Part One: Reading (40 minutes) (25 marks)

Part A: Circle T if the statement is true, and F if it is false. [4 marks]

1) Liverpool is a small English port. T F
2) Liverpool imports as well as exports. T F
3) Fire is not a hazard at the Albert Dock. T F
4) The art collection at The Walker Art Gallery is the largest in Great Britain. T F

Part B: Circle the best answer: [6 marks]

5) What is the main idea of paragraph 4?
   a) In the opinion of some historians, Liverpool grew rich because of the slave trade.
   b) By the 1730s, 15 ships a year were leaving for Africa.
   c) One hundred ships a year carried slaves in the early 1770s.

6) What is the main idea of paragraph 5?
   a) The city suffered heavy damage from German aircraft attacks in World War II.
   b) Liverpool has risen and fallen in importance since the 18th century.
   c) There was low capital investment in the docks.

7) What is the main idea of paragraph 6?
   a) The Beatles had a distinctive local sound.
   b) The Beatles’ music was called the Liverpool Sound.
   c) Liverpool became famous for music during the 1960s and music is still important.

Part C: Circle the best answer: [2 marks]

8) The best meaning for the word “displays” in line 18 is:
   a) sells   b) hides   c) shows

9) The best meaning for the word “declined” in line 33 is:
   a) decreased   b) went up   c) became
Part D: Answer the questions according to the reading passage. [4 marks]

10) Who was the Albert Dock designed by?
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11) Which materials were used to construct the Albert Dock?
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12) What architectural style of housing can be found in residential sections of the city?
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13) How many slave ships left Liverpool annually in the early 1770s?
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Part E: Complete the table with information from the passage. Use ONE word or a number for each blank space. [4 marks]

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<td>14)</td>
<td>The Albert Dock opened.</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>The University of Liverpool was 15)_______________.</td>
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<td>16)</td>
<td>Liverpool’s most well-known building, St. George’s Hall, was constructed.</td>
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<td>1940</td>
<td>17) ______________ aircraft attacked Liverpool for the first time in World War II.</td>
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Part F: Complete the summary with the best words from the box. There are **TWO EXTRA** words. [5 marks]

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Known as “the city of ships”, the port of Liverpool is a natural outlet for the products of the **18)** ___________________ . In the opinion of a number of historians, the city’s importance developed in the 17th century because the port **19)** ________________ the slave trade. The city grew **20)** ________________, as a consequence of this brutal trade. However, the **21)** ________________ of the city’s commercial importance was achieved in the 18th century when Liverpool became the major port of a cotton manufacturing centre. Later, in the 1960s, Liverpool attracted global attention and a **22)** ________________ as a flourishing music city because of a singing group known as the Beatles.
Part Two: Listening (30 minutes) (25 marks)

Question 1 (5 marks)

Listen to a conversation about advertising methods and answer the questions. You have to circle the best answers or provide short answers. You will hear the conversation twice. You have some time to read the questions before you listen to the conversation for the first time.

1. What kinds of products does the man want to advertise?

__________________________

2. According to the woman, the most effective advertising method for the man’s product is ____.
   a) jingles  b) print advertising  c) TV commercials

3. The woman says that outdoor advertising is very ____________________________.
   a) costly  b) catchy  c) persuading

4. Write two things that outdoor advertising includes.
   a. __________________ b. ________________

5. What can the woman organize for several companies?

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Question 2 (5 marks)

Listen to a conversation between Ahmed and Samia about the benefits of failure and answer the questions. You have to circle the best answers or provide short answers. You will hear the conversation twice. You have some time to read the questions before you listen to the conversation for the first time.

1. Naturally, what we do not think about is _____________.
   a) failure
   b) the benefits of failure
   c) the fear of failure

2. What is the first step to success?
   ___________________________________

3. Write one thing that is part of the human condition.
   _________________________________

4. What is the most important thing that Ahmed learns from failure?
   a) not to make mistakes
   b) not to miss opportunities
   c) not to make the same mistake again.

5. What does failure point out?
   _________________________________
Question 3 (5 marks)

Listen to a conversation about city messages and answer the questions. You have to circle the best answers or provide short answers. You will hear the conversation twice. You have some time to read the questions before you listen to the conversation for the first time.

1. Which cities send messages to us?
   a) all cities  
   b) only American cities  
   c) only great cities

2. Martina understands the messages of the cities ____________________________.
   a) she lived in  
   b) even without living there  
   c) which impress her

3. The clearest message New York sends is that you should be ______________.
   a) smarter  
   b) richer  
   c) stronger

4. What message does Silicon Valley send to us?
   
   You should be __________________________.

5. Why do people in Silicon Valley care about Larry and Sergey?
   
   Because they__________________________.
Question 4 (10 marks)

Listen to a part of a talk about measuring food portions and answer the questions. You have to circle the best answers or provide short answers, and complete the table. You will hear the talk twice. You have some time to read the questions before you listen to the talk for the first time.

1. In order to maintain a healthy balanced diet, you first need to know about _____________.
   a) portion sizes   b) food groups   c) measuring tools

2. The traditional measuring tools in kitchens are not always _________________.
   a) accurate   b) convenient   c) available

3. Write one advantage of the Zimbabwe Hand Jive.
   *Your hands are always _________________________________.

4. Write one thing that determines the size of your portion.
   ________________________________

5. A fist or cupped hand is equal to ½ cup of ________________________________ food.
   a) solid   b) liquid   c) any

Now complete the table below about the portion sizes of food you need daily using your hands as a guide. You should write only one word or a number in each space.

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<th>Measuring tool</th>
<th>Portions or Servings per day</th>
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<td>6. ___________</td>
<td>7-8</td>
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<td>7. ___________</td>
<td>fist</td>
<td>6 – 7</td>
<td>cooked pasta or rice</td>
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<tr>
<td>meat</td>
<td>palm</td>
<td>8. ___________</td>
<td>beef, chicken, fish</td>
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<td>high fat foods</td>
<td>9. ___________</td>
<td>keep to a minimum</td>
<td>mayonnaise</td>
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<td>snack food</td>
<td>handful</td>
<td>10. ___________</td>
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Part Three: Writing (80 minutes) (25 marks)

Question 1 (10 marks)

Recently, the number of shisha smokers has increased in Oman, and this has become a serious problem. Using the following information, write an essay in about 150 words suggesting solutions to this problem. Your essay should have an introduction with a thesis statement, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.

- creating awareness about the health problems through media, schools, colleges, and government departments
- stopping the sale of shisha in coffee shops and restaurants
- having strict rules to punish those who sell shisha
Question 2 (15 marks)

Write an argument essay of about 250 words on ONE of the topics below. Your essay should have an introduction with a clear thesis statement, body paragraphs, each with a topic sentence, and a conclusion.

**Topic 1**
The Colleges of Technology in Oman should have better facilities for sports and games.

**Topic 2**
Omani students should not go to other countries for higher studies.

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