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Grade Level Goal

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Grade Level Goal	Grade 8 GLG	Learning Continuum Stage	4
Class	7 Advanced	CEFR	A2.2-B1.1
Language Domain	Reading & Viewing and Writing & Representing	Total Marks	Reading: 60
		Platform	SwiftAssess
			Writing: 40
			Paper-based

Part	Level	Theme	Vocabulary	
Part 1A: Vocabulary	Towards Grade Level Goal Apply a range of basic reading strategies, including, using visuals, context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language, text format and appearance, numbers, dates and proper nouns to understand texts.	Food for Life How can food improve your health?	healthy, low fat, delicious, vitamin, diet, fresh, protein, carbohydrates, fat, unhealthy	
		Patterns What is a pattern? What patterns can numbers make?	circle, circular, hexagon, hexagonal, triangle, triangular, square, rectangle, rectangular, spiral	
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes	Construct Limits
		Multiple-Choice Gap Fill Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.	Reading Strategies ENG.04.RV.S.3.3: Apply a wide range of reading strategies, including, using context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language skills, text format and appearance, the main message and known words, adjusting reading rate, skimming, scanning, rereading and reading on to understand and interpret simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.	▪ 5 sentences with two gaps each ▪ 3 options, one of which is the correct answer ▪ 3 marks each (total: 15)

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Part 1B: Grammar	At Grade Level Goal Apply an increasing range of reading strategies, including, using context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language skills, text format and appearance, known words, and rereading and reading on to understand and interpret texts.	It's a Small World Where does your food come from?	chocolate, milk, water, dates, bananas, honey, tea, cocoa, rice, nuts	G.9.3 Nouns (countable - uncountable) G.7.5 Determiners (quantifiers) – some, a little, a few, a lot of, much, many G.5.1 Conditionals (Zero) – if, when G.16.3 Pronouns – who or which, where (places) G.4.1 Clauses and phrases (defining relative clauses) – who, that
		How things work Where does rain come from?	water cycle, water vapor, precipitation verbs: melt, heat, evaporate, condense, combine	
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes	Construct Limits
		Multiple-Choice Gap-Fill Read the text and choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.	Reading Strategies ENG.04.RV.S.3.3: Apply a wide range of reading strategies, including, using context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language skills, text format and appearance, the main message and known words, adjusting reading rate, skimming, scanning, rereading and reading on to understand and interpret simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.	▪ 1 descriptive text of 130 words (10% either way) with 5 gaps ▪ 3 options, one of which is the correct answer ▪ 3 marks each (total 15)

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Part 2: Reading	Towards Grade Level Goal Identify specific information At Grade Level Goal Identify some details Infer the meaning of unknown words and expressions from the context. Identify the overall meaning.	Food for Life How does a food web work?	food web, food chain, predator, herbivore, carnivore, producer, keystone species, gazelle, acacia tree, carnivore, omnivore, primary consumer, secondary, diet	G.6.3 Conjunctions (correlative) – also, both, and G.2.2 Adverbs (sequencing)	
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes		Construct Limits
		Multiple-Choice Read the text. Choose the correct answer.	Comprehension Skills Specific Information: ENG.04.RV.CS.2.1: Read and identify specific information in simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. Details: ENG.04.RV.CS.5.1: Read and identify details in simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. ENG.04.RV.CS.4.1: Infer the meaning of unknown words and expressions from the context when reading simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. Overall Meaning ENG.04.RV.CS.1.1: Read and identify the overall meaning of simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.		1 expository text of 200-230 words (10% either way) 5 questions with 3 options, one of which is the correct answer (3 marks each, total: 15)

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Part 3: Reading	At Grade Level Goal Identify some details Beyond Grade Level Goal Infer the meaning of unknown words and expressions from the context. Identify the overall meaning. Make simple connections between ideas, events, characters or themes and own experience, background knowledge, other familiar texts or the world around them to support understanding of new texts.	Patterns What are some important features of Islamic Art?	calligraphy, to carve, mosaics, tiles, skill, jewel, geometric, marble, geometry, pattern, design, Islamic art, tall, flower, symmetry, modern, traditional	Future tense (going to) Modal verbs (can, should)
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes	
		Multiple-Choice Read the text. Choose the correct answer.	Comprehension Skills Details: ENG.04.RV.CS.5.1: Read and identify details in simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. Inference ENG.04.RV.CS.4.1: Infer the meaning of unknown words and expressions from the context when reading simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. Connections ENG.04.RV.CS.4.2: Make basic inferences or predictions about text content, line of argumentation and sequence of events in a narrative, using text features and basic connectors when reading simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured. ENG.04.RV.CS.3.1: Make simple connections between ideas, events, characters or themes and own experience, background knowledge, other familiar texts or the world around them to support understanding of new texts when reading simple written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly structured and use simple language. Overall Meaning ENG.04.RV.CS.1.1: Read and identify the overall meaning of simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.	1 expository text of 200-230 words (10% either way) 5 questions with 3 options, one of which is the correct answer (3 marks each, total: 15)

