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FORM FOUR EXAMINATION 2017 Time 2 hours AND 10 minutes for reading

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Instructions to candidates

- Answer all the questions
- This paper consists of 11 pages, count it and if any is missing inform your invigilator
- Do not write your name and roll number on the exam paper
- Make sure that student's profile is attached to the exam paper, if not, inform you invigilator.
- No extra paper is allowed. Rough work can be done on page 1. This will not be marked.
- If you make a mistake, cross out the incorrect answer and write your correct answer.

This exam paper consists of following parts

PART ONE:

Comprehension

20 marks

PART TWO:

General Vocabulary

20 marks

PART THREE:

Grammar

45 marks

15 marks

PART FOUR: Written Composition

TOTAL

100 marks

For the marker only

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Part one: Reading Comprehension

20 marks

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

Soil is a precious thing. It is one of the country's natural recourses and has to be taken care of. If the land is not cared for and the soil is lost by erosion of various kinds, then the land may become barren. Eventually, it will be unable to support crops and livestock and will become as bare and empty as a desert.

- 1. In the past, deserts were formed by changes in the climate. The weather became drier over thousands of years and deserts grew. But now, deserts are caused largely by the activities of the man. Since much of Somalia receives little rain for the past five years, people fear that deserts may increase in this country. About three quarters of Somalia is in danger and may die malnutrition and lack of water. The area where the risk is greatest is whole central regions, north western and north eastern regions.
- There are five main causes for the growth of deserts; a) over cultivation, b)
 deforestation, c) overgrazing, d) cutting natural forests and e) spoiling of land
 by letting it salty or water logged.
- Over-cultivation happens when arable land is not allowed to lie fallow. Instead, the land is cultivated over and over again, without being allowed to rest. Overcultivation can also result from farming of land that is to steep or too dray.
- Deforestation happens when trees and shrubs are cut in great number for firewood and buildings. Other trees are not planted to take their place. Livestock might even eat up young trees that grow naturally.
- 5. Overgrazing happens when too many cattle, camels, sheep and goats are kept, so that all the grass and shrubs are eaten and soil trampled. Trampling by animals packs the soil particles close to one another. When the rain comes, only a little of the valuable water manages to soak in the soil. The rest runs off quickly causing soil erosion and floods.
- 6. Salt or water -logged soil is also useless for crops. It results from irrigating land without providing proper drainage through which the water can escape. If the water cannot get away, it just sinks into the soil and stays there. In a well-drained soil, water drips through the air spaces in the soil until it reaches the



A. Answer the following questions 10 marks

water table, then flows out as springs or streams. If the soil is stick clay or has been packed down through trampling, the water cannot flow through it. It jams in all the air spaces and plant roots cannot find any air.

In conclusion, over-cultivation, overgrazing, cutting trees for coal and deforestation destroy fertile top soil. The grass, shrubs and trees that once grew upon the land get destroyed and cannot longer protect the soil from the sun, the wind and the rain. Their leaves no longer add humus to the soil, and the soil loses its ability to hold water. The soil becomes drier and the agents of erosion soon carry the soil away.

What can happen if we don't conserve the land?	
2. Write three causes for the growth of the deserts?	
3. How were the deserts formed in the past?	
4. Explain how overgrazing causes soil erosion	
5. Explain how poor drained soil causes water-logged or salty land	
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B. Circle the correct answer according to the information given in the passage 10 mrks

- 1. Deserts are formed nowadays:
 - a. By deforestation
 - b. By overgrazing
 - c. By natural disasters
 - d. By human activities
- 2. The arable land of Somalia can be estimated
 - a. Three quarter of the country
 - b. Half of the country
 - c. One quarter of the country
 - d. The whole country
- 3. Which part of Somalia can be relatively safe from becoming desert?
 - a. Southern and western regions
 - b. Central regions
 - c. North eastern regions
 - d. Northern and North eastern regions
- 4. The word fallow in paragraph three means
 - a. Arable
 - b. Uncultivated
 - c. Desert
 - d. Over-cultivated
- 5. Which one of the following adds humus to the soil?
 - a. Broken branches and leaves
 - b. Planting a lot of trees
 - c. Plant roots in the soil
 - d. Cutting trees for firewood



