READING 1 (Items 1–5) (5 marks)

Match the statements with the texts.
For each statement, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.

A. Muttrah Souq is one of the oldest markets in Oman. It is near the sea in Muscat. The small streets are full of shops selling silver, frankincense and colourful cloth. Tourists from many countries visit it every day. The best time to go is the cool evening.

B. The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is a very big and beautiful mosque in Muscat. Its carpet is one of the largest in the world, and the main light hangs like a star from the high ceiling. Visitors can come in the morning. They must wear modest clothes to enter.

C. Wadi Bani Khalid is a famous wadi in the Sharqiyah region. Its pools have clear green water all year. Families go there at the weekend to swim and have picnics. There are small caves near the water. The drive from Muscat takes about three hours.

Statements	Texts		
	A	B	C
1. This place is open to visitors in the morning.	⬭	⬭	⬭
2. This place has water all year.	⬭	⬭	⬭
3. This place is near the sea.	⬭	⬭	⬭
4. This place has one of the largest carpets in the world.	⬭	⬭	⬭
5. Families swim and eat at this place.	⬭	⬭	⬭

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

*Read the text. Are the statements **True** or **False**? For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ under the correct option.*

Nizwa is an old city in Oman, about one hundred and sixty kilometres from Muscat. Long ago, it was the capital of the country. The most famous building there is Nizwa Fort, with its big round tower. From the top of the tower, you can see the whole city and the mountains around it. Next to the fort is the old souq. On Friday mornings, farmers bring goats and cows to sell, and many people come from the villages to watch. You can also buy dates, honey and silver jewellery there. Nizwa is cooler than Muscat in winter, and the air is fresh and clean. Many tourists visit the city to learn about Omani history. The people of Nizwa are friendly and welcome everyone with a smile.

	Statements	True	False
6.	**Nizwa was once the capital of Oman.**	⬭	⬭
7.	**Nizwa Fort has a tall, thin tower.**	⬭	⬭
8.	**Farmers sell animals on Friday mornings.**	⬭	⬭
9.	**You cannot buy silver in the souq.**	⬭	⬭
10.	**Nizwa is warmer than Muscat in winter.**	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	**10**