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The IGCSE Exam is made of two papers. Paper 1 is Reading and Comprehension, while paper 2 is testing Writing skill.

Paper1:

Paper 1 is divided into three parts. These are:

- Part 1: This part comprises six questions about a text on the environment, its importance, and the essential ways and steps that should be taken to protect it.

Question 1: Most of the candidates managed to give the right answer; however, very few managed to use their own words and expressions in their answer and were awarded full marks.

Question 2: Most of the candidates gave a good full account in answering this question. Some candidates depended on straight copying from text, and were not awarded full marks. Few others gave a reasonable answer but derived from their own ideas rather than from the text, hence lost a substantial some of the allocated marks.

Question 3: Most of the candidates enjoyed answering this question and went beyond the required answer. Full marks were awarded to the required answer only according to the mark scheme.

Question 4: This is one of the questions where candidate's ability to manipulate words to reflect on the relevant information acquired from the text can be shown. This question proved to be very popular among candidates and most of them scored well here.

Question 5: Very few candidates were able to understand and explain the exact meaning of the quoted sentence and were awarded full marks. Candidates are advised to look into the text as a whole rather than commenting on some of its words.

Question 6: Candidates are supposed to list the environment friendly resources instead, some candidates started to talk about what should be provided rather than what they really have in their schools and cities of such resources.

Generally speaking most of the candidates were able to spot the right answers to most of the questions.

Part 2: This text is about a social story which reflects a real aspect of a wedding process. Candidates showed greater joy in answering the two required questions. Very few resorted to direct copying from text in question 1, but almost all used their own style in answering question 2.

Part three: This is the grammar section which comprises 4 questions to test candidates' understanding of Arabic grammar.

Question 1: Most candidates were able to give satisfactory answers to sections 1, 2 and 3; however a substantial number faced some difficulties in answering sections 4 and 5.

Question 2: Candidates found this question the easiest to answer. They showed good understanding of the grammar terminology used in the question.

Question 3: This question mainly tests candidates' spontaneous use of grammar in their Arabic. The example given was there to assist them to understand the task. Most candidates scored well here.

Question 4: This is a very frequent question, and the candidates in this exam were well prepared for it, and were able to answer most of its parts satisfactorily.

Paper 2:

This paper comprises 6 questions to test writing ability. Candidates are required to answer to questions only.

Question 1: This question proved to be a popular question among the candidates. Most of those who attempted it were successful. Few misunderstood the task and started to describe the doctor's job rather than its importance to the society in comparison to other jobs.

Question: Few candidates attempted this question, but only a couple of them showed good understanding of the message the poet wants to send to the reader.

Question 3: Again very few attempted this question, and were able to show good knowledge and understanding.

Question 4: This is another popular question. Candidates who attempted it came out with very interesting ideas.

Question 5: This question was the least popular among the candidates. Reasonable answers were given by those who attempted it.

Question 6: This is a picture of a graduation ceremony in a high school in Oman. The few who attempted it gave very interesting stories about it. The task is not to allocate where the picture was taken. It is left to the candidate's imagination. Those who attempted it did well enough to get high scores.

Grade Boundaries

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	73	66	59	53	40	28	16	4

Note: Grade boundaries may vary from year to year and from subject to subject, depending on the demands of the question paper.

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