READING 1 (Items 1-5) (5 marks)

*Match the five texts on the left with the texts in the box. (There is **One** extra text in the box.)*

1. My little brother loves magic tricks. He watched videos online and learned how to make a coin disappear. Last Friday,

2. Our school has a new drama club this year. Twenty students meet every Tuesday to practise short plays. At the end of the year,

3. I am in the school chess team. We play against other schools every month. Last week,

4. For my birthday, my parents gave me a keyboard. I have lessons every Friday, and I can already play five songs. My teacher says

5. There is a new cinema in our mall. It has six big screens and very comfortable chairs. Last night, my whole family

A.	**we won our match against Barka School for the first time. Our captain scored the winning point in the last two minutes of the game.**
B.	**they will perform 'The Clever Fisherman' for all the parents in the school hall. Everyone is invited to come and watch.**
C.	**he performed his best trick in front of our whole family. Everyone was amazed and asked him to do it again.**
D.	**we watched the new cartoon film together, and ate a big box of popcorn. My little sister laughed so much that she cried!**
E.	**the library opens at eight. Students can read there before class starts every day.**
F.	**I will be ready to play in the school concert in December. I practise for half an hour every day.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

It was the night of the school talent show, and twelve-year-old Rashid stood behind the big red curtain with his oud in his hands. His heart was beating fast. Rashid had started learning the oud only one year before. His grandfather, a famous musician in their village, had taught him every Friday after lunch. 'Music lives in your family,' his grandfather always said. 'Just let it out.'

'Next on stage: Rashid Al Amri with his oud!' called the headmaster.

Rashid walked out. Two hundred faces looked at him. For a second, he forgot everything. Then he saw his grandfather in the front row, smiling and nodding slowly.

Rashid sat down, closed his eyes, and began to play. The hall became completely quiet. His fingers moved over the strings, and the old songs of his village filled the room. When he finished, there was one second of silence - and then everyone stood up and clapped.

The judges gave Rashid first prize: a gold medal and a new oud. His grandfather came onto the stage and hugged him.

'You see?' the old man said. 'The music found its way out.'

That night, Rashid hung the medal next to his grandfather's old medals on the wall. He knew he would remember this evening for the rest of his life.

READING 2 (continued)

*For each question, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS or a NUMBER**)*

6. Who taught Rashid to play the oud?

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7. When did the lessons happen?

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8. Where did the talent show take place?

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9. How long had Rashid learned the oud?

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10. What was the first prize?

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READING SCORE	**10**