



- 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 بالزي (الدشداشة 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.
- يحظر على الممتحنين اصطحاب الهواتف النقالة وأجهزة النداء الآلي وآلات التصوير والحواسيب الشخصية والساعات الرقمية الذكية والآلات الحاسبة ذات الصفة التخزينية والمجلات والصحف والكتب الدراسية والدفاتر والمذكرات والحقائب اليدوية والآلات الحادة أو الأسلحة أياً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفتيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.

مُسَوَّدَة، لا يتم تصحيحها

Listening 1 (Items 1 – 7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear an interview between Sara and Grant McDonald.

Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. The film is _____.
☐ Grant's first film ☐ 30 minutes long ☐ on YouTube
2. Grant's award-winning film is about _____.
☐ a boy and some dogs ☐ an abandoned house ☐ his sister
3. Grant was surprised that he won the competition because it was _____.
☐ not uploaded onto YouTube ☐ a film made in France ☐ a very short film
4. Grant will attend a famous film festival in _____.
☐ February ☐ March ☐ May
5. Grant is studying _____ at university.
☐ script writing ☐ film production ☐ law
6. Grant said that short films _____.
☐ are difficult to write ☐ have more content ☐ are cheap to make
7. Grant advises inexperienced film makers to _____ for their film first.
☐ select the lighting ☐ write the script ☐ decide on camera angles

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Listening 2 (Items 8 – 15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about the Great Wall Marathon in China.

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

8. Whose idea was it to hold a marathon on the Great Wall of China?

9. When was the first Great Wall Marathon held?

10. How many runners participated in the 2021 Great Wall Marathon?

11. Why are some parts of the route so tiring?

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

12. Participants are expected to bring their own _____.

☐ sun protection cream ☐ towels ☐ water bottles

13. Participants must get a fitness certificate from _____ before registering.

☐ one of the health workers ☐ the organisers ☐ a doctor

14. The Marathon must be completed within _____ hours.

☐ six ☐ eight ☐ ten

15. The Great Wall Marathon includes runs for _____.

☐ those who run just for fun ☐ everyone ☐ very experienced runners only

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Vocabulary (Items 16 – 20)**(2½ marks)**

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

16. People have to get permission from the government to _____ for a charity.
☐ dedicate ☐ support ☐ fundraise ☐ eradicate
17. I can't prove that he owes me money because there was only a _____ agreement between us.
☐ manual ☐ verbal ☐ formal ☐ torrential
18. The powerful earthquake which hit Indonesia resulted in the complete _____ of its capital city, Jakarta.
☐ destruction ☐ obsession ☐ inspiration ☐ obligation
19. "Please, don't mention anything in front of my sister. She is very _____ and will insist on us telling her the whole story.
☐ sedentary ☐ amusing ☐ curious ☐ practical
20. To be a good role model, students must follow and _____ all the school's rules and regulations.
☐ obey ☐ explode ☐ reduce ☐ design

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Grammar (Items 21 – 25)**(2½ marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.*

Speaker A Today, I was reading about Earth Hour and I suggest that our family should ⁽²¹⁾ ☐ join / ☐ joining the event this year.

Speaker B ⁽²²⁾ ☐ What / ☐ Where is Earth Hour?

Speaker A It's a global event to ⁽²³⁾ ☐ saved / ☐ save our planet that is held on the last Saturday in March every year from 8.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.

Speaker B So, what are we supposed to do?

Speaker A Well, we ⁽²⁴⁾ ☐ must / ☐ mustn't switch off all electrical appliances like lights, TV's, AC's, Play Stations, etc. to help save our planet.

Speaker B Oh that's ⁽²⁵⁾ ☐ a / ☐ an excellent idea. Let's do that. Please remind us a few days before the event. Thanks.

