

9 General - Writing Midterm Exam – Term 1 – 2025-2026

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Read the email. Write the main idea of the email in your own words. Write at least 3-4 sentences.

Dear Alia,

I'm visiting my cousins in Abu Dhabi this month, and I'm really surprised by how popular online shopping is here. My cousins buy almost everything from websites —clothes, phones, books, and even food.

There are huge sales during Ramadan, National Day, and back-to-school season. Some websites also give points or free delivery when you spend a certain amount. They told me it's easier to order online because malls are often crowded, parking takes time, and delivery is quick. Still, I wanted to go to a few malls to see the shops and spend time with my cousins. Many malls have cafés, cinemas, and fun areas for children, so people can relax and enjoy their day.

In the old town, I also found small traditional shops that sell handmade products you can't buy online. Shopping here feels modern and convenient but still connected to tradition.

Best,

Fatima

Task Completion	Language Use	Organization	Total
/5	/5	/5	/15

Read the email again. Now write a reply to the sender in which you:

- share your opinion about online shopping and in-person shopping
- give at least two reasons to support your opinion
- include an example from your own experience

Write at least 130 words.

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Task Completion	Structure	Grammar	Vocabulary	Spelling and Punctuation	Total
/5	/5	/5	/5	/5	/25