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. The school concert was on the last day of term. All the parents came to watch. When the music club played,

2. I joined the school photography club this year. Our teacher takes us out every Wednesday. Last week,

3. My sister and I love the book fair. This year, we each bought two books. My sister chose stories about horses, and

4. The art teacher asked us to paint our favourite place in Oman. Most students painted the beach, but

5. There was a puppet show at the children's library on Saturday. The puppets were animals from Oman, and

A.	**I chose a book about the great sailors of the past. I finished it in two days.**
B.	**I painted the old fort in our village, because my grandfather told me stories about it when I was small.**
C.	**everyone in the hall clapped for a long time. Even the head teacher was singing along!**
D.	**we photographed the boats in the harbour at sunset. My picture won first place in the club competition.**
E.	**the children laughed so much at the monkey puppet that they could not stop. My little cousin was crying with laughter.**
F.	**a famous Omani writer came to our school and read to us from her new book. She signed my copy!**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

For the first time in fifty years, the old cinema in our town opened its doors again. Fourteen-year-old Hamed's grandfather had told him stories about it: how he watched films there as a boy, how the whole town came on Thursday nights. The building had been closed since Hamed's father was young, and everyone thought it would fall down. But this year, the town repaired it - the red seats, the big white screen, even the old projector. On opening night, Hamed went with his grandfather. The old man wore his best dishdasha. They watched an old Omani film about a pearl diver, the same film his grandfather had seen fifty years before. Halfway through, Hamed looked at his grandfather and saw tears in his eyes, but a smile on his face. 'It is exactly as I remember,' the old man whispered. When the film ended, everyone stood and clapped for a long time. On the way home, grandfather and grandson talked about the film the whole way, and Hamed understood that some places are not just buildings - they are memory boxes.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. How long was the cinema closed?

7. Who did Hamed go with? _____

8. What was the film about? _____

9. What did grandfather wear?

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10. What did Hamed call the cinema in his mind?

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