploration, such as new technologies and a better understanding of our universe, are worth the effort.

26.

- ☐ Therefore

 ☐ However

 ☐ Although

 ☐ Because

27.

- ☐ who

 ☐ whose

 ☐ that

 ☐ where

28.

- ☐ improve

 ☐ protect

 ☐ damage

 ☐ repair

29.

- ☐ dust

 ☐ rubbish

 ☐ noise

 ☐ traffic

30.

- ☐ benefits

 ☐ dangers

 ☐ expenses

 ☐ problems

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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.

Exam Notice: The English exam for Grade 12 will take place on Tuesday in the main examination hall, not in the sports hall as announced before. Students must be seated by 8.45 a.m. Bring your ID card and your own pens. Calculators and phones are not allowed.

31. *The exam is in the sports hall.*

○ True

○ False

Hi team, just a reminder that our group project must be submitted by Sunday midnight. I have finished the introduction and the first two sections. Hamad, please add your charts to the shared folder by Friday, so we can review everything together on Saturday. - Amira

32. *Hamad must add his charts on Saturday.*

○ True

○ False

SUMMER JOBS: City Hotel is looking for four friendly students to work at the reception desk during July and August. Working hours: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., five days a week. Good English is essential. Previous experience is not required. Apply at the hotel office before 30th May.

33. *Experience is necessary for this job.*

○ True

○ False

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Reading 1 (continued)

FOUND: A black smartphone was found on a seat in the school library on Monday morning. The screen is slightly damaged. The owner can collect it from the secretary's office after describing the phone and its cover correctly.

34. *The phone was found in the playground.* ☐ True ☐ False

Warning to concert-goers: Police advise fans to buy tickets for Saturday's concert only from the official website. Fake tickets are being sold online at low prices. Anyone with a fake ticket will not be allowed to enter the stadium.

35. *Fake tickets are sold at low prices.* ☐ True ☐ False

The Muscat International Book Fair opens next Thursday at the Exhibition Centre and continues for ten days. More than 600 publishers from 40 countries will take part. Entry is free for students on the first two days. Opening hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

36. *Students pay nothing on the first two days.* ☐ True ☐ False

HOSPITAL NOTICE: Visiting hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only. No more than two visitors per patient are allowed at one time. Children under ten may not visit the third floor. Please wash your hands before and after visiting, and keep all mobile phones silent.

37. *Three visitors may see a patient together.* ☐ 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 Rashid,

Greetings from Sur! I hope you and the family are all well. I have been here for three weeks now with the 'Clean Coast' volunteering programme, and I have so much to tell you.

The programme brings together forty young people from all over Oman. Our job is to clean the beaches around Sur and to teach the local community about protecting the sea. Every morning we wake up at half past six, and after a quick breakfast we walk to a different beach with our gloves and bags. By eleven o'clock, we have usually collected more than a hundred kilograms of plastic bottles, fishing nets and other rubbish. It is hard work under the sun, but the beaches look beautiful when we finish.

In the afternoons, we visit schools in the area. We give short presentations to the children about how plastic harms turtles and other sea creatures. The kids are wonderful - they always ask a thousand questions! Last Tuesday, one little girl told me she wants to become a marine biologist because of our visit. Moments like that make all the tiredness disappear.

38. Talal is in Sur for _____.

- one week ○ three weeks ○ one month

39. The volunteers work on the beaches _____.

- in the morning ○ in the afternoon ○ at night

40. In the afternoons, the volunteers visit _____.

- hospitals ○ schools ○ offices

41. The children ask many _____.

- songs ○ questions ○ gifts

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Reading 2 (continued)

The evenings are my favourite part of the day. We cook dinner together in our beach camp, and then we sit around and talk or play games. I have made friends from Muscat, Nizwa, Salalah and even from Masirah Island. One of them, Khamis, plays the oud beautifully, and he is teaching me a few traditional songs.

