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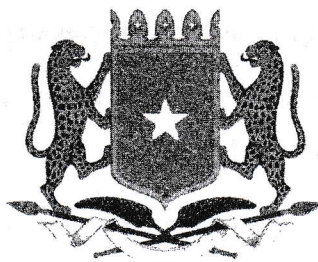
GRADE 12 EXAMS, 2020

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE



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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA**  
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**Somali Certificate for Secondary Education**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Grade:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Exam Year:</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Total Marks:</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Allowed Time</b>	<b>2 hours</b>

**Please read all the instructions carefully before attempting the questions:**

- Write your full name, roll number and school name in English on the space provided on your answer booklet.
- Write all your answers on the answer booklet. Answers on the question paper will not be marked.
- Write legibly in dark blue pen **only**.
- Answer all questions as provided in the question paper.
- All rough work must be on the answer booklet. Any work outside of the answer booklet will not be marked.
- Adhere to examination regulations and allowed time.
- **Check that your examination question paper has 5 printed pages excluding the cover page.**

**PART A: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)**

**Read the passage and answer the questions that follow correctly.**

**Education in Somalia after the revolution**

After the October 1969 revolution, Education in Somalia was given a new direction. The revolutionary government introduced the Latin script for the Somali language. In 1972, Somali language was used for instruction in all primary and secondary schools. This change was extremely important because for the first time, the children could go to school and learn in their own mother tongue. It was no longer necessary to spend years learning a new language in order to receive an education.

The government also started mass literacy campaigns from 1974 to 1975. In nineteen months, more than 1.2 million people were taught how to read and write the Somali language. When the revolutionary government came to power in 1969, 90% of the population was illiterate. The mass literacy campaign cut this number by over 40%.

In 1975, the revolutionary government also introduced a policy of free primary education and in 1977 the primary system was changed from six years to eight years. As a result of this change, the enrollment of students in primary school (first grade) increased greatly. In 1972, the enrollment was 21,000 and it increased to 24,000 in the next two years reaching 134,000 by 1976.

The large increase in enrollment meant that many more teachers were needed in the schools. The government started a teacher training center at Halane in 1973 which trained teachers for the primary schools while the Secondary school teachers were trained at Lafolle College.

Another important stage in the education sector was the establishment of the Curriculum Development Centre for the writing of new courses for the schools. The Curriculum Development Center was improved by the government to develop new books for schools.

**In questions 1 to 5, choose the correct alternative for the following words as used in the paragraph above**

(2 marks each)

1. Instruction means:                      A. teaching                      B. disorder                      C. language                      D. book
2. Extremely means:                      A. not very                      B. quite                      C. not quite                      D. very
3. Mother tongue means:  
A. foreign language                      B. first language                      C. new language                      D. second language
4. Illiterate means:                      A. Educated                      B. untaught                      C. informed                      D. literate.
5. Enrollment means:                      A. teachers                      B. participants                      C. unemployed                      D. number joined

**In questions 6 to 8, choose the correct answer and write it on the answer booklet (2 marks each).**

6. The mass literacy campaigns reduced illiteracy to \_\_\_\_\_ in Somalia.  
A. 90%                      B. over 50%                      C. under 50%                      D. 95%
7. In the year 1973 and 1974, the enrollment in primary schools was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 24,000                      B. 204,000                      C. 240,000                      D. 224,000
8. Secondary school teachers are trained at \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Curriculum Development Centre                      B. Halane  
C. C. Lafoole college                      D. revolutionary system

**PARTB: Grammar (20 marks)**

**In questions 9 to 18, select the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks and write it in the answer booklet.**

(2 marks each)

9. Yesterday morning, Ali ..... to the Somali museum.  
a. go                      B. went                      C. was going                      D. had gone
10. He felt ..... tired that he fell asleep.  
a. Very                      B. rather than                      C. as                      D. so
11. Who always ..... in this street?  
a. Walked                      B. walk                      C. walks                      D. walking
12. While Ahmed ..... the football, he got sleepy.  
a. Watched                      B. was watching                      C. watch                      D. watches
13. Somali people used to live in America many years .....  
a. ago                      B. before                      C. after                      D. hereafter

14. How did you ..... to work yesterday?  
a. Went                      B. going                      C. goes                      D. go
15. Where ..... you live, Dirir?  
a. Are                      B. do                      C. did                      D. were
16. Kismayo is ..... large city.  
a. The                      B. a                      C. an                      D. on

**PART C: (50 MARKS)**

**In questions 17 to 21, complete these sentences with the correct form of adjectives given in the brackets** (2 marks each)

17. He is ..... than his sister. In fact, she is the..... in the family. (young / old).
18. I think that mathematics is the ..... subject I take in the school. (Difficult).
19. Our new car is..... and ..... than the one we just sold. (fast / reliable)
20. The Chinese generator is ..... than the Japanese one. (Cheap).
21. Livestock is the ..... part of our economy. (Important).

**In questions 22 to 26, rearrange the following words to make correct sentences (2marks marks).**

22. Harun /Bossaso/from /is.
23. And / Hamar / Ahmed / School / to / Abdi / go .
24. Books / those / your /are?
25. Go /school/ when / do /you / to?
26. Duhur /did/ pray /prayer / you?

**In questions 29 to 38, choose the correct answer from the table below to fill the blank spaces and write it in the answer booklet.(2 marks each)**

Tall	Rich	Sick	Old
Exhausted	Collapsed	Situated	Population
Effective	Literacy		

27. I felt so ..... that I went to see my doctor.

28. My grandfather is so ..... that he cannot work.
29. He is so ..... that he could buy a hundred cars.
30. My cousin is so ..... that he has to have a special bed.
31. The Somali ..... is estimated at thirty million.
32. Our government started a mass ..... campaigns in rural areas.
33. There was an earthquake in America last week. Nobody was killed but some houses ...
34. This printer was very ..... because it printed a lot of books.
35. I've been playing football for 3 hours. I feel .....
36. Somalia is ..... in the horn of Africa.

**In questions 38 to 42, choose the correct question tags and write them in the answer booklet.**

(2marks each)

37. You are a student.....  
 A. are you?      B. were you?      C. aren't you?      D. Is you?
38. Ali isn't a doctor .....  
 A. Is he?      B. Isn't he      C. was he ?      D. wasn't he?
39. Muna goes to the cinema.....  
 A. does she?      B. didn't she?      C. doesn't she?      D. did she?
40. I did the homework.....  
 A. did you?      B. didn't you?      C. don't you?      D. do you

**In questions 43 to 45, form adverbs from the following adjectives and write it in the answer booklet.**

(2marks each)

**Adjectives**

41. Quiet

**Adverbs**

.....

42. Usual

.....

43. Beautiful

.....



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**Part D: WRITING(20 marks)**

**Choose and write on one of the following topics in not more than 250 words. (20 marks each)**

1. Education is the backbone of the Somali community. Please defend the statement.
2. Technology is important to your school. Please justify.
3. The Ministry of Education Culture and Higher Education in Somalia is responsible for providing quality education for all the citizens. What are some of the most important activities that it should implement?

**Remember to write all of your answers on the answer booklet**

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