Part One: Reading  (45 minutes)  (25 marks)

A) Scan the passage and answer the following questions.  (5 marks)

1) What did she do in her free time?
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2) How long did Joanne take to finish writing the first Harry Potter book?
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3) How many copies of Harry Potter books were sold in 1999?
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4) Where was J. K. Rowling born?
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5) When was “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” in the bookstores?
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B) Answer the following questions.  (5 marks)

1) Where did she go to after leaving Portugal?
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2) Why was life difficult for Joanne? Give two reasons.

1. ____________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________

3) Why did Joanne want to leave England?
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4) What was the publisher wrong about?
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5) What did many book publishers say about her first book?
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C) Circle the correct answer. (3 marks)
1) What could be the title of the passage?
   a) Harry Potter Stories
   b) The life of Harry Potter
   c) The life of J. K. Rowling.
2) What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
   a) Her birth and education
   b) Her first job and marriage
   c) Her first book “Harry Potter”
3) What is the main idea of paragraph 4?
   a) The process of writing her first book
   b) The popularity of Harry Potter
   c) The success of her first book

D) Write the synonyms of the following words from the passage: (1.5 marks)
1) writer (lines 1-3) __________________
2) partly (lines 17-19) __________________
3) popular (lines 20-22) __________________

E) Write the antonyms of the following words from the passage: (1.5 marks)
1) noisy (lines 3-5) __________________
2) easy (lines 11-13) __________________
3) started (lines 16-18) __________________

F) What do the following words in the passage refer to? (2 marks)
1) she (line 10) __________________
2) her (line 16) __________________
3) They (line 18) __________________
4) They (line 26) __________________
G) Circle (T) if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false. (4 marks)

1) Joanne used to go to a coffee shop to write. T F
2) All book publishers liked her first book. T F
3) Harry Potter is in fifty six languages. T F
4) Joanne married an English man in Portugal. T F

H) Choose the best word from the box to complete the following sentences. There are two extra words. (3 marks)

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1) Joanne watched and helped her daughter. She ____________ her.
2) Joanne went to regular, ordinary schools. She did not go to ____________ schools.
3) Children like Harry Potter. ____________ like Harry Potter, too. People of all ages like Harry Potter.
4) Joanne had a meeting about a new job. She had an ________________.
5) Books are usually sold in ________________.
6) Harry Potter books are also ________________ in Arabic.
Part Two: Listening  
(30 minutes)  
(25 marks)

Listening Question 1:  
(10 marks)

You are going to listen to *a tour of a housing complex*. Listen carefully and answer the questions that follow. You will hear the recording twice. You have 1 minute to read the questions.

A. Circle the correct answer.  
(5 marks)

1. Vanessa is a tour guide in the University of ............................
   A. Washington D C   B. Washington   C. Welsh

2. There are ............ main dormitories in the university campus.
   A. two   B. three   C. four

3. The hall next to West Hall is ............................ Hall.
   A. East well   B. Blackwell   C. Back well

4. James Blackwell is a ......................
   A. teacher   B. tour guide   C. businessman

5. The University road is in front of ............................
   A. West Hall   B. Blackwell hall   C. Sports field

B. Circle (T) if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false.  
(5 marks)

6. There are four buildings across the road.  
   T   F

7. To the right of the dining rooms is the Students Affairs Office  
   T   F

8. There is a library in the housing complex.  
   T   F

9. Recreation Hall is the place where you can study.  
   T   F

10. They always have competitions in the sports field.  
    T   F
Listening Question 2: (15 marks)

You are going to listen to three conversations between two people. Listen carefully and answer the questions given below. You will hear the conversations twice. You will have 30 seconds to read the questions before each conversation.

Conversation 1: (5 marks)

A. Circle (T) if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false.

1. Jack plays basketball every Sunday afternoon. T F
2. Jack only enjoys painting. T F

B. Circle the correct answer.

3. Mary goes hiking and mountain climbing ....................
   A. alone B. with some friends C. with her family

4. Jack thinks climbing mountains is .........................
   A. fascinating B. beautiful C. dangerous

C. Fill in the gap:

5. Mary and Jack are planning to go for hiking and mountain climbing on ..........................
Conversation 2: (5 marks)

A. Circle the correct answer.
1. Everyday Susan gets up ..............
   A. early  B. late  C. on time
2. Susan travels by ..................to reach her workplace.
   A. car  B. bus  C. bike

B. Circle (T) if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false:
3. Susan gets back home at five o’clock. T  F
4. Susan usually relaxes when she gets back home. T  F

C. Fill in the gap:
5. On Saturdays, Susan goes shopping and .........................

Conversation 3 (5 marks)

A. Circle the correct answer.
1. Safia Al Habsi is Oman’s first .................
   A. sailor  B. swimmer  C. tennis player
2. Safia won Oman youth Trophy at the national sailing when she was.....................
   A. 8  B. 18  C. 80

B. Circle (T) if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false.
3. She was inspired by a Russian swimmer Ellen MacArthur T  F
4. The Ministry of Sports Affairs is sponsoring Safia. T  F

C. Fill in the gap.
5. She wants to ....................Omani children to sail.
Part Three: Writing (75 minutes) (25 marks)

Writing Question 1: (30 minutes) (10 marks)

Write a paragraph of about 75-100 words describing the scene in the picture. Your paragraph should be clear and well organized.
Writing Question 2:  
(40 minutes)  
(15 marks)

Write a 75-100-word paragraph about *your close friend’s daily routine*. Your paragraph should be clear and well organized.

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