# GRADE TEN — BASIC EDUCATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM for ABSENTEES (APPROVED CASES) SEMESTER ONE — 2007/ 2008

TIME: 2½ hours TOTAL MARKS: 60 PAGES: 5 LISTENING 1 (Items 1 - 4) You will hear a conversation between Salim and his mother. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: A, B, or C. Salim's project is about \_\_\_\_\_ C. an island B. a city A. a palace The project must be ready \_\_\_\_\_ A. at the end of this week B. by next week C. tomorrow 3. He shows his mother a photo of \_\_\_\_\_ A. some old statues B. a famous archaeologist C. a wooden building **4.** He got the photo from B. a friend A. the Internet C. the school library LISTENING 2 (Items 5 - 8) You will hear a tourist talking about visiting Britain. Listen, and for each question, write a short answer (ONE or TWO WORDS only). 5. Which place in Britain does she like <u>least</u>? **6.** When did she go to Stirling? In \_\_\_\_\_ (year) 7. When was Stirling Castle built? \_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago 8. What did she **not** like in Stirling? LISTENING 3 (Items 9 - 11) You will hear three people talking about their friends. Who are they talking about? Listen and number the pictures: 1, 2, 3. (There are three extra pictures.) D. E.

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Com	CABULARY 1 (Items 1 - aplete the text. Use <u>five</u> of ere are three extra words i	the words in the	box. Write C	ONE word	d in each space.
		avoided opened	decided replaced		clined
com	r graduating from universit panies, but he was not acc own business, selling comp	epted by any of thuters. He moved	nem. So he ( to Newcastle	(2) and (3)	to set up
he (  VOC  Mate	op there in 1997. At first, dly, until finally, in June 19  5) to his how to his how to his how to his how the definitions with the are are five extra words in	99, his business of metown and lived  10)  words in the box	ollapsed com with his pare	pletely. ents for a	Deeply disappointed, while.
	Example: low in price; no		<i>F</i>	A	mysterious
6.	Liked by a lot of people			- B C D	popular courageous ashamed
7.	Real; true; not false or fa	ke	***************************************	— E	cruel cheap
8.	Strange; not known about  Able to wait calmly for a least		-	G H	brilliant patient
9.	getting angry			_ I	common
	Extremely clever or skilful			K	responsible
Com	ABULARY 3 (Items 11 plete the unfinished word are given the first letter(s)	in each sentence		ı spell th	e word correctly.
11.	Millions of soldiers died in	the world w	from 1	1939 and	1945.
	"There's no need to <b>sh</b>				
	If you ride a motorbike, yo				
14. 15.	"I'm so <i>ti</i> When they examined the reptile.				

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	a	fall	fell	in	on	so	the	to	
I've	always be	een interest	ed <b>(1)</b>		spa	ce travel. So	when r	ny uncle	
offer	red (2) _		take me	e to (3)		Nationa	Space	Museum in	
Lond	lon, I was	very happy	y. Unfortu	nately, the o	day be	fore our trip,	he (4)		
dow	n the stail	rs and brok	e his arm,	(5)		_ we couldn't	go!		
Com	plete eac		. Choose			<b>A</b> , <b>B</b> , <b>C</b> or <b>D</b> .			
6.				not finishing		et. finished	D.	've finished	
7.	I'm bore	d	this fil	m. Can't we	watch	something e	else?		
						with		at	
8.	If she		my numb	er, she wou	ld have	e phoned me	last wee	ek.	
	A. lost					hadn't lost			
9.	Stop	s	uch a noise	e! Your gran	ndma's	trying to sle	ер.		
	A. mak	es	B. to	make	C.	make	D.	making	
10.	The roon	n was full o	f people		wante	d to book tic	kets for	the concert.	
	A. they		B. wh			and		who	
		(Items 1 text. In each		write <b>ONE V</b>	VORD	only.			
Spea	ker A:	What are	ou doing	this evening	?				
Speaker B: (11)'s a good film on at the cinema. (12)				12)					
			o come wit						
Speaker A:		I'm (13) sure. It depends what kind of film it is.							
		(14) it's another one of those boring 'action' movies,							
		I'm not in						,	
Spea	ker B:			like that at	all. It	s <b>(15)</b>	sc	ience film.	
Speaker B: Don't worry. It's not like that at all. It's (15) science fi  It's in French and it's all about penguins in Antarctica.									

