



Dhofar University Foundation Program
English Level 2 (FPE 102B)
MOCK Final Reading & Writing Exams

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Reading		
Passage		10
Vocabulary		10
Total		20

Writing		
Grammar		5
Essay		15
Total		20

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READING EXAM

Passage • Questions 1-10

Grade ____/10

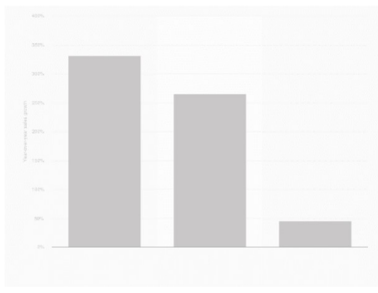
Quinoa

1 What is South America's most famous product? Footballers, of course! Names like Neymar, Messi, and Suárez are recognized around the world. Today, however, a different product is taking the world by storm.



2 Quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wa) is a plant in the amaranth family. It grows up to 2.0 meters, with small red seeds at the top. The quinoa plant is farmed for these seeds, which are also called quinoa. Quinoa seeds are a grain, like rice, wheat, and corn. They are small and round—and very healthy. Uncooked quinoa is about 64% carbohydrates and a surprising 14% protein. It is also rich in vitamins and gluten-free.

3 Quinoa was first grown deep in the Andes Mountains, not far from Lake Titicaca in modern-day Peru, by the ancient Inca people. The Incas believed quinoa was the food of the gods. They called it *chisaya mama*, or 'mother of grains'. Traditionally, the Incan emperor planted the first quinoa seeds in spring using gold tools, and for centuries it was the Incas' most important food. When the Spanish conquered that part of South America, they called quinoa 'poor people's food'. In fact, in the 16th century quinoa was banned, and the local people were made to **cultivate** wheat. However, quinoa grew in the wild, and when Peru became a country in 1821 quinoa was ready to make a comeback. Peruvians began farming quinoa again.



4 In the 1980s, farmers in the state of Colorado in the United States began to farm quinoa. Colorado is a mountainous state, and its cool, dry climate is similar to the climate in the Andes Mountains. About the same time, Americans were moving away from cheap junk food toward new, healthier foods. Quinoa became more and more popular. By the end of the 20th century, the United States was importing about half a million kilograms of quinoa from South America. Last year, imports were at 42.1 million kilograms. People pay a lot for quinoa, too—about \$4 per kilograms. (Rice, meanwhile, costs about \$0.50 per kilograms.) It is also becoming popular in traditionally rice-loving countries like Japan. Many restaurants serve quinoa dishes, like Biryani Pot's quinoa biryani. (It's very good, by the way.)

5 The quinoa craze is a good thing in many ways. However, it has had some harmful side effects. Yes, quinoa is helping to grow the Peruvian economy, bringing in \$57.2 million last year. But the high prices are hitting Peru, too. Poor Peruvians who can't afford quinoa are turning to the same cheap junk food that the rest of the world is abandoning. This is leading to health problems. So think twice before you buy that box of quinoa. It's costing somebody else more than you might think.

The passage has five paragraphs, 1-5. Match the main ideas (a–d) to the body paragraphs (2–5) in the article.

- a the history of quinoa _____
- b economic effects of quinoa's popularity _____
- c health benefits of quinoa seeds _____
- d how quinoa gained worldwide popularity _____

Choose the correct answer.

5 The passage is about _____.

- A) a news story
- B) a growing industry
- C) a historical event

7 In Paragraph 3, the word **cultivate** means _____.

- A) carry
- B) hunt
- C) grow

6 In paragraph 2, we can infer that the pronunciation of *quinoa* is _____.

- A) uncertain
- B) unscientific
- C) unusual

8 What is the author's main purpose in this article?

- A) entertain adults
- B) criticize an industry
- C) provide information

Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS from the passage for each answer.

9 How tall does quinoa grow? _____

10 Name a grain from the passage other than quinoa. _____

**Vocabulary
Questions 11-20**

Grade ____/10

Complete the paragraph with the words in the box.

income advertising poverty makes money investments encourage wealthy service

Warren is a stock broker with the holding company Berkshire Hathaway. He is successful at making a variety of **11** _____ through Berkshire Hathaway, and he is considered to be a very **12** _____ man. His strategy for making money is unusual. 'I avoid big names like Apple and Tesla,' he says. 'Instead, I look for smaller companies—companies that don't do a lot of **13** _____ and that most people haven't heard of.' He likes companies that make parts for those big names. 'Calahan is a good one,' he says. 'They make brake pads for Tesla. Then I crunch the numbers, focusing on costs as a percentage of yearly **14** _____. That helps me recognize if a company's stock is undervalued. If it is, I go for it.' Warren's strategy is an investing strategy called 'piggybacking': investing in companies like Calahan that are part of the supply chain of bigger companies. He **15** _____, too—his portfolio is up 63% since May.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Not all words are used.

helpful
savings
break down
junk food
economy
campaign
demand
portion

16 It's a good idea to put at least 20% of your income into _____ for the future.

17 Chips are the worst sort of _____. Nutritionally, they're useless.

18 My brand-new KIA Sportage _____ at the roundabout, and I had to call a tow truck.

19 One way to fight diabetes is by using several different advertising _____ to reach as many people as possible.

20 The Japanese _____ grew at an annual rate of more than 10 per cent.

WRITING EXAM

Grammar
Questions 1-5

Grade ____/5

Correct the grammar error and rewrite the sentences below.

1 The book about meditation was write by an Indian author in 2003.

2 She decided to sign down for the marathon to improve her fitness.

3 The athlete which won the competition is my friend's sister.

4 He won't definitely miss his flight; he's always punctual.

5 Her exceptional performance led to a well-deserved promote within the company.