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Grammar/Vocabulary (Items 26 – 30)**(5 marks)***For each item, shade in the bubble () next to the correct option.*

Food stylists are creative professionals who prepare food for photographs and advertisements. Many restaurants (26) freelance food stylists from time to time. These professionals prepare food so it looks fresh, appealing and delicious while being photographed. (27) these photos would make one's mouth water, the food may not be that tasty. Food stylists also use tricks like applying toothpicks, and paint, soap, etc. to make food appear (28) . If you are interested in a career in food styling, you can take a culinary arts degree but you may also (29) to take additional courses to learn how to arrange the food. The job also requires excellent (30) skills since you are going to work with different people such as photographers, chefs and editors.

26. ☐ locate ☐ play ☐ hire ☐ practise

27. ☐ Although ☐ Therefore ☐ But ☐ Because

28. ☐ average ☐ attractive ☐ accurate ☐ relevant

29. ☐ must ☐ carry ☐ should ☐ need

30. ☐ beneficial ☐ interpersonal ☐ delicate ☐ numerical

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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.

31. The Gates Foundation was established in 2000 to fight poverty and disease around the world. About 53.8 billion dollars has been spent to achieve its goals. Since the establishment of this foundation, the number of children who die each year has dropped to 50%. The foundation is now aiming to reduce this number to 70%.

Statement**True****False**

The foundation has succeeded in reducing the number of children who die every year to 70%.

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32. Gerg Mortenson is a famous American mountaineer who started climbing mountains when he was 11. He decided to climb the second highest mountain in Pakistan. He reached the summit of K2 after 78 days. He discovered that a village close to K2 had no school. When he got better, he built two schools, one for boys and one for girls.

Statement**True****False**

Gerg Mortenson contributed to educating people in Pakistan.

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33. Yesterday afternoon, thieves stole £500 from a post office in the UK. The only information that the police have about the robbery came from an 11-year-old boy, called Charlie. He told the police that the two thieves escaped in a red car. Unfortunately, Charlie did not manage to write down the car's registration number.

Statement**True****False**

Charlie saw the robbery at the post office.

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34. Visiting the book exhibition is one of the events I just love to attend. I usually go with my family, but this year, I went with my classmates. Although it was very crowded, we managed to find our favourite books. I bought 3 horror novels and my friends bought dictionaries and reference books.

Statement**True****False**

All the students bought novels.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Tea leaves have more caffeine than coffee beans. However, it has been discovered that about 80% of the caffeine content in tea is extracted during the first minute of making a cup of tea. So, if you want to cut down on caffeine, one suggestion is to throw away the first cup of tea and then make another using the same tea leaves.

Statement

Drink the first cup of tea if you want to reduce your intake of caffeine.

True

False

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36. Hi Sara,
Let's meet at the Blue Horizon Gym tomorrow at 5 o'clock. Once we've finished, we can have a juice at the café next to the gym. If you like we can also go and watch a movie as there is a nice comfortable cinema next to the café that shows good films. I will send you the gym's location once I reach home tonight.

Yours,

Nahad

Statement

Both friends know where the gym is located.

True

False

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37. When Susan returned home and saw her house on fire, she was terrified as she thought that her 3-month-old baby was still inside the house where she had left him. Suddenly, Susan saw her brave dog coming out of the house holding the baby in its mouth. Her baby was safe and well.

Statement

The baby was rescued by his mother.

True

False

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

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

E-Books

These days, technology is part of every aspect of our lives whether it be home, school, or work. Almost every home has a computer with access to the internet. Most individuals have smart phones or tablets. In 2015, a study showed that three quarters of children aged between 5 and 15 had a tablet in their home and 69% of 12 to 15 year-olds own a smartphone.

E-books are now becoming more and more popular. An e-book is basically any text, including audio/video in electronic format. It can be downloaded to a desktop, PC, Mac, laptop, PDA or any other kind of computer. Although many people read e-books on their smart phones, there are many who believe that printed books are better. According to a study done in America, most e-book readers prefer to read stories rather than any other type of book. However, college students and even employers would seem to prefer normal textbooks such as reference books, study guides, etc.