Write your answers on your answer paper.

#### READING 1 (Items 1 - 5)

Match the five texts on the left with the texts in the box.

Write A, B, C, etc, as in the example. (There are two extra texts in the box.)

<u>Ex</u> .	It's a really beautiful place.	<i>F</i>		Chinese to help them do calculations.
1.	The story is set on a ship sailing across the Atlantic.		В	The problem is, I'm so busy with my work that I don't have enough time.
2.	I know that getting regular exercise is a good idea.		С	I sailed out into the middle of the lake and spent the afternoon fishing.
3.	The phonemic alphabet is a very useful invention.		D	They were able to raise more than five hundred rials for the survivors.
4.	In the tomb, the archae- ologists discovered several broken vases.	0	Е	It helps students by telling them how to pronounce any new word that they meet.
5.	The students agreed to do a fun run for the disaster appeal.		F	Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.
	арреат.		G	Later, they were able to date this pottery back to the Bronze Age.
			Н	At first, the voyage goes perfectly, but then suddenly disaster strikes.

A It was invented by the ancient

## READING 2 (Items 6 - 10)

Read the text, and then complete the task on page 5.

Khalfan was on holiday in Malaysia. At first he stayed in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, but after three days he got tired of the heat and noise of the city. He wanted to get out and see some of the Malaysian countryside. So he looked at a map and some brochures and was attracted by the idea of visiting the Genting Highlands, eighty kilometres to the east of the capital. But he didn't have any transportation, so he went to the car rental office in his hotel and hired a small Japanese saloon car for seven days.

When he set off the following day, it took him a while to get used driving the tiny, unfamiliar car — back in Oman he had a BMW — but he arrived safely in the Genting Highlands. It was a beautiful place, but all of the hotels were full — he hadn't listened to the Car Rental people, who had advised him to book a room in advance. So, in the end, he had to spend the night on the back seat of the car!

He didn't get much sleep, but when he woke up, a couple of cups of coffee made him feel better, and the cool mountain air helped. It was raining, but he thought it would be nice to have a look around, so he got back into the car, started the engine and pulled out of the car park. Unfortunately, he was driving on the wrong side of the road! (He forgot that in Malaysia, they drive on the left.) It was still very early, and the roads were empty, so he drove for two kilometres without noticing his mistake. Suddenly, after going round a sharp bend in the road, he saw a huge lorry coming straight at him! He got off the road just in time, but crashed into a tree. He wasn't very badly injured, but he had to spend five days in the local hospital. Then he drove back to Kuala Lumpur — on the left side of the road! — and arrived just in time to deliver the car back to the rental office...

## READING 2 (cont'd)

For each item, choose the correct option: **A**, **B** or **C**.

6. Khalfan left Kuala Lumpur and went to \_\_\_\_\_

A. the beach B. an island

7. He rented a car for \_\_\_\_\_

B. five days

C. a week

C. the mountains

He spent the first night in \_\_\_

A. a hotel

A. three days

B. hospital

C. a car park

His car hit a

A. tree

B. wall

C. lorry

10. He had the accident because he wasn't used to driving \_

A. small Japanese cars B. on Malaysian roads C. on wet, slippery roads

#### WRITING 1

Write a PARAGRAPH about a country called Mongolia. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.

# Mongolia

capital city/ Ulan Bator summers/ short/ very hot

gold/ copper/ coal

Central Asia

surface area/ 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup> agriculture/ mining

population/ 2.9 million winters/ long/ very cold

#### **WRITING 2**

Imagine you are Fahad/Farah. Your pen friend in Britain has written this letter to you:

Dear Fahad/ Farah,

I heard from your brother that you were ill. What happened? Did you have to go into hospital? Are you OK now? Please write as soon as you can, Paul/ Paula

Answer Paul/Paula's letter. Write at least 75 words. Your letter should be friendly and interesting. Do not write an address.

Write your answers on your answer paper.