



# **Qatar Comprehensive Educational Assessment**

Practice Test 2016  
English Writing and Reading

**Grade 9**

## التعليمات العامة

هذا الكُتيب يتكون من ثلاث أجزاء; تقييم المفردات و آليات الكتابة ، القراءة ، الكتابة. ويحتوي على 16 سؤالاً. ستجيبون أولاً عن أسئلة المفردات و آليات الكتابة ، ثم ستنتقلون إلى تقييم القراءة. لكل الأسئلة الموجودة في هذه الكراسة أربعة خيارات عليكم اختيار إجابة واحدة فقط لكل سؤال ثم ستنتقلون إلى تقييم الكتابة. حاولوا الإجابة على كل الأسئلة.

سوف تستخدمون قلم الحبر الجاف للإجابة. وإذا احتجتم إلى تغيير إجابة ما، فقوموا بملء المربع للإجابة التي لا تريدونها بشكل تام. إذا قمتم بتحديد أكثر من إجابة واحدة، أو إذا لم تكن إجاباتكم محددة بشكل واضح، تُلغى درجة السؤال.

ستجدون أمثلة لأسئلة في تقييم آليات الكتابة والقراءة تظهر إجاباتها في كراسات التقييم التي معكم. لا تجيبوا على هذه الأسئلة.

## Vocabulary and Writing Strategies

The writing test has a total of 7 questions. Read the directions and sample questions carefully to be sure you understand how to answer the questions in this 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
- C 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.

**1**

**Choose the word that belongs in the blank.**

**It was ..... to sleep because of the noise.**

- A ilpossible
- B impossible
- C inpossible
- D irpossible

**2**

**Don't ..... like that again.**

- A let me down
- B let down me
- C down let me
- D down me let

**3**

**Jassem can't afford ..... a new watch.**

- A to buying
- B buying
- C to buy
- D buy

**4**

**I want to become an ..... because I love writing.**

- A actor
- B author
- C engineer
- D undertaker

**5**

**A teacher is a person ..... teaches students.**

- A where
- B which
- C who
- D whose

**6**

**An engineer designs buildings and ..... them.**

- A construct
- B constructs
- C constructed
- D constructing

**7**

**Doctors work so hard for us, \_\_\_\_\_ we must thank them and value them highly.**

- A although
- B but
- C so
- D too

## READING

The reading test has a total of 8 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.**

### What Is a Desert?

A desert is a very dry place. It does not get much rain. The weather there is hot and windy.

The largest desert in the world is the Sahara. It is in Africa. There are other large deserts in Australia and America. In fact, there are deserts all over the world.

**What is the text mainly about?**

- A deserts
- B animals
- C cities
- D people

The correct answer is "A", "deserts."

**Look at the word large in the text. What does large mean?**

- A hot
- B big
- C far
- D old

The correct answer is "B", "big."

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

**Questions 8-11: Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.**

### **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 her.

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**What is the overall message of the passage?**

- A saving time to do the fun things in life
- B asking many questions can help people learn
- C having the strength to give a firm, clear message
- D doing the tasks that can be completed today in time

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**What type of figurative language is used in the sentence below?**

"... she wrote as well as a poet ..."

- A a simile
- B hyperbole
- C a metaphor
- D onomatopoeia

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**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.
- D Layla didn't have time to go on picnics.

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**Why did the lights go out in Layla's town?**

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**Questions 12-15: 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 nutritional goodness!

**Why Delicious Nutrition?**

Delicious Nutrition, a trusted brand in the nutritional food industry, understands teenagers need nutrients daily. 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 flavour that tastes just like your favourite ice cream sundae

**Quality Nutrition, Low Cost**

Best of all, Delicious Nutrition’s Banana Split Bars are affordable. Who else offers a healthy, flavourful 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. “Delicious Nutrition” is truly food from heaven.

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**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 inform consumers with the nutritional facts of cereal bars
- D to convince teenagers that taste is more important than nutrition

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**Which of the following is a fact ?**

- A Delicious Nutrition is truly food from heaven.
- B Delicious Nutrition has the answer you've been looking for!
- C This healthy bar is power-packed with nutritional goodness!
- D Delicious Nutrition understands teenagers need nutrients daily.

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**How much is a "Delicious Nutrition" bar ?**

- A QR 2
- B QR 4
- C QR 6
- D QR 8

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**According to the passage what is the most important meal of the day?**

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## **WRITING**

### **General Directions**

- Use complete sentences.
- Do not write outside the box.
- Write well-organized responses.
- Read the directions very carefully.
- Express your ideas clearly and completely.
- Check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

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Write an essay of up to 15 sentences in 3 or more connected paragraphs about the best places to visit in Qatar. Remember to write where these places are, when the best time to visit them is, how they look like, and why you like them.

These phrases may help you:

- Qatar is famous for...
- This place is located...
- The best time to visit it is...
- It is a wonderful place because...





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**Score Sheet**

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15	0	.5	1	1.5						----	
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Reader 2											
Item										Score	Blank
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