Qatar Comprehensive Educational Assessment

Practice Test 2014
English Writing and Reading
Grade 9
يتكون اختبار اللغة الإنجليزية التجريبي من ثلاثة أجزاء: الكتابة وألياتها، القراءة، الكتابة.

هذا الكتيب يتكون من تقييم الكتابة وألياتها والقراءة ويحتوي على 15 سؤالاً. ستجيبون أولًا عن أسئلة الكتابة وألياتها، ثم ستنقلون إلى تقييم القراءة. لكل الأسئلة الموجودة في هذه الكراسة أربعة خيارات علىهم اختيار إجابة واحدة فقط لكل سؤال ثم ستنقلون إلى تقييم الكتابة. حاولوا الإجابة على كل الأسئلة.

ستجدون أمثلة لأسئلة في تقييم الكتابة وألياتها والقراءة تظهر إجاباتها في كراسات التقييم التي معكم. لا تجيبوا على هذه الأسئلة.
The writing test has a total of 8 questions. It has two parts. Before each part, you will see directions. Read the directions and sample questions carefully to be sure you understand how to answer the questions in that part of the test.

**Part One**

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will see sentences with blanks. Choose the words that belong in the blanks. Then mark the box of the correct answer.

**Sample Question:**

Choose the word that belongs in the blank.

I can’t _________ my pencil.

A  found  
B  finds  
X  find  
D  finding

The word that belongs in the blank is “find,” so the correct answer is “C”.

When you take the test, you will mark the box next to the answer you choose as shown in the example.
Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

A person who is able to speak two languages is considered to be______.

A  *bilingual
B  trilingual
C  unilingual
C  monolingual

Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

We arrived at the theater too late because we were not ________the fact that the movie began at 8:00 p.m.

A  partial to
B  *aware of
C  excited by
C  involved in

Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

He is really a ____________person. He always changes his mind easily.

A  changeible
B  *changeable
C  changeble
C  Changaible
Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

I plan to __________my thoughts on the project during our next meeting with the client.

A  *bring up
B  bring out
C  bring over
C  bring about

Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

I try __________advantage of owning a car by going on long trips as often as possible.

A  take
B  taking
C  *to take
C  to taking
Questions 6-8: Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.

(1) As the world’s population increases, more farmable land is being lost to human activity and expansion. (2) ________ new ways must be found to make the remaining farmland more productive to meet growing food demands. (3) One issue that reduces productivity is crop loss to pests, weather, and disease. (4) Pests, such as flies and beetles, nearly do the most damage to crops. (5) In an effort to reduce crop loss to these environmental stressors, scientists are introducing genes from other organisms into food crops. (6) The genes inserted into the food crops make them less likely to die from environmental stressors. (7) Even though there are some benefits to genetically modified foods, many people do not believe this food should be eaten. (8) This is because they do not think there is sufficient research into the possible negative effects genetically modified foods could have on people and nature. (9) More research is being conducted into any possible side effects of these foods. (10) In the meantime, genetically modified foods are already on the market, and scientists continue to genetically alter the food supply.

Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

Which word or phrase best completes sentence 2?

A  Instead
B  Otherwise
C  *As a result
C  Despite this
Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

Which sentence could be removed without affecting the meaning of the passage?

A  *sentence 4
B  sentence 5
C  sentence 6
C  sentence 8

Choose the word or words that belong in the blank.

Where is the best place to divide this passage into two paragraphs?

A  between sentences 2 and 3
B  between sentences 3 and 4
C  *between sentences 4 and 5
C  between sentences 5 and 6
The reading test has a total of 6 questions. You will see samples below. Read the samples carefully to be sure you understand how to answer the questions in that part of the test.

**Directions:** In this part, you will see some texts. Read each text and answer the questions about it. Your answers should be based on what is stated or implied in the text.

**Sample:**

**Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.**

Coffee has been part of Arab life for a very long time, but who first discovered how to make it? There are many different stories. One of them goes like this: Long ago, there was a shepherd who lived in Yemen. One day he **noticed** some red berries growing on a bush. He saw that when the goats ate the berries, they became very restless and excited. From these berries a strong, hot drink was made. Ever since that time, people have been drinking coffee for its good taste – and to keep awake.

**What is the text mainly about?**

- A. the dangers of drinking too much coffee
- B. the best way to prepare coffee
- C. the most popular kind of coffee
- **X.** the discovery of coffee

The correct answer is “D”, “the discovery of coffee.”

**The word noticed in line 4 is closest in meaning to _______.**

- A. ate
- **X.** saw
- C. wanted
- D. selected

The correct answer is “B”, “saw.”

