Qatar Secondary School Certificate English 1st Semester Practice Test 2020 - 2021



وزارة التعليم والتعليم العالي

الاختبار التجريبي للشهادة الثانوية لدولة قطر اللغة الانجليزية اللغة الانجليزية الفصل الدراسي الأول 2020 - 2021

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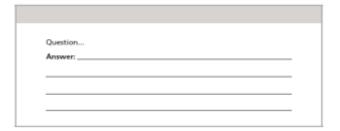
التعليمات العامة

ا الاختبار تجريبي يتكون من 13 سؤال. كما يحتوي على أسئلة إضافية بهدف التدريب.
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- عدد أسئلة الاختبار الفعلى 10 أسئلة.
- مدة الاختبار: هذا الاختبار تجريبي زمن الاختبار الفعلي ساعة ونصف.
- يتكون تقييم مهارات اللغة الإنجليزية من ثلاثة أجزاء: استخدام اللغة (المفردات والقواعد)، القراءة، الكتابة.
- لأسئلة الاختيار من متعدد الموجودة في هذه الكراسة أربع خيارات، عليكم اختيار إجابة واحدة فقط لكل سؤال .
- سوف تستخدمون قلم الرصاص لإجابة أسئلة الاختيار من متعدد وإذا احتجتم إلى تغيير إجابة ما، فقوموا بملء المربع للإجابة التي لا تريدونها بشكل تام.



- إذا قمتم بتحديد أكثر من إجابة واحدة، أو إذا لم تكن إجابتكم محددة بشكل واضح، تُلغى درجة السّؤال.
 - سوف تستخدمون قلم الحبر الجاف لإجابة الأسئلة المقالية.
 - تكتب إجابة الاسئلة المقالية داخل المساحات المخصصة لها فقط.



• الاجابة باللغة الانجليزية فقط لجميع الاسئلة ولن يلتفت لأي إجابة باللغة العربية.

man could be so cruel to his family bove gap?
bove gap?
paying attention what
bove gap?

Use of Language

	impression about the manager was not so good, but then ted to like him.
Whi	ch of the following BEST fits the above gap?
	initial
	original
	primary
	authentic
	authentic
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	d the following.
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Мо	na's hair	smooth and is cor	npletely free of tangles.
Whi	ch of the followin	ng BEST fits the above gap	o?
	feel		
	feels		
	is feeling		
	has been feeling	5	
Read	d the following.		
Per		of this week, they	to a decision about s
Per the	haps by the end o	of this week, they ng BEST fits the above gap	
Per the	haps by the end o		to a decision about s
Per the	haps by the end o ir old house. ch of the followin		
Per the	haps by the end of ir old house. ch of the followin have come		

He w	on't miss any part o	of the speech if he	early.	
Which	of the following BE	EST fits the above gap?		
	arrives			
	arrived			
	will arrive			
,	would arrive			
Read t	the following.			
		his students that the	e test would take	e place on th
The t		his students that the	e test would take	e place on th
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9		9.1	Fill in the gaps	with words from tl	ne list below:	There is one extra word.)
				expand/ reach	/get away	
A.	Aft	er a lor	ng semester, I ne	ed to	_for a couple	of weeks to relax.
В.	I cc	ouldn't	t	ne island till 11 p.m.	; There was a	strong wind.
		9.2	Use the words in	n brackets to form	a word that fi	ts in each gap.
A.	l ca	an't aff	ord to buy this h	ouse; It is too	(pri	ce).
В.	Αc	charity	organisation sen	ids a big	(donate) t	o people in need.
	\neg					
9.3	<u>R</u>	Rewrite	the following se	entence using the v	vord given:	
A. Y	ou v	won't g	et any score if yo	ou don't provide a d	orrect answer	to the question. (unless)
D (1	1	l la a las co			aid Cana da ann	1)
B. 1	WII	ı neip y	ou prepare the r	meal for the kids,' s	aid Sara. (agre	ea)
S	ara	••••••				

9 9.1 Fill in the gaps with words from the list below: (<i>There is one extra word</i> .)
manages/ immigrants / excels
A. The playerin different skills and can play in any position.
B. There are many from Africa to Europe.
9.2 Fill in the gaps with prepositions from the list below: (There is one extra preposition.)
up / on / in
A. I have seen a lost wallet my way to work.
B. My brother plans to sethis own business.
9.3 Do as shown in brackets:
A. I (not be) to Turkey yet, but I plan to go there this holiday.
(Put the verb in brackets into the correct form)
B. 'I will attend the meeting tomorrow,' Jenny said. (Report the sentence using "insist")
Jenny
Do not write below this line.

READING

Directions: Read the following then answer questions 10 to 12.

