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. **The frankincense tree grows in Dhofar, in the south of Oman. Men cut the tree's skin, and a white juice comes out. After some weeks, it becomes hard like a small stone. People burn it to make a beautiful smell. Long ago, ships carried it to many countries.**

B. **The Arabian oryx is a beautiful white animal with long, straight horns. It lives in the hot desert and can live a very long time without water. Many years ago, the oryx almost disappeared. Now, special parks protect it, and its numbers are slowly growing again.**

C. **The dhow is a traditional Omani boat made of wood. Long ago, brave sailors used dhows to carry fish, dates and frankincense to India and Africa. The sailors used the stars at night to find their way. Today, people still build dhows in the city of Sur.**

Statements	Texts		
	A	B	C
1. This text is about an animal.	⬭	⬭	⬭
2. This text is about something that smells nice.	⬭	⬭	⬭
3. This text says sailors used the stars.	⬭	⬭	⬭
4. This text is about a boat made of wood.	⬭	⬭	⬭
5. This text says the animal can live without much water.	⬭	⬭	⬭

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.*

Salalah is a city in the south of Oman. It is different from other cities because of the khareef - the monsoon season. From June to September, light rain falls almost every day, and the dry brown mountains turn beautifully green. Waterfalls run down the hills, and families from all over Oman and the Gulf come to enjoy the cool weather. There is a big festival with music, food and games for children. You can eat fresh coconuts and sweet bananas from the farms near the city. Salalah is also famous for frankincense, which grows on the hills. The Museum of the Frankincense Land tells the story of the old trade. After the khareef ends, the weather becomes dry and sunny again until the next summer.

	Statements	True	False
6.	**The khareef season is from June to September.**	⬭	⬭
7.	**The mountains turn brown in the khareef.**	⬭	⬭
8.	**Visitors can eat coconuts from local farms.**	⬭	⬭
9.	**Frankincense grows in the sea.**	⬭	⬭
10.	**After the khareef, the weather is dry and sunny.**	⬭	⬭

READING SCORE	**10**