



**GRADE TEN — GENERAL EDUCATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM for ABSENTEES (APPROVED CASES)
SEMESTER TWO — 2007/08**

TIME: 2½ hours

TOTAL MARKS: 60

PAGES: 6

LISTENING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

You will hear a conversation between a teenager and his grandmother.

*Listen, and for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B** or **C**.*

1. The boy talks to his grandmother because he needs some _____.
A. money B. information C. advice
2. She says that, in the old days, if people had a cough, they drank _____.
A. honey B. hot tea C. orange juice
3. For an insect bite, she says they used a _____.
A. piece of lemon B. special cream C. wet cloth
4. At the end, she says she will _____.
A. buy some medicine B. visit a relative C. arrange a meeting

LISTENING 2 (Items 5 – 8)

You will hear a tourist guide talking about a fort. Listen and complete the table.

*Write **ONE WORD** only.*

Place:	(5) _____ Africa	Decoration:	(7) Pictures of _____
Built:	(6) In the _____ century	King's hobby:	(8) Collecting _____

LISTENING 3 (Items 9 – 11)

*You will hear three people speaking. What are they talking about? For each speaker, choose ONE of the items in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example.*

Example: "I always eat there. They serve really excellent food." F

9. (1) _____
10. (2) _____
11. (3) _____

TALKING ABOUT:

- A an office
- B a friend
- C a shopping centre
- D a film
- E an old man
- F a restaurant
- G a book

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Complete the text. Use five of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space.
(There are three extra words in the box.)

became	decided	discovered	exported
invented	invited	produced	returned

When the American archaeologist, George Wilson **(1)** _____ the tomb of the Aztec king, Zanapetl, he **(2)** _____ world famous. After completing his work, he **(3)** _____ to the United States and was **(4)** _____ by the President to have dinner at the White House. The government also **(5)** _____ to reward him with a prize of \$100,000. However, being rich and famous did not change him.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Complete each sentence/short text. Choose the correct option: **A, B, C or D.**

6. The _____ in this room is very nice. I especially like the dining table.
A. advantage B. furniture C. information D. heritage
7. The water is _____ from the sea into the desalination plant.
A. exported B. irrigated C. manufactured D. pumped
8. Early in the morning, the king's army _____ the fort.
A. attacked B. collected C. crashed D. decorated
9. On my holiday, I _____ a lot of photos. Would you like to see them?
A. made B. put C. did D. took
10. Can you help me carry this box, please? It's too _____ for me.
A. great B. heavy C. deep D. light

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Complete each sentence. Write **ONE WORD** only.

6. I usually go to school _____ bus.
7. "It's _____ most beautiful mosque I have ever seen!"
8. "What _____ you have for dinner last night?"
9. Saif is younger _____ me.
10. Khalsa was born _____ 23 May 1992.

GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Look at the sentences. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

If the sentence is not correct, write it correctly.

Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

Examples: Ahmed is a nice man. _____ ✓

Salma are a nice woman. Salma is a nice woman.

11. I'm going buy a new car. _____
12. Oil is produce in Oman. _____
13. Did you see him last night? _____
14. She has a lot friends. _____
15. Have you finished your work? _____

READING 1 [Items 1 - 4]

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

Maple trees grow in cold parts of the world, in countries like China, Japan and North America. They grow very fast and often reach a height of thirty or forty metres. They can live for about two hundred years.

The wood of the maple tree is not very useful, but the juice from the trunk is used to produce a sweet, sticky liquid called 'maple syrup'. This is put on cakes and puddings to give them extra taste.

Maples are an especially beautiful kind of tree and many people like to grow them in parks and gardens. In the summer their leaves are light green, but in autumn they change and become bright red. At this time of year, thousands of tourists go to places in Japan and North America to see these beautiful colours. The red maple leaf can also be seen on the flag of Canada.

READING 1 (cont'd)

Read the text, and for each question, write a short answer (**ONE or TWO WORDS only**).

1. What is the best climate for maple trees? _____
2. Why are maple trees popular? *Because they are* _____
3. What colour are maple leaves in the autumn? _____
4. Which country has a maple leaf on its flag? _____

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read the following two texts. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

Text 1

Hi Saif,

A friend of mine (who has a friend in Oman) gave me your name and address. He told me that you might be interested in having a pen friend, and that's why I'm writing to you now! I hope you don't mind.

First, let introduce myself. My name is Peter Davies and I'm from Australia. I'm sixteen years old and still at school, of course. My parents run a computer company in Adelaide, my hometown, which is on the south coast of Australia. Like many Australians, I love sport, especially cricket, rugby and tennis. In fact, sport is my only real hobby!

Hoping to hear from you soon, Best wishes, Peter

5. Peter got Saif's name and address from _____.
A. a magazine B. the Internet C. a friend
6. Peter lives in the _____ of Australia.
A. north B. south C. west
7. His father is a _____.
A. writer B. businessman C. sportsman

Text 2

Hi Peter,

I was very happy to receive your letter — and, yes, of course, I would like to be your pen friend! I was especially glad to hear that you love sport — me, too! You mentioned cricket, rugby and tennis, but you didn't say anything about the sport that I like most — which is, football! Isn't that popular in Australia, too?

Some information about myself. As you know, I live in Muscat, which is the capital city of Oman. My parents are both teachers, but I want to be a doctor! I have two sisters, but no brothers. I'm actually one year older than you — but my birthday was only two weeks ago, so there probably isn't a big difference in our ages! I enclose a photo of my family — that's me on the right! Could you send me a picture of your family?

Hoping to hear from you again soon, Best wishes to you and your family, Saif

