






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

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**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       |  |           |
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| Text (1-15)        |  | 15        |
| Vocabulary (16-20) |  | 5         |
| <b>Total</b>       |  | <b>20</b> |

| WRITING EXAM  |  |           |
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| Grammar (1-5) |  | 5         |
| Writing Task  |  | 15        |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | <b>20</b> |

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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, 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. In Paragraph 2, we can infer that buzkashi is NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) popular in Russia
- B) very safe
- C) worse than other sports

8. Buzkashi is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) similar to rugby
- B) older than the 10th century
- C) easy to play

9. In Paragraph 5, the word **thrilling** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) exciting
- B) expensive
- C) extra

10. The **purpose** of the passage is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) give opinion
- B) give information
- C) advertise a product



**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?

\_\_\_\_\_

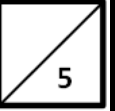
14. How old are the best riders?

\_\_\_\_\_

15. Should animals be used in sport competitions? Give reasons.

\_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY (Questions 16-20)



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

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fit

goal

swimming

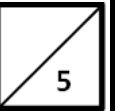
accident

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 racing \_\_\_\_\_ a popular sport in my country. (be)
4. The students are \_\_\_\_\_ about the holiday. (excite)
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 passing through Blue Road and Clock Tower, and a 2km run route starting at 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-**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December Every year**

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

Write notes about the topic.

| Information | Stages |
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