When you take the test, you will mark the box next to the answer you choose.
Work Comes First

Layla had a talent for writing. She enjoyed writing because she could think of creative ideas and write them down on paper in a heartbeat. Her teachers often praised her work, saying she wrote as well as a poet. She typically achieved good grades on all of her tests and assignments. Layla had done so well in all of her writing classes that she now expected to get only perfect grades with minimal effort.

On the newest writing assignment, Layla was supposed to write a persuasive argument on a topic of her choice. She knew this assignment would be simple for her, so she decided she would write the paper the night before it was due. This gave her time to do fun things such as going on picnics, taking pictures of beautiful scenery, exercising, and listening quietly to the buzz of the bees around her.

The night before her assignment was due in class, Layla sat down to begin her persuasive argument paper on why everyone should exercise at least thirty minutes per day. She had not yet written a full paragraph when suddenly the lights went out in her town. The room was a black curtain, and Layla could not even see the paper in front of her. She descended the stairs to the kitchen when she heard her father enter the house.

Layla asked him if he knew the reason for the power outage. He said it was due to high winds. Because Layla had put off her writing assignment, she was unable to finish it that night. She was only able to earn partial credit on the assignment because she had failed to turn it in on time. Layla realized her persuasive writing assignment was more important than having fun, and she should have completed it before doing more enjoyable things. Layla decided that next time she would start her assignment earlier, even if writing came easily for
What is the overall message of the passage?

A  Save time to do the fun things in life.
B  Asking many questions can help people learn.
C  Have the strength to give a firm, clear message.
C  *Do not put off the tasks that can be completed today.

"Wrote as well as a poet" is an example of which type of figurative language?

A  *a simile
B  hyperbole
C  a metaphor
C  onomatopoeia

Which of the following statements shows that Layla is a talented writer?

A  Layla was going to write an argumentative paper.
B  *Layla received good grades on all of her tests.
C  Layla didn't write a complete paragraph.
C  Layla had time to go on picnics.
Questions 12-14: Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

Teenagers, do you want to eat healthier but dislike the repetition of eating fruits and vegetables every day? Are you lacking essential nutrients in your diet, which may leave you feeling weak and exhausted? Do you skip the “most important meal of the day” because you simply don’t have time to eat in the morning?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Delicious Nutrition has the answer you’ve been looking for! Teenagers everywhere are going bananas for Delicious Nutrition’s new Banana Split Bars. This healthy, yet appetizing, bar is power-packed with flavor and nutritional goodness!

Why Delicious Nutrition?
Delicious Nutrition, a trusted brand in the nutritional food industry, realizes that adolescents need daily essential vitamins and nutrients. We don’t want our customers to sacrifice taste for nutrition. That’s why our scrumptious bars contain:
• Five full servings of fruits and vegetables in one cereal bar
• A whopping 23 grams of protein per bar (that’s half the required daily value in just one bar)
• No preservatives or other harmful ingredients found in most other popular cereal bars
• A delicious banana split flavor that tastes just like your favorite ice cream sundae

Quality Nutrition, Low Cost
Best of all, Delicious Nutrition’s Banana Split Bars are affordable. Who else offers a healthy, flavorful bar for the mere cost of QR 2? What are you waiting for? Make Delicious Nutrition’s Banana Split Bars a necessary part of your day.
What is the overall purpose of the advertisement?

A  to promote healthier eating habits for teenagers  
B  *to persuade consumers to buy the new breakfast bars  
C  to fascinate consumers with the nutritional facts of cereal bars  
C  to convince teenagers that taste is more important than nutrition

Read this sentence from the advertisement.

Where else can you find a healthy, flavorful bar for the mere cost of QR 2?
How should a consumer confirm this statement as factual information versus personal opinion?

A  interview the president of the company  
B  calculate the price of ordering multiple bars  
C  taste another type of bar from the same company  
C  *research the costs of other companies' comparable nutrition bars

The advertisement states that Delicious Nutrition is “a trusted brand in the nutritional food industry.”
Why is this a deceptive statement?

A  *This statement is an opinion, but it is introduced as factual information.  
B  This statement has not been proven with data, so it is a strictly personal view.  
C  This statement is accurate, but only because all consumers believe this to be true.  
C  This statement is not the belief of the company, yet it is presented as common knowledge.
General Directions

Make sure that you:

* Use complete sentences.
* Read the directions very carefully.
* Do not write outside the box.
* Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.
* Write well-organized response.

You have been asked to write an article for a travel magazine about the best places to visit in Qatar.

Write a paragraph describing one of those places.
Write at least 10–15 complete sentences.

These phrases may help you:
- enjoy the scene
- do many activities
- have picnics
- take pictures

Be sure to write your answer inside the box.

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