



- 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 أيّاً كان نوعها وأي شيء له علاقة بالامتحان.
- يجب على الممتحن الامتثال لإجراءات التفطيش داخل المركز طوال أيام الامتحان.

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

You are going to hear a conversation between Salim and Fatma. Listen, and shade in the bubble (○) next to the correct option.

1. Fatma video chatted with her sister in the _____.
☐ morning ☐ afternoon ☐ evening
2. Salim nowadays prefers to _____.
☐ send text messages to his friends ☐ call his friends ☐ video chat his friends
3. Salim feels comfortable video chatting at _____.
☐ work ☐ home ☐ bus
4. Fatma's sister loves video chatting because it can _____.
☐ show the person's feelings ☐ show the person's surroundings ☐ save the person's time
5. Salim lost the _____ when he video chatted with his cousin.
☐ picture ☐ internet ☐ audio
6. Fatma prefers using _____ when video chatting.
☐ Google Duo ☐ Zoom Meeting ☐ Microsoft Teams
7. Fatma _____ after the FaceTime lecture.
☐ needs to make a call ☐ has a lesson ☐ wants to watch a video

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

You are going to hear a talk about a famous tree called the Camphor tree.

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

8. How tall is a Camphor tree?

9. Why is the Camphor tree widely grown in southern Asia?

10. Where is the oldest Camphor tree found? (Country)

11. What type of food do Indians use Camphor for?

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

12. The herbal medicine part of the Camphor tree is in the _____.

☐ roots

☐ seeds

☐ leaves

13. The only type of Camphor oil which is used for medicine is _____.

☐ white

☐ brown

☐ blue

14. In the past, China used the fragrance of Camphor oil for _____.

☐ religious purposes

☐ cooking

☐ killing insects

15. The World's main producer of camphor is _____.

☐ India

☐ China

☐ Taiwan

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

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

16. The teacher said, "Start working on your project. The _____ is 2nd June."

- ☐ deadline ☐ headline ☐ hotline ☐ coastline

17. He is the most _____ IT teacher in everything related to computer programming.

- ☐ courageous ☐ friendly ☐ persuasive ☐ talented

18. You should join a _____ for exercise using equipment.

- ☐ lecture ☐ gym ☐ navy ☐ race

19. When the zookeeper opened the door of its cage, the tiger _____.

- ☐ arrested ☐ drowned ☐ escaped ☐ spread

20. We are trying to search and _____ what causes the fire.

- ☐ analyse ☐ upload ☐ complete ☐ restore

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

Nassir: I was looking for you last night. Where ⁽²¹⁾ ☐ **did** / ☐ **does** you go?

Ahmed: I went to the cinema to watch a movie called 'The Fanatic'.

Nassir: I thought you didn't enjoy ⁽²²⁾ ☐ **to watch** / ☐ **watching** movies.

Ahmed: Who said that? I love them. What about you?

Nassir: I ⁽²³⁾ ☐ **use** / ☐ **used** to watch movies in the past, ⁽²⁴⁾ ☐ **but** / ☐ **so** now I prefer to read books.

Ahmed: Really? ⁽²⁵⁾ ☐ **When** / ☐ **How** was the last time you watched a movie?

Nassir: 5 years ago.

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

Doctors warn that a type of children's clay known as polymer clay contains some hidden (26) such as phthalates which can affect health conditions. For example, it might (27) skin irritation, feelings of confusion and nerve system problems. Therefore, children (28) wear gloves when they use this product to prevent direct contact. Health (29) are concerned about children's health. They advise parents to use the alternative homemade clay which is made (30) some flour, oil, cream of tartar, water and food colouring.

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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. I was attending a conference in Italy when an earthquake hit the cities of Messina and Reggio Calabria. I was ten miles away but I still felt all the sharp shakes that passed quickly. Approximately 80,000 to 120,000 were killed in this disaster. Hundreds of towns and villages were destroyed.

Statement**True****False**

The writer was in Italy when the earthquake happened.

☐☐

32. Salman was 24 years old when he did his first volunteer job. He went to Negros Island in Philippines as a construction volunteer. For him the idea of building someone's house was exciting. Families there were also very friendly. Unfortunately for him, he just stayed there 3 months.

Statement**True****False**

Salman did not like building houses in Negros Island.

