



Qatar Senior Schooling Certificate

2020-2021

English

Scoring Guide

Practice Test

(1st Semester)

SR items			
Item	Key		
1	C		
2	A		
3	A		
4	C		
5	B		
6	D		
7	A		
8	B		
10	1st	2nd	3rd
	B	B	A
11	A	C	B

Scoring Notes: SR items are scored 2 points each.

Note: Each subitem is given 2 points. The total will be 6.

Use of Language (Practice – 1st Semester)

9

9.1

Fill in the gaps with words from the list below: (There is one extra word.)

expand/ reach /get away

A. After a long semester ,I need to _____ for a couple of weeks to relax.

B. I couldn't _____ the island till 11 p.m. ;There was a strong wind.

9.2

Use the words in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap.

A. I can't afford to buy this house; It is too _____ (price).

B. A charity organisation sends a _____ (donate) to people in need.

9.3

Rewrite the following sentence using the word given:

A. You won't get any score if you don't provide a correct answer to the question. (unless)

B. 'I will help you prepare the meal for the kids,' said Sara. (agreed)

Sara

Score	Scoring Guide
2	Student gets 2 points if he provides TWO correct answers.
1	Student gets 1 point if he provides only ONE correct answer.
0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect .
A	No response

Sample Answers:

9.1

A. get away B. reach

9.2

A. pricey/pricy B. donation

9.3

A. Unless you provide a correct answer to the question ,
you won't get any score . / You won't get any score
unless you provide a correct answer to the question.
B. Sara agreed to help me prepare the meal for the kids .

Use of Language (Practice – 1st Semester)

9

9.1

Fill in the gaps with words from the list below: (*There is one extra word.*)

manages/ immigrants / excels

A. The player _____ in 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 set _____ his own business.

9.3

Answer the following questions:

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

Score	Scoring Guide
2	Student gets 2 points if he provides TWO correct answers.
1	Student gets 1 point if he provides only ONE correct answer.
0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect.
A	No response

Sample Answers:

9.1

A. excels

B. immigrants

9.2

A. on

B. up

9.3

A. haven't been

B. Jenny insists on attending the meeting tomorrow.

ONE reading **TASK** will be scored.

Reading (Practice – 1st Semester)

12. 1 From text 1, mention **THREE** details that make Pearl Beach a perfect place for holidays.

12. 2 According to text 2, mention **THREE** advantages a visitor can get when booking Millie Hotel.

12. 3 Do the following statements agree with the information given in the texts? Write **Y (YES)**, **N (No)** or **NG (NOT GIVEN)**.

Guests can enjoy listening to music seven days a week in Hotel Oasis.

The meals provided in Millie beach hotel are included in the room's price.

The staff at Millie Hotel are helpful and supportive.

12. 1 Score	Scoring Guide
3	Student gets 3 points if he provides THREE correct answers.
2	Student gets 2 point if he provides TWO correct answers.
1	Student gets 1 point if he provides ONE correct answer
0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect .
A	No response

Sample Answer:

Detail 1:	It has beautiful beaches.
Detail 2:	It has a wide range of interesting cultural destinations to visit nearby.
Detail 3:	It has many lovely shops and restaurants.

12. 2	Score	Scoring Guide
	1½	Student gets 1½ points if he provides THREE correct answers.
	1	Student gets 1 point if he provides TWO correct answers.
	½	Student gets ½ point if he provides ONE correct answer
	0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect.
	A	No response

Sample Answer:

Advantage 1	There is a balcony to sit on in the evening with a marvelous view over the whole city and the bay / There's a roof terrace.
Advantage 2	There are lots of restaurants nearby/ The room is fantastic and beautifully decorated with all the things you need.
Advantage 3	The hotel is located in the middle of the town, very close to the shops and the beach/breakfast is delicious.

Any other related advantage from text 2.

