



Mock Diploma Examination for General Education

Semester One – First Session
English Language ‘Core’

ELEMENT	Marks		Red Marker	Green Marker	Blue Checker
			Name	Name	Name
LISTENING	15				
VOCABULARY/ GRAMMAR	10				
READING	25				
WRITING 1	10				
WRITING 2	10				
TOTAL					

Final Total in Numbers

Final Total in Words

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LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)**(7 marks)**

You are going to hear a conversation between **Maryam** and **her father**.
 Listen, and shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

1. Maryam is in _____.
☐ Australia ☐ Oman ☐ The Uk
2. Maryam's _____ got infected with COVID 19.
☐ Brother ☐ mother ☐ father
3. During the total lockdown, Maryam suffers from _____.
☐ Loneliness ☐ Stress ☐ A lack of food
4. Maryam's university has _____.
☐ Closed down ☐ Shifted to distance learning ☐ Move to online learning
5. The main challenge that Maryam is facing now is _____.
☐ keeping focused during online lectures ☐ submitting work on time ☐ architecture software
6. Maryam's father promised to _____.
☐ call back ☐ send money ☐ visit her
7. Maryam can't return home now because _____.
☐ She is busy with her final project ☐ She can't afford it ☐ The airports are closed



LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)**(8 marks)**

You are going to hear a talk about a young entrepreneur called **Lizzie**.

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

8. Who first discovered Lizzie's talent?

9. How old was Lizzie when she started her first business?

10. What did she spend the money on from her first business?

11. What does Lizzie post on her website?

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

Lizzie was invited by the fitness programmer to speak to _____ about the

12. importance of exercising.

☐

parents

☐

adults

☐

students

13. Lizzie borrowed money from a bank to _____ .

☐

expand her business

☐

help her father

☐

produce films

14. One of her future plans is to _____ .

☐

launch more websites

☐

get a job

☐

join a college

15. Lizzie is planning to publish a book on _____.

☐

Setting up a business

☐

Healthy cooking

☐

Communication skills

(_____)

15

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

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

- 16.** I like this restaurant. Its and quite.

☐ cozy☐ tiny☐ cozy☐ costly

- 17.** It is really a city. We can't visit all of it's historical sights in a week

☐ative☐ massive☐ effective☐ restive

- 18.** Most companies try to their customers by their deceptive advertisements.

☐lead☐ Cheerlead☐ out lead☐ repeat

- 19.** Japandifferent generation of cars. It's cars are really strong.

☐ports☐ exports☐ sorts☐ treads

- 20.** She is very..... and I have headache , I wish if she changed her seat.

☐isy☐ calm☐ quit☐ strong

GRAMMAR (Items 21–25)**(2½ marks)**

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

Speaker A: ☐ Hi, it's great to see you today, but ⁽²¹⁾ **is / are** everything alright?

Speaker B: ☐ Honestly, it's not. I have just been ⁽²²⁾ **checking / checked** the

newest news.

Speaker A: ☐ Why? what's wrong? Have you checked the news ⁽²³⁾ **from / since**

yesterday .

Speaker B: well. there was a hurricane in our capital city last night.

Speaker A: ☐ that's really so terrible news! was is as bad ⁽²⁴⁾ **as / than** the last year.

Speaker B: ☐ was a disaster. There ⁽²⁵⁾ **were / had** a lot of people who lose their houses and some of them injured.

Speaker A: What a terrible news, I am so sad

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 26–30)**(5 marks)**

It is time to learn how you can live a more (26) _____ and healthy lifestyle. Remember, nowadays education has become (27) _____, so students need tips to (28) _____ sicknesses resulted from sitting before computers for hours. For example, they should do Total Physical Response (29) _____ to stay awake during lessons. They also have to drink enough water and get enough hours (30) _____.

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| 26. | <input type="radio"/> active | <input type="radio"/> passive | <input type="radio"/> unhealthy | <input type="radio"/> wrong |
| 27. | <input type="radio"/> online | <input type="radio"/> impossible | <input type="radio"/> offline | <input type="radio"/> unimportant |
| 28. | <input type="radio"/> get | <input type="radio"/> avoid | <input type="radio"/> study | <input type="radio"/> work |
| 29. | <input type="radio"/> exams | <input type="radio"/> diet | <input type="radio"/> advice | <input type="radio"/> exercises |
| 30. | <input type="radio"/> medicine | <input type="radio"/> drugs | <input type="radio"/> sleep | <input type="radio"/> food |

(_____)	
	10

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** When I was young, I used to enjoy watching mother cook, especially when she was preparing my favorite omelets. when the eggs turned golden and mother flipped them over. .I would jump and clap my hands with glee

Statement

The writer's mother was a horrible cook

True**False**☐☐

- 32** "Look over there " She was a whispered. I was surprised that she was talking to me during a test, but I followed the direction of her eyes, Muna was copying her answer from a piece of paper that she held under her desk. At the other end of the classroom, Miss Reem was busy marking some books.

Statement

Miss Reem warned Muna of cheating

True**False**☐☐

- 33** Halima is an amiable person. whenever she meets people, she greets them with a big smile on her face. She is very easy to talk to, and never seems to get angry or upset. But the best thing about her is she's always ready to help people when they have a problem.

Statement

Amiable means very proud

True**False**☐☐

- 34** Once upon a time, there was a lady called Rahma. She was likable but a lazy lady who never did an ounce of work in her life. Her husband Ali was always nagging at her for being so lazy.

