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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Instructions to candidates

- Answer all the questions
- This paper consists of 7 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.
- If you make a mistake, **cross out the incorrect** answer and **write your correct answer**.

This exam paper consists of following parts

| Parts                   | Marks    |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Part one: Comprehension | 30 marks |
| Part two: Vocabulary    | 15 marks |
| Part three: Grammar     | 55 marks |
| <b>Total: 100 Marks</b> |          |

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| PARTS      | MARKS |
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| Part one   |       |
| Part two   |       |
| Part three |       |
| TOTAL      | %     |



**SOM EXAMS**

**PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (30 MARKS)**

**Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow**

Sahra woke up with the rising sun. her hoe was on her shoulders, and she headed for her farm to work on the weeds that were choking her crops. Her four-acre farm overlooked in Buran Stream and was twenty-five kilometers (25km) away from her home. It was raining heavily the previous three nights. The stream had swelled with torrents of water that flowed above the Buran Bridge. Sahra gripped her hoe and smiled. The rain meant that she would have a good a harvest.

From her farm, Sahra had a clear view of the bridge. She paused to observe the long lines of traffic that had formed on both sides of the bridge. Many people were waiting for the water to subside so that they could safely cross the bridge. Six hours passed and the water of the stream had not subsided. There was unrest and growing impatience among the travellers. They got out of their vehicles and chatted in groups on both sides of the stream.

Suddenly, everyone's attention was drawn to a vehicle that overtook the long line of the traffic, speeding towards the bridge. Sahra stopped weeding. Her eyes widened in disbelief. The vehicle was carrying of women and old men. Sahra dropped her hoe and raced towards the bridge. She got as near the bridge as the floods would allow her, waiting to see what will happen.

"Driver, why can't you wait like everyone else for the water to subside?" she heard someone says, "I am carrying wrappings. We are going for burial on the other side of the stream, several hours drive from here. We are very late and the burial is today. Many people are waiting for us," the driver replied. Sahra moved close to the driver and said to him, "Listen driver! These are dangerous floods. I have witnessed many vehicles being swept away by the floods from this bridge." She said, pointing to her farm that was up a slope, few meters away from the bridge.

"I must brave the floods," said the driver. "We are too late." The driver shook his head, and determined to drive on! Sahra panicked. She had witnessed people die while trying to brave floods. She could not stand back and do nothing. Without thinking, Sahra stood in front of the car, daring the driver to run her over. A crowd began to gather and many of the travellers supported Sahra. The driver was finally persuaded to wait. Later that afternoon, the floods subsided and the traffic on both sides began to flow smoothly.

Four months later, the District Commissioner looked for Sahra. He had good news for her. "You have won a State Award. You have saved the lives of innocent people when you stopped a small vehicle from driving through dangerous floods. You spared the people in the vehicle from being swept away by the floods. You have been awarded the Silver award star. You will receive the award from the president of the state, at the Presidential Palace of Puntland on Thursday evening," he said. This is your invitation to Presidential Palace of Puntland. Sahra was overwhelmed with joy. A simple act had made her win a national award. She had become famous in Puntland State of Somalia.

**Answer these questions (10 marks)**

1. Where did Sahra head for?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was suddenly drawn everyone’s attention?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where and when will Sahra receive the award?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did Sahra’s farm locate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Sahra want the driver to wait till the floods subsided?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the correct answer according to the passage (20 marks)**

1. “Wake up with the rising sun” What does the writer mean by this statement?  

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| A) Nine o’clock in the morning. | C) Three o’clock in the afternoon. |
| B) Four o’clock in the morning. | D) Very early in the morning.      |
2. “Long lines of traffic …” What does this statement mean?  

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| A) Traffic jam                        | B) Vehicles were parked on several lines. |
| C) Vehicles were parked in one place. | D) Vehicles were moving in long lines.    |
3. On finding the bridge flooded, what did the travellers do?  

