






Dhofar University Foundation Program
English Level 1 (FPE 101A)
Final Reading & Writing Exams (Mock)
Term 2, 2023-24

Name: _____ ID: _____ Section: _____

Instructions:

1. Turn off your mobile phone. 
2. You may use a pencil to write your paragraphs. For all other sections, use a blue or black pen ONLY. 
3. Read the instructions in each section carefully. 



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READING EXAM		
Text (1-15)		15
Vocabulary (16-20)		5
Total		20

WRITING EXAM		
Grammar (1-5)		5
Writing Task		15
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TEXT (Questions 1-15)

Buzkashi

1 Buzkashi is an ancient sport from the mountains of Central Asia. People play it from the village of Ulupamir in Turkey to the cold, dry steppes of China where the Uighur people live. The word buzkashi means 'goat-pulling' in Farsi. It is a winter-spring sport, played from November to April.

2 Buzkashi is played on horseback with two teams of five riders. The riders try to pick up a dead goat, carry it around a flag, and drop it in a circle called the Circle of Justice. (If that doesn't sound nice, don't forget that most sports use balls made of leather.) A successful drop is one point. The teams play two halves of forty-five minutes each, like football. It is fast and dangerous. The riders carry whips for hitting their horses—and other riders. Because of this, they wear heavy clothes to protect themselves. In Afghanistan, where buzkashi is the most popular, they wear old Russian army helmets, too.

3 Buzkashi began among the Turkic people of Central Asia. The cultures, traditions, and languages in this part of the world are quite similar. If you can speak Kazakh, for example, you can understand about 60% of Uzbek. The Turkic people moved across Central Asia in the 10th century, bringing buzkashi with them. However, the sport is probably much older than that.

4 Buzkashi is very, very difficult to play. The best riders are more than forty years old, and they have played all of their lives. The horse is also very important. People say, 'A bad rider on a good horse is better than a good rider on a bad horse.' The best horses for buzkashi are from northern Afghanistan. There, it is a way of life. Afghans play buzkashi every Friday, a weekly day off, and thousands of fans come to watch the competition.

5 In 2017, the first World Championship of buzkashi took place in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan. Eleven teams, including the home country, Mongolia, and the United States, took part. (The twelfth, Azerbaijan, pulled out at the last minute.) The competition lasted for a week. In the end, Kazakhstan was the winner, downing neighbouring Kyrgyzstan 4-1 in a **thrilling** final.



Read the text. Match the headings (A-E) to the paragraphs.

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|----------------|-------|--|---------------------|
| 1. Paragraph 1 | _____ | | A) Man and animal |
| 2. Paragraph 2 | _____ | | B) Turkic tradition |
| 3. Paragraph 3 | _____ | | C) World champion |
| 4. Paragraph 4 | _____ | | D) How to play |
| 5. Paragraph 5 | _____ | | E) Ancient sport |

Read the text. Choose the best answer.

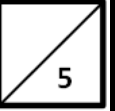
6. The text is about ____.
- A) a traditional sport
 - B) a country's history
 - C) a kind of animal
7. Buzkashi is ____.
- A) similar to rugby
 - B) older than the 10th century
 - C) easy to play
8. Afghans play buzkashi every ____.
- A) Sunday
 - B) weekend
 - C) Thursday
9. In Paragraph 5, the word **thrilling** means ____.
- A) exciting
 - B) expensive
 - C) extra
10. Where is this text from? From a/an ____.
- A) academic journal
 - B) website
 - C) traditional sports book

Read the text. Write short answers.



11. Name a season in which buzkashi is played. _____
12. What does buzkashi mean? _____
13. Where is buzkashi the most popular? _____
14. How old are the best riders? _____
15. How can you be successful in doing sports?

VOCABULARY (Questions 16-20)



Complete the sentences with the correct words in the box. You do NOT need all of the words.

operation

fit

goal

swimming

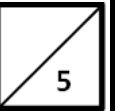
accident

introduce

partner

16. Triathlons make you _____ and healthy.
17. I saw an/a _____ on my way to school. Two cars rolled over.
18. The students were asked to work with a _____ while doing the project.
19. She wants to be an engineer. She can reach her _____ by studying hard.
20. It isn't safe to go _____ in the sea during the monsoon season.

✍️ WRITING EXAM ✍️



GRAMMAR (Questions 1-5)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Tom is very honest. He always _____ the truth. **(tell)**
2. Omantel is one of the _____ companies in Oman. **(successful)**
3. Camel races _____ popular these days in Australia. **(be)**
4. One of my friends _____ part in last year's race and was given a silver medal. **(take)**
5. If you heat ice, it _____. **(melt)**

○ Describe the process of a sporting event.

The map illustrates the White House Triathlon course. It features three main stages: a 500m swim in Queen's Lake, a 5km cycle route starting from the Clock Tower and passing through Blue Road, and a 2km run starting from the Old Museum and passing through High School and Rohan Castle. The course also includes a 'START' area near City Hall and a 'FINISH' area near Rohan Castle. Other landmarks shown include a hospital, a bridge, and a park area. A scale bar indicates 500m.

WHITE HOUSE TRIATHLON-
5th December Every year

Swim – 500 m
 Cycle – 5 km
 Run – 2 km

Write notes about the topic.

Information	Stages