Statement

Rama's husband used to compliment her in her natural

True**False**☐☐

READING 1 (continued)**35**

- Last night I watched IT movie. It was about a clown who looked scary . He caught little boys and ladies to take them far away from their families.

Statement

IT is a horrible movie

True	False
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☐☐**36**

- There was a fire at Mohammed's house yesterday. His four years old son Ali was playing with matches, and he set fire to the furniture. luckily, the boy was rescued, but the whole house was destroyed and the family lost everything

Statement

The fire was caused by Mohammed

True	False
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☐☐**37**

- After more than a year of travelling alone, Rashed was sick and exhausted. He left Brazil and then made his way through the forests of Venezuela. His aim was to cross into .Columbia, where he could rest and recover. But he died before he could reach the border

Statement

Rashid died out side Colombia

True	False
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READING 2 (Items 38-45)**(8 marks)**

Read the text. Then for each item, shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

Hi Alexei!

Thanks for your last letter telling me about your family. They sound very normal — you're lucky! Mine are all a bit mad! Take my dad, for example. He works in a bank, but his big hobby is food. As soon as he gets home, he rushes into the kitchen, and starts cooking some wonderful new dish. But they all taste the same to me! Then there's my mum. She's a fitness fanatic, and we don't see much of her in the evenings because she's usually at her sports club. Not at the moment, though, because she broke her leg playing tennis and has to walk with a stick for a few weeks! As for my little sister Josie, she's so boring! She loves school, studying and even homework!

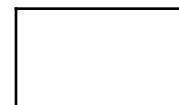
She hates sweets, TV and parties! Can you believe it? But the worst thing is, whenever she goes out, she takes an umbrella with her, even if the sun's shining! She looks so silly! Granny lives with us, too. She says she's decided to enjoy herself now that she's in her second year of eighty. So she's given up sewing and started doing parachuting instead! She goes every weekend, but she hasn't broken anything yet... Finally, my Auntie Joan,

she's the maddest of all of them! She lives just round the corner, and everything in her house is pink — walls, carpets, curtains, everything! She's even made a pink jacket for her dog! So you see how terrible my life is, Alexei, compared with yours. But what can I do? Write soon.

Best wishes,

Luke

38. Luke's father interested in.....
☐ Working ☐ eating ☐ travelling
39. When his mother broke her leg, she was at.....
☐ Party ☐ tennis yard ☐ gym
40. *His little sister Josie hates.....*
☐ Pizza ☐ Sochi ☐ Donut
41. His sister is so boring because she likes
☐ Sleeping ☐ Fighting ☐ Studying
42. His grandmother old is
☐ 82 ☐ 88 ☐ 80
43. His aunts favorite color is.....
☐ red ☐ pink ☐ Purple
44. His aunt made a pink for her pet
☐ shoes ☐ blanket ☐ Cloth
45. *Alexei thinks his life is.....*
☐ amazing ☐ boring ☐ Awful

**READING 3 (Items 46–55)****(10 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Arthur Conan Doyle is world-famous as the novelist who created Sherlock Holmes, the great detective. Doyle was born in 1859 in Scotland, although his father and mother were actually Irish. After leaving school, he studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh from 1876 until 1881. It was during his time as a student that he started writing, and his first success was a horror story called 'The Mystery of Sarassa Valley', which appeared in a magazine when he was just twenty.

After graduating from university, he got a job as a ship's doctor on a voyage to West Africa. After returning home in 1882, he opened a small clinic in Plymouth on the south coast of England. Unfortunately, he had very few patients, and because of this he started writing stories again.

This was when he wrote his first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet", which was published in 1887. When Doyle's friends read the story, they immediately recognized the similarity between Holmes and a brilliant professor who had taught them all at Edinburgh University. They also noticed that Holmes's loyal friend, Dr Watson, was very like Doyle himself.

His Sherlock Holmes books were incredibly popular and earned him a lot of money, so that in 1891 he was able to become a full-time writer. However, he actually preferred writing adventure stories, such as his famous novel, "The Lost World" (1912). In fact, he became so tired of producing detective stories that in 1893 he wrote a story called

"The Final Problem". In this book, he arranged for Holmes to 'die' in an accident in the Swiss Alps. However, the reaction from Doyle's fans was so strong that, after only three years, he was forced to bring him back again in "The Return of Sherlock Holmes". Eventually, Doyle produced a total of fifty-six short stories and four novels about Holmes. Despite his great success as a writer, Doyle's later life was often filled with sadness. First, his wife died of tuberculosis, and then two of his sons were killed in the 1st World War. Doyle himself died after a heart attack in 1930 at the age of 71.

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

46. In which part of the UK did Doyle grow up?

_____ (country)

47. How old was he when his first story was published ?

48. What kind of books did Doyle **most** enjoy writing?

_____ stories.

49. When did he give up being a doctor?

50. What happened to Holmes in "The Final Problem"?

51. How his wife was died?

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

52. Doyle's parents were _____

☐

Russian

☐

Irish

☐

Canadians

53. Doyle studied medicine for _____

☐

4years

☐

5years

☐

6years

54. Doyle's first story was _____ story.

☐

funny

☐

crazy

☐

Scary

55. The number of Doyle's publishes

☐ 5☐

56

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60

☐

(_____)

25

(10 marks)

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

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WRITING 1 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

(_____)

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WRITING 2 (continued)

Marker A	Marker B	Average

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