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Part 4: Writing	At Grade Level Goal Spell a wide range of words using regular spelling patterns and an increasing range of words with irregular spellings. Write sentences using capital letters, full stops, commas and question marks correctly, and apostrophes and other punctuation with increasing control. Produce short, simple written or multimodal texts, expressing simple comparisons and justifications where appropriate. Express simple ideas, information and opinions with developing coherence. Summarise and describe the main points and information in simple written, spoken or multimodal texts.	How thing work How do robots work?	Term 1 Vocabulary	G.2.2. Adverbs (sequencing)	FL.36 Describing hopes and plans FL.6 Describing places FL.30 Making arrangements
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes		Construct Limits
		Constructed Writing Response 4.1 Look at the four pictures. What process do they show? 4.1 Summarize the process in your own words. Organize your summary clearly and using sequencing phrases. Write at least 110 words.	Spelling ENG.04.WR.S.2.2 Spell many challenging words with accuracy. Fluency in text production ENG.04.WR.P.1.1: Produce simple and some extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics, expressing comparisons and justifications where appropriate with an increasing ability to convey meaning, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures. Presentation and development of ideas ENG.04.WR.P.2.1: Express simple ideas, information, opinions, feelings, emotions and personal perspectives on familiar and concrete topics using a wide range of phrases and expressions in simple and some extended written or multimodal texts, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures. Processing text in Writing ENG.04.WR.S.6.1 : Summarise and describe the main points and information in simple written, spoken or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics using a wide range of phrases and expressions in writing, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures.		4.1 4 labelled (2-3 words) images showing a process One question asking about what process is shown. 4.2 One question Interpret the visual information, summarise and organise the summary by category or topic, and use accurate academic phrases. ▪ Word count: 110 words ▪ 40 marks (based on rubric)

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		Culture and traditions of the UAE Life in the UAE, visiting a museum	pearl, to dive, divers, sunrise, sunset, rope, tradition, museum, fishing, desert, jewellery, culture, building		
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		Multiple-Choice Gap Fill Correct the correct words to complete the sentences.	Reading Strategies ENG.04.RV.S.3.3: Apply a wide range of reading strategies, including, using context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language skills, text format and appearance, the main message and known words, adjusting reading rate, skimming, scanning, rereading and reading on to understand and interpret simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.	▪ 5 sentences with two gaps each ▪ 3 options, one of which is the correct answer ▪ 3 marks each (total: 15)	

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		Buildings and Structures Brilliant buildings	mosque, building, ancient, to build, tourist attraction	
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		Multiple-Choice Gap-Fill Read the text and choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.	Reading Strategies ENG.04.RV.S.3.3: Apply a wide range of reading strategies, including, using context, first language, culture, experiences, developing oral language skills, text format and appearance, the main message and known words, adjusting reading rate, skimming, scanning, rereading and reading on to understand and interpret simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics that are clearly expressed and structured.	▪ 1 descriptive text of 130 words (10% either way) with 5 gaps ▪ 3 options, one of which is the correct answer ▪ 3 marks each (total 15)

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Part 4: Writing	At Grade Level Goal Spell a wide range of words using regular spelling patterns and an increasing range of words with irregular spellings.	All about School Study in another country	Term 1 Vocabulary	G.1.5 Adjectives (followed by prepositions and infinitives)	FL.16 Expressing Opinion
	Write sentences using capital letters, full stops, commas and question marks correctly, and apostrophes and other punctuation with increasing control.	Task Description	Learning Outcomes		Construct Limits
	Produce short, simple written or multimodal texts, expressing simple comparisons and justifications where appropriate. Express simple ideas, information and opinions with developing coherence. Summarise and describe the main points and information in simple written, spoken or multimodal texts.	Constructed Writing Response 4.1 Read the text and write your opinion about _____. 4.2 Question 3 Writing prompts Write at least 110 words.	Spelling ENG.04.WR. S.2.2 Spell many challenging words with accuracy. Fluency in text production ENG.04.WR.P.1.1: Produce simple and some extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics, expressing comparisons and justifications where appropriate with an increasing ability to convey meaning, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures. Presentation and development of ideas ENG.04.WR.P.2.1: Express simple ideas, information, opinions, feelings, emotions and personal perspectives on familiar and concrete topics using a wide range of phrases and expressions in simple and some extended written or multimodal texts, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures. Processing text in Writing ENG.04.WR.S.6.1 : Summarise and describe the main points and information in simple written, spoken or multimodal texts on familiar and concrete topics using a wide range of phrases and expressions in writing, although there may be some inaccuracies and repetition of vocabulary and structures.		4.1 One text of 100 words related to theme. One question asking for an opinion. 4.2 - One question with three prompts to elicit a narrative text related to theme. - Word count: 110 words 40 marks (based on rubric)