☐☐

33. There was a small village in Morocco. The majority of its children had never seen a school. The WWW.Medersat.com foundation decided to build a school there. We helped the company to supply water for the construction. The means used for transferring water was donkeys rather than tankers.

Statement**True****False**

They transferred water to the village through tankers.

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34. An Oracle corporation is looking to hire a motivated and artistic software designer. Interested candidates must have at least MA in software engineering and 3 years' experience in designing, developing, and implementing programs, etc.
Application forms are available online or with Mr. Rashid at our office in Sur.

Statement**True****False**

Candidates can only complete the application form in Sur.

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Reading 1 (continued)

35. Travel to a different wild place every week and learn how to take photographs of animals, plants and scenery. This amazing course will run for six weeks. The class is suitable for everyone. Students will not be supplied with any photographic equipment; they should use their own. Visit our website www.photography.com

Statement

Students who want to join this course should bring their own camera.

True**False**☐☐

36. Nowadays, soybean products are considered superfoods around the world. Since ancient times, the soybean has been an important part of Asian food. One of the most common types of soy products used in Asia is Miso which is high in salt. Researchers claim that it is safe for people with high blood pressure.

Statement

Most people in Asia use Miso for cooking.

True**False**☐☐

37. Yokai Watch is a new TV animation that is becoming very popular in Japan. It is based on a video game of the same name produced in 2014. Although it is a children's TV show, many adults are also becoming fans. One reason for this is the catchy song at the start of the show.

Statement

Everyone in the family enjoys the Yokai Watch show.

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.

Genetically Modified Food (GM)

Genetically Modified GM foods are produced from plants which have had their DNA modified in the lab. A lot of people are worried about the consequences of changing the plants' genes, as this might affect their health. But those who promote GM foods are convinced it will eventually solve the world's hunger problems by improving the quality of crops.

In fact, around 65% of the food we get from the shops has some genetically modified component. Anyone who consumes cheese, potatoes, tomatoes, soybeans, corn, wheat, and salmon is taking in GM food. In 1994, in the USA, the first GM food that was marketed, was tomato. A few years later, around 26 other countries, including Canada, Argentina, Brazil and some Asian countries like India and Indonesia started growing GM foods. By 2022 the GM foods growth increased globally, and in total 65 of the world's 195 countries now have GM crops.

Genetically modified crops are easier for farmers to grow, which makes them cheaper for the consumers. For example, according to the International Service for Agriculture in the USA, the insect-resistant corn has increased by 9% in fields where it is planted. In 1997, 2.8 million hectares of this variety of corn were planted in the U.S. and farmers were able to avoid using \$190 million worth of bug spray. Another example is in South Africa, where the first GM cotton crop proved extremely successful, raising crop output by 50 - 90%. Growing GM cotton requires less work time and effort. The GM cotton seed income now shows increases of 129%.

Although current research suggests that GM foods are safe, there is some concern around their long-term safety and environmental impact. For example, GM foods contain foreign genes, so some people worry that this might lead to allergic reactions and cancers because cancers are caused by DNA changes. Some people fear that eating foods with added genes may affect their DNA. A study from the mid-1990s found that adding a protein from Brazil nuts to soybeans could cause an allergic reaction in people. However, after scientists discovered this, they banned this GM food. Another concern is that farmers worried that the reduction in pesticide use might result in long term environmental problems such as creating superweeds and insects which would disrupt global food systems.

In 1998, a researcher at the Rowett Institute for Agriculture announced that genetically modified potatoes affected rats in the control group. The potatoes produced an ingredient made them resistant to diseases. But, this limited the growth rate of the rats and they were less resistant to disease.

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Reading 2 (continued)

Europeans tend to avoid using the GM foods, and some nature care organizations are trying to stop the use of GM crops in European countries. After all, a lot of research is still required to prove the long-term health effects of GM foods. So, it is time to rethink the whole issue and return to plant more natural food.

