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GRADE TEN — BASIC EDUCATION ENGLISH PAPER for ABSENTEES SEMESTER TWO

TIME: 21/2 hours TOTAL MARKS: 60 PAGES: 6 LISTENING 1 (Items 1 - 4) You will hear a conversation between a husband and wife. Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: A, B or C. The house they live in now is very ______. C. expensive A. small B. old 2. The price of the house in the advert is rials. C. 180,000 B. 80,000 A. 18,000 The man doesn't want to buy the house because of _____ A. problems with money B. its location At the end, they decide to ______. B. go to the bank C. look at the house A. buy the house LISTENING 2 (Items 5 - 8) You will hear someone talking about a magazine. Listen and complete the table. Number of Started: **(5)** _____ (year) readers (now): What kind of Plan for next (8) _ language magazine? vear: edition. LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11) You will hear three people speaking. What are they doing? For each speaker, choose ONE of the items in the box. Write A, B, C, etc, as in the example. Example: "Now students. Who can tell me the correct answer to number five?" ___F **ACTIVITIES** (1) _____ A using the Internet B buying a present **10.** (2) _____ C reading a book **11.** (3) _____ D buying some food E watching TV G going to the cinema

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY	1	(Items	1	-	5	
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Complete the text. Use $\underline{\text{five}}$ of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

	agriculture		area	clim	ate	des	ert	
	disease	m	edicine	plan	et	sun	light	
A forest is a large (1) of tree-covered land. Tropical rainforests are found near the Equator, where the hot, wet, tropical (2) helps trees and plants grow								
	quickly. In some place							
	ot reach the dark fore							
	4) pre							
	rtunately, forests are		aestroyea, ro	or exam	oie, b	y farmers w	no w	ant to use the
land	for (5)							
VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10) Complete each sentence. Choose the correct option: A, B, C or D.								
6.	We need to save elect	tricity B.				the TV, tur		
7	When the book was _		in	2005 n	nore t	han 100 000) cor	nies were sold
7.	A. manufactured							
			77.0					
8.	Unfortunately, the do							
	A. cure	В.	improve	C	illici	rease	υ,	cause
9.	The o							
	A. editor	В.	member	С	. lea	der	D.	captain
10.	We want to	0	ur business,	so we're	goin	g to open a	new	shop in Sohar.
	A. export	В.	exercise	C	. exa	amine	D.	expand

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VOCABULARY 3 (In For each item, read the		e the word in the space	provided.			
	-	. Make sure you spell th				
Example: kitch		room where food is prep y keep the fridge in the				
11	(verb) to tell someone.g. We should inf	one about something the police abou	t the accident.			
12	(adjective) feeling that you need to rest or sleep e.g. <i>I was very ti after a hard day's work.</i>					
13	(noun) a film or pla	y which is funny and has	a happy ending			
14		ood that someone eats even have a balanced, healt				
15		nd of shop where you can e local phis op				
GRAMMAR 1 [Item Complete the dialogu		noose the correct option:	A , B , C or D .			
Speaker A: Look!	again!					
Speaker B: Oh no! T	hat means we'll(2	2) stay at home!				
Speaker A: Yes, you'r	re right. So (3)	_ shall we do?				
Speaker B: Why(4) play some con	nputer games?				
Speaker A: Good idea	! (5) like sor	ne coffee before we start	?			
1. A. It rains	B. It's raining	C. It rained	D. It rain			
2. A. must	B. have to	C. need	D. going to			
3. A. what	B. when	C. how	D. where			
4. A. we don't	B. not we	C. don't we	D. aren't we			
5. A. Are you	B. Did you	C. Would you	D. Do you			
GRAMMAR 2 (Item Complete each senter		D only.				
6. When I was young	, I used	ride a bike.				
7. we d	on't leave now, we'll l	be late.				
8. Where	_ you go last weeken	id?				
9. They haven't had a	a holiday	five years.				
10 It's the	polluted place The	over coop!				