12. 3	Score	Scoring Guide
	1½	Student gets 1½ points if he provides THREE correct answers.
	1	Student gets 1 point if he provides TWO correct answers.
	½	Student gets ½ point if he provides ONE correct answer
	0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect.
	A	No response

Key Answer:

N
NG
Y

Reading (Practice – 1st Semester)

12. 1 According to paragraph 2, what is the difference between the past and present prediction of rewards? Give examples from the paragraph.

12. 2 According to paragraph 4, what are the TWO factors that cause the response to occur?

12. 3 Read the texts again and decide if the statements are True, False or Not Mentioned. Write T, F, or NM.

Sticking to new habits can improve your personality.

The change in state caused by a habit is less important than the habit itself.

Score	Scoring Guide
2	Student gets 2 points if he provides TWO correct answers.
1	Student gets 1 point if he provides only ONE correct answer.
0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect .
A	No response

Sample Answer: NOTE: HALVES can be given for subitem 12.1.

12. 1	Difference:	<u>Past</u> =primary	<u>Present</u> = secondary
	Examples:	<u>Past</u> = food / water	<u>Present</u> = money /fame / power/ status/ a sense of personal satisfaction

12. 2	Factor 1:	how motivated you are
	Factor 2:	how much resistance is associated with the behaviour

12. 3	T
	F

Reading (Practice – 1st Semester)

12. 1 From text 1, mention **TWO** signs that show how students' comfort was **NOT** taken into consideration.

12. 2 Based on the texts, match the dates with the events in the following table.

12. 3 From text 2, what improvements did "Building Schools for the Future " project include?

Score	Scoring Guide
2	Student gets 2 points if he provides TWO correct answers.
1	Student gets 1 point if he provides only ONE correct answer.
0	Student gets a zero if all answers are incorrect .
A	No response

Sample Answer:

12. 1	Sign1:	The desks were basic wooden furniture./ old desks
	Sign 2:	The chairs were also wooden./ old chairs

12. 2	Board and religious schools were made 'free' to attend.
	1858

12. 3	Improvement 1:	the introduction and installation of a new IT platform, the Virtual Learning Environment
	Improvement 2:	new dynamic buildings including school furniture and classroom furniture

ONE writing **PROMPT** will be scored.

Writing (Practice – 1st Semester)

Level Criterion	Weak	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent
Content	totally irrelevant to the topic; prompt misinterpreted; information is irrelevant to the task	fairly relevant to the topic; lacks emphasis for conviction; information insufficient	quite relevant to the topic; lacks emphasis for conviction; information lacks clarity and accuracy at times	relevant to the task; information is clear, but quite sufficient to achieve the purpose	relevant to the task; information is clear, complete, accurate and thoughtful
Score	(0 pt.)	(½ pt.)	(1 pt.)	(1½ pt.)	(2 pt.)
Organisation & Cohesion	text has no elements of organization; text is completely incoherent	text not clearly organised; lack of cohesion diminishes effectiveness	text fairly organised; with little cohesion	text clearly organised; it uses cohesion to advantage	text very well organised; it uses cohesion effectively
Score	(0 pt.)	(½ pt.)	(1 pt.)	(1½ pt.)	(2 pt.)
Structure	very limited sentence forms; grammar errors make it very difficult to follow the writing; the response provides too little text for evaluation	simple sentence forms mostly used; limited use of connectors; errors detract from meaning and fluent reading of the text	simple sentence forms with fairly good use of connectors; errors begin to detract from meaning and fluent reading of the text	a variety of simple and complex sentence forms; appropriate use of connectors; few errors that seldom detract from meaning	a rich variety of simple and complex sentence forms; excellent use of connectors; few errors if any
Score	(0 pt.)	(½ pt.)	(1 pt.)	(1½ pt.)	(2 pt.)
Writing Conventions	serious spelling and punctuation errors make it almost impossible to understand the content	frequent errors in spelling and punctuation that affect meaning	errors in spelling and punctuation that sometimes affect meaning	some spelling and punctuation errors that hardly affect meaning	few minor spelling and punctuation errors that do not affect meaning
Score	(0 pt.)	(½ pt.)	(1 pt.)	(1½ pt.)	(2 pt.)
Total score: 8 points					