It is true that e-books save time and money, but studies show that printed books are still more popular and readers prefer them for several reasons. One of these reasons is related to health issues. Research conducted in 2012 by the University of California shows that reading digital books for many hours can result in muscle strain, weight gain and a high cholesterol level.

The same study also found that college students aged from 18 to 24 preferred to study printed books. The research showed that 88% of college students purchased printed books while only 12% bought e-books and the reason for this was because they could not afford to buy the printed versions. However, this study also discovered that children aged 7 to 10 had improved their reading skills as a result of using e-books. The study suggested that boys' reading skills improved faster than girls. The boys took four months to improve their reading scores while the girls took seven. Moreover, boys who hated reading found e-books interesting and their reading scores showed a massive improvement. Unfortunately, the range of e-books for challenged learners and children with learning difficulties is still very limited.

In the last few years, the publishing industry has tried to encourage readers to buy more e-books. However, according to a report by the Association of American Publishers in 2017, e-book sales only amounted to \$1.1 billion whereas the sale of printed books amounted to \$2.8 billion.

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)***Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.***Katherine Graham- A Successful Journalist**

Katherine Graham was recognised around the world as an important leader in the publishing industry. She was the first woman to head a major American company and she successfully expanded The Washington Post Company to include a newspaper, magazine and television station.

Katherine was born in New York City in 1917. Her father was the first president of the World Bank. Katherine graduated from the University of Chicago in 1938, and worked as a reporter in San Francisco. In 1939, Katherine's father bought a newspaper called The Washington Post. At that time, it was the least successful of the five newspapers in Washington, so Katherine returned to Washington and worked as an editor for her father's newspaper. Katherine subsequently got married to Philip Graham who was a lawyer. She decided to leave her job and stay at home to look after their children. Sometime later, Philip left his law firm to become the publisher of The Washington Post. He made quite a few changes to the company and increased its profits. Unfortunately, he became seriously ill and died in 1963.

After her husband's death, Katherine did not believe that she had the ability to manage The Washington Post Company. She had no business training or experience in operating a large company. In those days, it was unusual for a woman to be the head of a business. Women were expected to only look after their homes and children, and Katherine had four young sons. Against the advice of family and friends, Katherine decided to manage the newspaper herself. She became the publisher as well as the president of The Washington Post Company.

In the 1970s, The Washington Post became famous around the world for its reporting on the Watergate Story which resulted in President Nixon having to resign from his position. In 1973, The Washington Post newspaper was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for public service. Katherine supported women's right to work. She employed more women at The Washington Post and the Newsweek magazine. She also was very active in organisations that wanted to improve public education in Washington. She travelled around the country and gave speeches about important media issues and women's rights.

When she was eighty years old, Katherine wrote a book called "My Personal History." The book was extremely popular and won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1998. Three years later, she died at age of eighty-four.

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

46. What was Katherine's first job?

47. When did Katherine's father buy the Washington Post newspaper?

48. Who did Katherine marry?

49. What was the role of most women in the 1960's?

50. Why did The Washington Post win a Pulitzer Prize in 1973?

51. How old was Katharine when she wrote her book?

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

52. Katherine's husband died in_____.

☐ 1938

☐ 1963

☐ 1970

53. After her husband's death, Katherine decided to _____.

☐ do a business course

☐ manage the company

☐ stay at home

54. She supported women by offering them opportunities to work in _____.

☐ the media

☐ law companies

☐ universities

55. She travelled around America to _____.

☐ find editors

☐ write stories

☐ make speeches

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(10 marks)

Have you or anyone you know bought the latest device (e.g. watch/phone/TV/ laptop/iPad)? Describe it and include any special features it has. Why is this device useful?

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(10 marks)

Situation: Imagine you are Nasser/Nasra Al Ajmi. Last year, you took a course during the summer holidays. A friend has contacted you and asked you if you would recommend it.

*Your writing should be **clear** and **interesting**.*

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Writing 2 (continued)

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