38. The first GM food produced in the USA was _____.
- ☐ tomato ☐ cotton ☐ corn
39. By 2022, _____ countries were using GM foods.
- ☐ 26 ☐ 65 ☐ 195
40. The most planted GM crop in the USA is _____.
- ☐ corn ☐ potato ☐ cotton
41. Farmers _____ when growing GM crops.
- ☐ use more bug spray ☐ use less bug spray ☐ do not use bug spray
42. In _____, farmers were very happy for increasing their income from GM cotton.
- ☐ Brazil ☐ The USA ☐ South Africa
43. Farmers were concerned that reducing pesticides in crops will _____.
- ☐ develop an allergic reaction ☐ decrease resistance to diseases ☐ create more insects
44. GM food is not typically grown in _____.
- ☐ the USA ☐ Europe ☐ Asia
45. The writer is still worried about the impact of GM foods on _____.
- ☐ economy ☐ health ☐ environment

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Reading 3 (Items 46 – 55)**(10 marks)**

Read the following text. Then complete the tasks.

The Chilean mine rescue

On the 5th of August 2010, part of a San Jose gold and copper mine collapsed while miners were digging deep inside a mountain. The mine was located in the Atacama Desert in Northern Chile. Thirty-three miners, ranging in age from 19 to 63 were trapped 700 meters below the ground. At the beginning, they tried to escape through the mine's air openings, but they could not because they were blocked by immense rocks. They panicked, but one of the miners called Luis Urzua persuaded them that they should stay together as one group, use the strength of each other to keep their spirits up and survive.

There were enough emergency supplies of food and water for two to three days. They had to make this supply last longer as they did not know how long they would be underground for. So, they agreed as a team to take meals only once every two days.

While the miners were busy finding ways to survive under the ground, rescuers were carefully digging down into the rocks to see if they could find any sign of life. For sixteen days, the trapped miners heard the drill getting closer. On the 22nd of August, one of the 30 investigative drills broke through into the space where the miners were. The miners attached a note to the drill, "***We are fine in the shelter, the 33 of us***" to let the rescuers know that they were alive. Later, video cameras were sent down the drill hole and pictures of the miners were seen by the families who were camping on-site in the tents during the rescue effort. They also sent communication devices, food, water, first aid supplies and lighting devices to the trapped miners in a blue plastic capsule. Thirty-five days later, the rescue teams made a tunnel that was wide enough to bring the miners out.

Meanwhile, a team of engineers from NASA designed a special steel capsule called the "Phoenix." It was painted in blue, red and white, the colours of the Chilean flag. It was very big, about 420 kg in weight and 1.9 metres long. It was made just wider than a man's shoulders, about 53 cm wide, to go smoothly through the narrow tunnel. Therefore, miners were restricted to a diet of 2000 calories a day to ensure that they could fit into the capsule to be brought up to the surface through the tunnel.

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Reading 3 (continued)

On the 12th of October, the rescue began. The steel capsule brought up the men one by one. The operation worked well and was completed in twenty-three hours. All the thirty-three miners were lifted safely to the surface after being trapped for sixty-nine days under the ground. The rescue was reported much more widely than previous mining rescue attempts. It was shown live on TV news broadcasts around the world that more than 1 billion people watched.

The 33 miners are remembered in many books and films. However, the best portrait I have ever read was called, 'Deep Down Dark.' It was written in 2014 by the journalist Héctor Toba, who received exclusive access to the miners and their tales. He described how the miners felt and what they had experienced underground. One year later, the novel was turned into a film called, "The 33."

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

46. Where was the mine located? (country)

47. How did miners manage the shortage of food?

48. How did rescuers know that the miners were alive?

49. Who camped in tents outside the mine?

50. What items were sent to the miners through the drill hole? (list one)

51. Why were the miners restricted to a 2000 calories diet?

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Reading 3 (continued)

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

52. The Phoenix designers were concerned about the capsule's _____.

☐ weight

☐ colour

☐ size

53. The miners stayed under the ground for _____ days.

☐ 16

☐ 35

☐ 69

54. About one billion people _____.

☐ watched the live
rescue

☐ read the 'Deep
Down Dark'

☐ watched 'The
33' film

55. "The 33" film was produced in _____.

☐ 2010

☐ 2014

☐ 2015

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Writing 1 (continued)

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(10 marks)

Situation: Imagine you are Nasser/Nasra Al Ajmi. Last month, you applied for a job in a well-known company, but you have not received any reply yet.

Task: Write a **letter** / an **email** to the company manager for following up:

- provide information about the job you applied for
- express what makes you a good candidate for the position
- ask the company when you can expect to hear an answer from them.

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

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Writing 2 (continued)

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