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| A) They went back to their homes.        | B) They stayed at the bridge till the next morning. |
| C) They decided to drive into the water. | D) They waited for the water to subside.            |
4. “I must brave the floods.” What did the driver mean?”  

|                                  |                                     |
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| A) He must drive into the water. | C) He must try to fight the floods. |
| B) He must take a risk.          | D) He must look at the floods.      |
5. When did the floods finally subside?  

|                           |                            |
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| A) The following morning. | C) Later in the afternoon. |
| B) At the wake of dawn.   | D) In the evening.         |
6. The driver eventually agreed to wait because  

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| A) He decided to relax.      | C) Sahra stopped him.       |
| B) The crowd threatened him. | D) The floods had subsided. |
7. According to the passage the District Commissioner looked for Sahra in order  

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| A) To congratulate her for the good deed. | B) To inform her that she would meet the president. |
| C) To tell her to mind her own business.  | D) To inform her that she had won a state award.    |



8. Sahra won an award because
- She deserved one
  - She had saved the lives of government officials.
  - She was a brave warrior.
  - She will meet the president.
9. What award did Sahra win?
- An award for saving lives.
  - A State award.
  - The order of the previous president of Puntland.
  - She did not win any award.
10. The most suitable and appropriate title for passage is;
- Sahra's great day.
  - Sahra saves the day.
  - The day of the stream flooded.
  - The floods

**PART TWO: GENERAL VOCABULARY (15 MARKS)**

**A) Choose the word that means the same as the underlined word (5 marks)**

- He is completely wrong in his opinion.
  - Certainly
  - Entirely
  - Almost
  - Very
- The officers at the port found him forbidden goods hide in a container.
  - Prohibited
  - Allowed
  - Acceptable
  - Development
- The law can compel fathers to make regular payments for their children
  - Force
  - Notify
  - Inform
  - Enlighten
- The enemy planes had bombed the city yesterday morning.
  - Comrade
  - Foe
  - Associate
  - Friend
- The government was accused incompetence.
  - Said
  - Abused
  - Blamed
  - Suspected

**B) Choose the opposite of the underlined words (10 marks)**

- This work requires a lot of mental effort.
  - Physical
  - Manual
  - Abnormal
  - Normal
- The report is a fair summary of the issues facing us.
  - Just
  - Usual
  - Unfair
  - Normal

3. The level of the sea has risen sharply over the years.
 

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| A) Dropped | C) Fallen     |
| B) Climbed | D) Stabilized |
4. Six weeks later we heard, to our great sorrow that Ali had died.
 

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| A) Sadness | C) Unhappiness |
| B) Joy     | D) Grief       |
5. The workers have been idle for the last two months.
 

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| A) Busy | C) Indolent |
| B) Lazy | D) Languid  |
6. The departure time of the delegation is 8:30
 

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| A) Exit          | C) Arrival |
| B) Disappearance | D) Removal |
7. The employees of Golis Telecommunication Company are obedient.
 

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|----------------|----------------|
| A) Disobedient | C) Deferential |
| B) Complaint   | D) Respectful  |
8. Where is the entrance of this building?
 

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| A) Way in  | C) Entry |
| B) Opening | D) Exit  |
9. The driver accelerated his car to overtake the bus.
 

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|-------------|----------------|
| A) Speed up | C) Decelerated |
| B) Improved | D) Looked      |
10. Omar is directly responsible for the efficient running of the office.
 

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| A) Mature        | C) Unresponsible |
| B) Irresponsible | D) Good          |

**PART THREE: GRAMMAR IN USE (55 MARKS)**

**A) Put the verbs in brackets in brackets into correct tense (10 marks)**

1. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an exam at the moment.
2. Hodan usually \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school.
3. Mahad always \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to school on foot.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV every evening.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) the president next week.
6. When \_\_\_\_\_ (we begin) our work next year?
7. A thief \_\_\_\_\_ (break) into my house last week.
8. The police officers \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) a thief last night.
9. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very late yesterday morning.
10. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a novel book when I saw him yesterday.