Look If the	MMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15) ∴ at the sentences. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). ∴ sentence is not correct, write it correctly. ∴ ot change the meaning of the sentence.					
<u>I</u>	Examples: Ahmed is a nice man.					
	Salma are a nice woman. Salma is a nice woman.					
11.	Alia bought a few book.					
	276. 3434					
12.	I have to go to bank.					
13.	The baby's asleep. Don't wake him up!					
14.	It's too hot to go out.					
15.	I've wrote to her three times.					
REA Rea	DING 1 [Items 1 - 4] d the text, and then for each question, write a short answer (ONE or TWO WORDS).					
he	orn in England in 1950, Richard Branson is now a world-famous businessman, but when was a teenager, life was not easy. He suffered from dyslexia, which means difficulty th reading and writing, and this made school a constant struggle for him.					
16 te	Despite this challenge, he started a national magazine called 'Student' when he was only 16, and the following year, he opened a student advisory centre, which provided help for teenagers. At the age of 19, he entered the music industry, selling records by mail. Then, when he was 20, he opened his own record shop in London. Two years later, in 1972, he built his own recording studio, which was a great success.					
Branson has never been afraid to take risks, and in 1984 he took a huge step. He started his own airline called 'Virgin Atlantic Airways', which is now the second largest British international airline. It offers low prices and some unusual services for passengers, including ice-cream during movies, private rooms, showers and exercise facilities!						
pe th su	oday, Richard Branson owns about 150 companies and employs more than 5,000 eople. With his self-confident, charismatic personality, he is able to inspire and influence be people around him. He believes that employees are the most important part of a auccessful business. Every month, he writes a letter to all the people who work for him, witing them to express their ideas and talk about their problems.					
1.	What two skills caused problems for Branson at school? and					
	What was his first business?					
3.	3. How old was he when he set up a recording studio?					
4.	In Branson's opinion, what makes a business successful?					

READING 2 (Items 5-10)

Read the following two e-mails. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: A, B or C.

Text 1

Hi Karl-Heinz,

How are you? I arrived home from Germany late on Saturday evening. The train journey from Dortmund to Den Haag was fine, but crossing the North Sea wasn't much fun! There was a storm, so it took us nearly four hours to reach England — and I was sick three times!

Anyway, I'm OK now, and I just wanted to say 'many thanks' again to you and your parents. I really enjoyed my week in Germany, and I hope I can stay longer next time!

But before that, of course, you must come and visit me! My mum and dad would really like to meet you. I asked them if you could come here in June, but they said no - I've got my exams then, and July is difficult because my sister Sandra's getting married on the 24^{th} . So they think August would be better. Is that OK for you? Please let me know as soon as possible.

Best wishes to you and your parents...

James

5.	James travelled back to the UK	by train and				
	A. ship	B. plane	C.	bus		
6.	He stayed in Germany for	days.				
	A. five	B. seven	C.	ten		
7.	7. He invites Karl-Heinz to visit him in					
	A. June	B. July	C.	August		

Text 2

Hi James,

Many thanks for your message. I'm glad you enjoyed your stay with us. And yes, August sounds good, but I'll have to check with my parents first. It should be OK, though...

As you know, I took lots of photos during your visit, using my brand-new digital camera, of course! I want to send you the best ones — but the problem is, there are so many, it's difficult to decide which *are* the best!

By the way, we've found something of yours — your diary! (Lucky it wasn't your passport!) It was in your bedroom. You must have left it behind when you were packing. Would you like me to post it you?

Anyway, I must stop now. I need to get some sleep. I'm not feeling too well — I think I've caught the flu! But I'll write again soon...

Best wishes to you and all the family,

Karl-Heinz

READING 2 (cont'd)

8.	Karl-Heinz will	be able to accept Jam	be able to accept James's invitation.				
	A. not	B. probably	C. certainly				
9.	When James left Germ	any, he forgot to take his	with him				
	A. camera	B. passport	C. diary				

10. Karl-Heinz is having a problem with his

A. computer B. camera

C. health

WRITING 1

Describe and comment on the picture below. Write 20 - 30 words.



WRITING 2

Write at least 75 words about the following topic:

'Everyone should learn how to use a computer.'

(Do you agree? Give your reasons)

Your writing should be clear, well-organised and interesting.

Write your answers on your answer paper.