Text 1

This is a description of a tourist hotel in a holiday brochure

Hotel Oasis in Pearl Beach is a large modern hotel just 15 minutes from the beach. The hotel is in a beautiful garden with three swimming pools and facilities for everyone in the family. For holidaymakers who love good food, the hotel's restaurant has an excellent ranking! They can enjoy having all meals there. Pearl Beach is an ideal resort for a holiday all through the whole year, with beautiful beaches, many lovely shops and restaurants and a wide range of interesting cultural destinations to visit nearby.

There are lots of things to do at the Oasis! Play mini-golf or tennis or relax on a sun bed beside the pool. We also have a fully equipped wellness centre with a sauna and spa, and beauty salon with massage treatments. In the evenings, there's a full range of the best entertainment in town, with live music every day except Sunday. There are playgrounds for children. Fun for all the family at the Oasis Hotel Pearl Beach!

Text 2

This is what someone wrote on a hotel review website

Our room at Millie's Hotel room was fantastic and beautifully decorated with all the things you need - there was even a coffee machine in the room and the beds were so comfortable; we slept like a log! We had a balcony to sit on in the evening with a marvelous view over the whole city and the bay. There's also a roof terrace.

Breakfasts were delicious, in fact there was too much food for us to finish it all! There are lots of restaurants nearby which are **good value** and serve a good variety of different food.

All the staff were friendly, especially Jose who helped us when we arrived. They even brought some chocolate to our room on the last night.

The hotel is located in the middle of the town, very close to the shops and the beach, but it's on a quiet street so it's not noisy.

10	What	is the PURPOSE of the two texts?
		to advise visitors to practise certain beach sports
		to encourage readers to book in a beach resort hotel
		to guide readers on how to spend a day on the beach
		to give some information about beach resort expenses
	Questi	ion 11 refer to Text (2).
11	In para	agraph 2, what does the writer mean by "good value"?
		worthy
		precious
		·
		precious
		precious unaffordable
		precious unaffordable
		precious unaffordable

12	.	From text 1, mention THREE details that make Pearl Bead r holidays.	ch a perfect
l	Detail 1:		
l	Detail 2:		
I	Detail 3:		
			3
12	12.2 when be	According to text 2, mention THREE advantages a visitor poking Millie Hotel.	can get
Ad	vantage 1:		
Ad	vantage 2:		
Ad	vantage 3:		11/2
12		Do the following statements agree with the information two texts? (YES),N (No) or NG (NOT GIVEN).	given in the
Gues	sts can enjoy l	stening to music seven days a week in Hotel Oasis.	
The r	meals provide	d in Millie beach hotel are included in the room's price.	
The s	staff at Millie	Hotel are helpful and supportive.	
	6	Do not write below this line.	1½
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READING

Directions: Read the following then answer questions 10 to 12.

- 1. Your life today is essentially the sum of your habits. How in shape or out of shape you are? How happy or unhappy you are? How successful or unsuccessful you are? All are results of your habits. What you repeatedly do eventually forms the person you are, the things you believe, and the personality that you portray. But what if you want to improve? What if you want to form new habits? How would you go about it? There's a helpful framework that can make it easier to stick to new habits so that you can improve your health, your work, and your life in general. The process of building a habit can be divided into four simple steps: clue, desire, response, and reward. Breaking it down into these essential parts can help us understand what a habit is, how it works, and how to improve it.
- 2. First, there is the clue. The clue activates your brain to start a behaviour. It is a bit of information that predicts a reward. Our prehistoric ancestors were concentrating on clues that signaled the location of primary rewards like food and water. Today, we spend most of our time learning clues that predict secondary rewards like money and fame, power and status, or a sense of personal satisfaction. Your mind is continuously analysing your internal and external environment for hints of where rewards are located. Because the clue is the first indication that we're close to a reward, it naturally leads to a desire.
- **3.** Desires are the second step of the habit circle, and they are the motivational force behind every habit. Without some level of motivation or desire, we have no reason to act. What you need is not the habit itself but the change in state it delivers. You are not motivated by brushing your teeth but rather by the feeling of a clean mouth. Every desire is linked to an appeal to change your internal state.

- **4.** The third step is the response. The response is the actual habit you perform, which can take the form of a thought or an action. Whether a response occurs depends on how motivated you are and how much resistance is associated with the behaviour. If a particular action requires more physical or mental effort than you are willing to expend, then you won't do it. Your response also depends on your ability. It sounds simple, but a habit can occur only if you are capable of doing it.
- **5.** Finally, the response delivers a reward. Rewards are the end goal of every habit. The clue is about noticing the reward. The desire is about wanting the reward. The response is about obtaining the reward. We chase rewards because they serve two purposes: they satisfy us by providing benefits like food and water which deliver energy to survive. Also, they teach us how to get a promotion that brings more money and respect.