Part two: General Vocabulary

20 marks

- A. Read the following carefully and circle the word with the same meaning of the underlined one 10 mrks
- 1. Everyone was happy about the victory of the president

a. Success

c. Failure

b. Effort

d. Joy

2. Because of his insolent behavior, he was expelled from school

a. Playful

c. Rude

b. Polite

d. Angry

3. What Samira did was shameful to our society

a. Disgrace

c. Pride

b. Publicity

d. Honor

4. There is a big problem in packing in garowe city

a. Small

c. Easy

b. Difficult

d. Major

5. Possibly Asha will pass the exam

a. Obviously

c. Unlikely

b. Perhaps

d. Certainly

B. Choose which one is the opposite of the underlined words 10 mrks

- 1. Students said that English language was <u>native</u> to them
 - a. New
 - b. Natural
 - c. Foreign
 - d. Hard
- 2. For our airlines, the maximum weight allowed is 10kg
 - a. Exact
 - b. Minimum
 - c. Most
 - d. Least



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- 3. The direct told us that our job will be permanent
 - a. Long
 - b. Temporary
 - c. Forever
 - d. Short
- 4. Omar is quite amateur in tennis
 - a. Good
 - b. Experienced
 - c. Trained
 - d. Professional
- 5. I admire life in the <u>rural</u> areas, because it is healthy
 - a. City
 - b. Urban
 - c. Up-country
 - d. Village

Part three: Grammar

45 marks

A. Put the verbs in brackets into their correct form 10 marks



B. Choose the correct answer to complete the follo	wing sentences 10 mrks
1. Yesterday, all students (go) to school (go) by bus.	
Hodan usually (stays) at home, but tod relatives	lay she (visit) he
3. Hasan (teach) us English every year, to (teach) us history	out this year, he
4. Last night, I (watch) the TV, when a and (take) my Laptop.	thief broke into my house
5. When my mother (come) i (read) and interesting book.	n the living room,
C. Change the following into indirect speech 1. Ahmed said " I want to leave"	5 mrks
2. "I am preparing my notes" Ali said	
3. They boy said " I saw the man"	
4. He said "I will not reply the letter"	
5. Omar said "I have been shaving people for years"	

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D. Choose the correct preposition 10 marks 1. Students don't go to school Fridays a. With c. On b. At d. In 2. Mahad Asha got married in September a. At c. Since b. In d. and 3. He worked very hard this term He did not pass the exam a. But c. To b. At d. nevertheless 4. I have been waiting this opportunity years a. For c. From b. Since d. In 5. He woke up late, he arrived at school in good time a. Although c. However b. Nevertheless d. Since E. Circle the correct answer 10 marks 1. Omar closed the door a. The door was closed by Omar b. The door is closed by Omar c. Omar is closing the door

d. The door will be closed by Omar

2. The girl will wash the plates

- a. The plates will be washed by the girl
- b. The plates will wash the girl
- c. The plates are washed by the girl
- d. The plates were washed by the girl

3. Hassan has taken my book

- a. My book is taken by Hassan
- b. My book will be taken by Hassan
- c. My book has been taken by Hassan
- d. Hassan will take my book

4. The policeman rescued the baby

- a. The baby rescued the policeman
- b. The baby will be rescued by the policeman
- c. The baby was rescued by the policeman
- d. The baby is rescued by the policeman

5. The boy is eating a bread

- a. The bread was eaten by the boy
- b. The boy ate a bread
- c. The bread is being eaten by boy
- d. The bread will be eaten by the boy



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Part four: Writing composition

15 mrks

Choose one of the following topics to write a composition which is not less than 200 – 250 words.

EITHER

Imagine you would like to take transfer from Alfuqan secondary school to Sheekh Hamdan secondary. Write an application letter to Hamdan secondary principal asking for acceptance of your documents.

OR

Your friends have invited you to visit them during the holidays. Write them a letter thanking them for the invitation and tell them:

- a). When you will be arriving and how long you can stay.
- b). What kind of games you would like to play.
- c). What places you would like to visit.

d). What kind of food you most enjoy and what you dislike.		



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