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. Our school library was closed for two years, but this month it opened again. Now it has two thousand new books,

2. I help at the animal shelter every Saturday morning. We feed the cats and dogs, clean their homes,

3. My sister is learning to cook. Yesterday, she made shuwa for the whole family. She cooked the meat very slowly

4. The new science lab at our school has ten computers and a 3D printer. Last week, our class printed

5. Every winter, thousands of flamingos visit the lagoons near Muscat. Last weekend, my father took me

A.	**for six hours in a special underground oven in our garden. It was the best shuwa I have ever eaten in my life.**
B.	**small models of the human heart. We could hold one, turn it around, and see how it works inside our bodies.**
C.	**and take the friendliest dogs for long walks in the park. Finding kind new families for these lovely animals makes me very happy indeed.**
D.	**to watch them quietly with his old binoculars. Their beautiful pink colour comes from the many small shrimps they eat all day long in the water.**
E.	**the shopping mall has a new games floor. Children can play video games and bowling there all day.**
F.	**and every student can borrow three books home for two weeks. I have already read four long adventure stories from my favourite writer!**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

Nobody at Al Noor School expected the old garden to win a prize. It was a sad, dusty square behind the classrooms, with two dying trees and a broken tap.

Then, in September, a new student called Raya joined class 7A. Raya loved plants. At her old school in the mountains, every class had its own small garden. She asked the head teacher, Mrs Badria, if she could try to fix the garden. Mrs Badria said yes - but there was no money to help her.

Raya did not give up. She made a poster: 'Bring one plant from home.' By Friday, there were forty plants by the office door. The science teacher gave her old water bottles to make a watering system. Two fathers who worked in gardens came on Friday morning and fixed the broken tap for free.

Every break time, students found Raya in the garden with her hands in the earth. Slowly, the square changed colour. First green, then red and yellow flowers, then butterflies that nobody had seen at school before.

In April, a letter arrived from the Ministry of Education. Al Noor School had won the 'Green School' prize for the whole region - five hundred rials for new books!

At the prize day, Mrs Badria gave the microphone to Raya. 'One plant is small,' Raya said, 'but forty plants, and friends who help, can change anything.'

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. Who wanted to fix the garden?

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7. What was wrong with the garden tap?

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8. How many plants arrived by Friday?

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9. Who fixed the broken tap?

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10. How much was the prize money?

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READING SCORE	**10**