**B) Choose the correct answer (10 marks)**

1. Mahad usually \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV in the living room.  
A) Watch C) Is watching  
B) Watches D) Watched
2. Ayan \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English here every evening.  
A) Studied C) Studies  
B) Study D) Will be studying
3. The workers \_\_\_\_\_ (dig) a well in our garden at the moment.  
A) Are digging C) Digs  
B) Dug D) Will dig
4. A thief \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) my car last night.  
A) Steals C) Will steal  
B) Is stealing D) Stole
5. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late yesterday.  
A) Was C) Were  
B) Is D) Are
6. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (correct) our exercises tomorrow.  
A) Corrects C) Corrected  
B) Will correct D) Have corrected
7. The warrior \_\_\_\_\_ (just ride) his horse into the battle.  
A) Just rides C) Rode  
B) Is riding D) Has ridden
8. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework every afternoon.  
A) Has done C) Do  
B) Does D) Did
9. The young lady \_\_\_\_\_ (run) after a car when she \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) her purse.  
A) Was running, lost C) Was running, has lost  
B) Were running, lost D) Were running, had lost
10. Hafso \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a video after the children \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed.  
A) Had watch, went C) Had watched, went  
B) Had watched, had gone D) Watched, had gone

**C) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (5 marks)**

1. If Ali \_\_\_\_\_ (study) well, he will pass his exams.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very happy if my friends come.
3. If Ayan \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home early, she would prepare the dinner.
4. If Hassan \_\_\_\_\_ (be) my best friend, I would invite him to my wedding party.
5. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nice, they would have played football in our school ground.

**D) Choose the correct answer (10 marks)**

1. The lady did not buy \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes at the market yesterday morning.  
A) Much  
B) A little  
C) Some  
D) Any
2. There were not \_\_\_\_\_ people at the beach yesterday afternoon.  
A) Some  
B) Many  
C) Much  
D) A lot of
3. Hassan gave me \_\_\_\_\_ money last week.  
A) Some  
B) Many  
C) Much  
D) A few
4. Was there \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment in your country last year?  
A) Some  
B) Many  
C) A lot of  
D) Much
5. We stayed in Garowe for \_\_\_\_\_ days and visited different places in the capital.  
A) Any  
B) A few  
C) A little  
D) Little
6. My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ than your brother.  
A) Handsome  
B) Most handsome  
C) More handsome  
D) As handsome
7. Ahmed is the \_\_\_\_\_ English teacher in our city.  
A) More popular  
B) As popular  
C) Most popular  
D) Popular
8. The young lady sang \_\_\_\_\_ at the party last night.  
A) Beautiful  
B) Beauty  
C) Beautify  
D) Beautifully
9. My father bought me \_\_\_\_\_ uniform and \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella.  
A) a, the  
B) an, a  
C) a, an  
D) an, the
10. Jama has invited Hassan and \_\_\_\_\_ at his party.  
A) I  
B) My  
C) Mine  
D) Me



**Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (5 marks)**

Example: She is writing a report. / The report is being written.

1. She is swimming through the dirty ocean.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. He decided to visit his family in a vacation.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. He is bringing a novel.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. He has a good boy and a girl in the evening.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. He is going to be a teacher in the morning.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2: Choose the correct preposition. (10 marks)**

1. When he reached \_\_\_\_\_, he felt as though he was in a new world.

A) on B) in C) with D) at

2. He is a person \_\_\_\_\_ with a lot of money.

A) full B) filled C) over D) to

3. He is a person who is \_\_\_\_\_ in his work.

A) very B) a little C) a bit D) in

4. He is a person who is \_\_\_\_\_ in his work.

A) on B) for C) to D) from

5. He is a person who is \_\_\_\_\_ in his work.

A) with B) on C) in D) for

**Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (10 marks)**

Example: The boy is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study" is "in his study".

1. He is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study".

\_\_\_\_\_

2. He is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study".

\_\_\_\_\_

3. He is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study".

\_\_\_\_\_

4. He is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study".

\_\_\_\_\_

5. He is "in his study" by the way that he is "in his study".

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