

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

GRADE EIGHT

Semester One

Second Session

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 2 hours

Pages: 10

TEST SCORES	LISTENING	10	
	GRM/VCB	10	
	READING	10	
	WRITING	10	
	TOTAL	40	

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-5)**(5 marks)**

*You are going to hear five people speaking. What are they talking about?
Listen and for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.*

a journey

free time

favourite
food

diving

visiting
a relativea road
accident**1.**☐☐☐☐☐☐**2.**☐☐☐☐☐☐**3.**☐☐☐☐☐☐**4.**☐☐☐☐☐☐**5.**☐☐☐☐☐☐

LISTENING 2 (Items 6-10)**(5 marks)**

You are going to hear a text about **Lilley Cheng**.

Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

6. How long was Lilley's holiday?

7. Which city did he want to visit?

8. How did he feel on the driving test -day?

9. What did he break?

10. Who went with him to the hospital?

**LISTENING
SCORE**

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VOCABULARY (Items 1-5)**(2½ marks)**

For each item, read the definition and the example.

Then complete the word in the space provided.

You are given the first letter(s) of the word. Make sure your spelling is correct.

Example:

(noun) a room where food is prepared and cooked

e.g. They keep the fridge in the **kit** c h e n.

1. (noun) a machine or device which was made by a person and didn't exist before.

e.g. Edison made a very important **inv** _ _ _ _ _ in our life.

2. (adjective) animals which are in danger of extinction.

e.g. Green Turtle is one of the **end** _ _ _ _ _ animals in the world.

3. (verb) To chase and kill an animal.

e.g. Some people **h** _ _ _ animals for their fur.

4. (noun) a place where wild birds are kept and displayed in a modern zoo.

e.g. if you want to see variety of beautiful birds they will be in the **av** _ _ _ _

5. (adjective) not cheap

e.g. His new car is very **exp** _ _ _ _ _ .He spent all his money to buy it.



GRAMMAR (Items 6-10)**(2½ marks)**

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

(There are five extra words in the box.)

Water is important (6) _____ no animal or plant can live without water. If you do not drink enough water, your body (7) _____ slow down. Then, your brain will not work well so you will have a headache (8) _____ start to feel sick. There (9) _____ two types of water; salt and fresh water. Most (10) _____ the fresh water in the world is frozen.

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| 7. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11-20)**(5 marks)**

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

When I was a child, I (11)_____in a small town. It (12)_____near the beach. It had (13)_____old buildings and houses. Now, I am living in a villa (14)_____Muscat. It is (15)_____to some big malls and green parks. There's also an amazing (16)_____with lovely exciting animals and birds. In the evenings, I go jogging on the beach. It is my favourite (17)_____time activity. I also (18)_____shells with my sister. There (19)_____many things you can do here. I (20)_____this city.

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| 11. ☐ live | ☐ lives | ☐ lived | ☐ living |
| 12. ☐ was | ☐ were | ☐ has | ☐ have |
| 13. ☐ a | ☐ an | ☐ some | ☐ very |
| 14. ☐ in | ☐ on | ☐ of | ☐ with |
| 15. ☐ closing | ☐ close | ☐ clothes | ☐ clock |
| 16. ☐ bank | ☐ pharmacy | ☐ school | ☐ zoo |
| 17. ☐ free | ☐ fast | ☐ freeze | ☐ fame |
| 18. ☐ complete | ☐ collect | ☐ connect | ☐ call |
| 19. ☐ is | ☐ are | ☐ has | ☐ have |
| 20. ☐ love | ☐ loves | ☐ loving | ☐ lovely |

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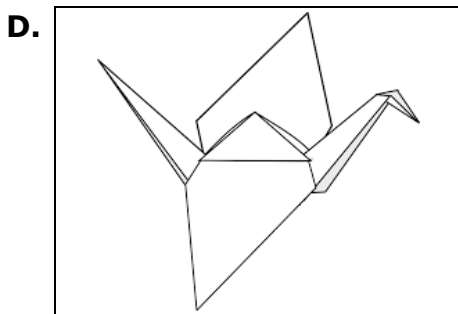
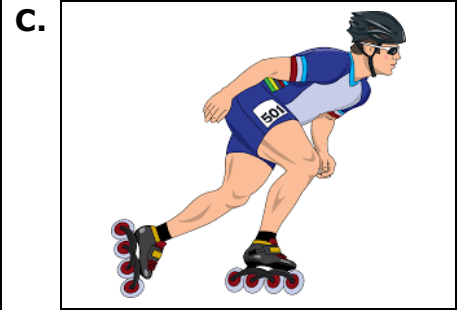
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READING 1 (Items 1-4)

(4 marks)

Match the texts with the pictures.

For each text, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.



Pictures

Texts

- 1.** My teacher asked my group to make a paper model bird. I think this book will help me on how to make one.
- 2.** He is a very adventurous person. He likes to practice dangerous activities in his free time. He likes skating the most.
- 3.** My sister enjoys sewing in her free time. Last week she made a beautiful dress for my dolls.
- 4.** My father's favourite hobby is photography. He likes to take photos for all the family gathering and trips.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



READING 2 (Items 5-10)**(6 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Around hundred years ago, educated people spoke French when they met people from other countries. Nowadays, people speak English when they meet foreigners. It has become the new international language. There are many reasons why English has become so popular.

To begin with, English has become the language of business. Another important reason is that popular American culture like films and music have quickly spread throughout the world. It has brought its language with it. It's important to have a language that people have in common. Our world has become very global and we need to communicate with one another. That is why English is the world language.

On the other hand, English is a fairly difficult language to learn and it brings its culture with it. Scientists have already tried to create an artificial language that isn't too difficult and doesn't include any one group's culture. It is called Esperanto. But it hasn't become popular.

Maybe the popularity of English won't last that long either. Who knows? There are more people in the world who speak Chinese than any other languages. Maybe someday Chinese will be the new international language.

READING 2 (continued)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

5. Many years ago, educated people spoke _____.
☐ English ☐ Chinese ☐ French
6. English spread through _____.
☐ films ☐ songs ☐ films & songs
7. English is _____ to learn.
☐ easy ☐ difficult ☐ different
8. Esperanto is _____ language.
☐ a well-used ☐ a popular ☐ an artificial
9. Esperanto doesn't include specific _____.
☐ rules ☐ cultures ☐ religions
10. According to the text, _____ may become the new international language in the future.
☐ Japanese ☐ Chinese ☐ Esperanto

**READING
SCORE**

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WRITING 1**(4 marks)**

Write a paragraph about a famous scientist called **Albert Einstein**. Use **ALL** the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Albert Einstein

born/ German /1879

walked and talked late

one sister/ one daughter and 2 sons

difficulty in writing

Nobel Prize/ physics/1921

died/USA/1955

age/ 76 years

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(6 marks)

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

[illegible]

Marker A	Marker B	Average

10