Yesterday we had a day off, and the programme leaders took us to the turtle reserve at Ras Al Hadd. We were incredibly lucky: after midnight, we watched a giant green turtle come out of the sea and lay her eggs in the sand, only a few metres away from us. It was one of the most magical things I have ever seen.

Only one week remains of the programme, and honestly, I don't want it to end. I have learned that protecting our environment is not just the government's job - it belongs to all of us. When I get back home, I am going to start a small clean-up club in our neighbourhood. Will you join me as the first member? Say yes!

Write soon.

Your friend,

Talal

42. Khamis is teaching Talal to _____.

- play the oud ○ swim ○ cook

43. On their day off, the volunteers went to _____.

- Masirah Island ○ Ras Al Hadd ○ Salalah

44. At the reserve, Talal watched a turtle _____.

- lay her eggs ○ catch a fish ○ swim away

45. At home, Talal plans to start _____.

- a football team ○ a singing group ○ a clean-up club

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Reading 3

(Items 46-55) (10 marks)

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

THE SULTAN QABOOS GRAND MOSQUE

The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, in the Bausher district of Muscat, is the largest and most magnificent mosque in Oman. Sultan Qaboos announced a competition to design it in 1992, and construction began in 1995. After six years of work by hundreds of craftsmen, the mosque was officially opened in 2001 as a gift from the Sultan to the nation, and to the whole Islamic world.

The mosque is built from 300,000 tonnes of sandstone imported from India. Its main minaret rises ninety metres into the sky, and four smaller minarets stand at the corners of the complex. The main prayer hall can hold 6,500 worshippers at one time, and the women's prayer hall holds 750. With the outdoor courtyards and gardens, the mosque can receive up to 20,000 worshippers in total. Around the mosque there are beautiful gardens with fountains and palm trees, where visitors can walk and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

The main prayer hall contains two world-famous treasures. The first is the carpet, which covers the whole floor of the hall. This single piece of hand-woven carpet measures about 70 by 60 metres, and it took six hundred women four years to weave it by hand. It contains 1,700 million knots and weighs 21 tonnes. The second treasure is the enormous chandelier that hangs from the main dome. Made in Germany, it is fourteen metres tall, weighs more than eight tonnes, and is decorated with 600,000 pieces of crystal. It contains 1,122 lamps, and when they are all lit, the whole hall shines like daylight.

The walls and ceilings of the mosque are decorated with beautiful patterns from Islamic art, and verses of the Holy Quran are written in traditional calligraphy around the main hall. The wooden doors and window frames were carved by hand by Omani craftsmen. The library of the mosque holds around 20,000 books on science, culture and religion, and it welcomes students and researchers from all over the country.

Non-Muslim visitors are welcome at the mosque every morning, except on Fridays, from 8.30 until 11.00. Visitors are asked to dress modestly, and women should cover their hair. Every year, hundreds of thousands of tourists from every corner of the world come to admire this masterpiece of modern Islamic architecture, which combines traditional Omani craftsmanship with the finest materials from across the globe. It has truly become one of the most famous landmarks in the whole of Oman.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. When was the mosque officially opened? (*year*)

47. Where was the sandstone brought from? (*country*)

48. How tall is the main minaret?

49. How many worshippers can the mosque receive in total?

50. Who wove the main carpet?

51. Where was the chandelier made? (*country*)

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

52. The mosque was opened as a gift from _____.

- the people of Muscat ○ the Sultan ○ the architects

53. The main carpet took _____ to weave.

- two years ○ four years ○ six years

54. The chandelier is decorated with _____.

- gold ○ crystal ○ diamonds

55. Non-Muslims can visit the mosque _____.

- every morning except Friday ○ every evening ○ on Fridays only

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Writing 1

(10 marks)

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Teenagers should have part-time jobs while they are studying"

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.

"A journey that taught me a lesson"

Your writing should be clear and well-organised.

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