10	Which of the following BEST summarises the MAIN idea of the article?
	Habits cannot be acquired easily.
	Obtaining habits passes in four major stages.
	Certain habits can only affect a person's lifestyle.
	There are only two reasons behind gaining new habits.
11	Which of the following BEST describes the writer's opinion?
	A habit can prevent an action from happening.
	Goals need a lot of time and effort to be achieved.
	Certain habits are sometimes difficult to be obtained.
	Human brain only examines a person's internal environment.
	Do not write below this line.

14	ccording to paragraph 2, what is the difference between the past and prediction of rewards? Give examples from the paragraph.
Difference:	
Examples :	<u></u>
12 12.2 respons	According to paragraph 5, what are the TWO factors that cause the se to occur?
Factor 1:	
Factor 2:	2
12 12.3 Not Me	Read the texts again and decide if the statements are True, False or entioned. Write T, F, or NM.
Sticking to new ha	bits can improve your personality.
The change in sta	te caused by a habit is less important than the habit itself.
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READING

Directions: Read the following then answer questions 10 to 12.

Text 1

- 1. In 1880, the Elementary Education Act made education compulsory for five to ten-year-olds. This was after the National Education League had continued their campaign for basic schooling. In 1891, both board and religious schools were made 'free' to attend.
- 2. Those children from a wealthier background were sent to Grammar schools and taught Latin. Girls of wealthier families were usually educated at home. Poorer children were instructed in 'manual' labor or what we call 'traineeships.' They were also taught basic educational skills.
- 3. The comfort of students was not taken into consideration, where school desks were basic wooden furniture and so too were the school chairs. These wooden desks ,for some collectors, show life in the nineteenth-century classroom. Their ink wells are often covered in stains and damaged tops represent 200-year-old graffiti.

Text 2

- 1. Since the introduction of examinations in 1858, not much has changed. In a document, the Director of the Cambridge Assessment Network states, "In the examination system the pressure to perform created its own dynamic. Examiners' reports began to express disappointment that students did not demonstrate that they actually understood what they had learnt."
- 2. This said, the question remains: Do examinations only test those who have good 'recall' skills and not necessarily 'intelligence'? Further argument remains that the education system still does not do enough to differentiate abilities. To quote Albert Einstein: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."
- **3.** In spite of the continued argument whether 'To test or not to test,' some things have changed for the better. An example was the 'Building Schools for the Future' Project. In 2000, there was an injection of funds to help improve primary and secondary schools. By 2009, there was an estimated £2 billion of allocated funds for the project.
- **4.** The project included the introduction and installation of a new IT platform, the Virtual Learning Environment. Not only were new technologies introduced but so too were new dynamic buildings including school furniture and classroom furniture, making teaching and learning more comfortable.

10	Whic	h of the following features applies to text 1?
		factual information
		use of abbreviations
		use of the first person
		subjective style of writing
	<u>Ques</u>	tion 11 refer to Text (2).
11		h of the following is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word nonstrate"?
		claim
		show
		identify
		determine

12	12 12.1 From text 1, mention TWO signs that show how students' comfort was NOT taken into consideration.				
	T.				
Sign 1:					
Sign 2:					
		2			
	2.2 Based able.	d on the texts, match the dates with the events in the following			
189	91				
		the introduction of examinations			
		2			
	2.3 From t	text 2, what improvements did "Building Schools for the Future" de?			
Improvement 1:					
Improvement 2:					
-	6	2			
		Do not write below this line.			

You will ONLY respond to ONE prompt from the FOUR given.

Writing

Directions: In this part of the test, you will respond to ONLY ONE writing prompt.

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لا تكتب أي بيانات شخصية (اسم المدرسة / اسم الطالب / رقم الهاتف / العنوان التفصيلي / البريد الإلكتروني) بالرسالة والتزم ببيانات المرسل والمرسل اليه الموجودة بالسؤال حتى لا تتعرض لفقدان الدرجة.

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OR

Write an informal email to your English friend Kelly, describing a cultural event that you have recently attended.

Your name: S. Saleh

13	Write your email or letter here.
	Do not write below this line.

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Do not writ	te below this line.

Writing

Directions: In this part of the test, you will respond to ONLY ONE writing prompt.

Write a PERSONAL NARRATIVE about a difficult decision you had to take once which affected your life a lot.

Make sure your story has an adequate plot and covers enough details about the setting and the characters.

* Your narrative will be evaluated on the basis of clear and organized ideas, strong details and effective sentences.

OR

Write about the ADVANTAGES and the DISADVANTAGES of travelling during summer time.

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40	Best Wishes!	
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