## 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 mother gave me twenty rials for my birthday, and I could not decide what to do with them.

**2.** The new football costs fifteen rials in the sports shop, but I only have nine rials in my money box.

**3.** In the souq, my grandmother never pays the first price. She smiles, talks to the shopkeeper, and drinks tea with him.

**4.** All my friends bought the new phone game, and they talk about it at break time every day.

**5.** Our class wants to buy a present for our cleaner, Salim, because he is going back to his country.

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| **A.** | **So I saved two rials from my pocket money each week. After four weeks, the football was mine - and I felt prouder than if someone bought it for me.** |
| **B.** | **Each student gave one rial, and we bought him a beautiful watch with a thank-you card. He cried when we gave it to him at the end of term.** |
| **C.** | **In the end, I put ten rials in my savings box and spent ten on a nice art set. It was the best decision: half for the future, half for today.** |
| **D.** | **After half an hour, the price is always lower! Yesterday, she bought a beautiful silver necklace for half the first price.** |
| **E.** | **I wanted it too, but it cost five rials. I waited two weeks, and soon my friends stopped talking about it. I saved my money for something better.** |
| **F.** | **My father is a fisherman in Sur. Every morning, he takes his small boat out before the sun rises over the sea.** |

**READING 2 (Items 6–10)** **(5 marks)**

*Read the text. Then complete the task.*

When Salim was eleven, his grandfather gave him a small wooden box with three sections. On the first section, he wrote 'SAVE'. On the second, 'SPEND'. On the third, 'GIVE'.

'Every rial you get, divide it between the three boxes,' his grandfather said. 'The save box is for your future. The spend box is for fun. The give box is for people who need help.'

At first, Salim hated the give box. Why should he give away his money? Then, one winter day, he saw a poor family selling newspapers in the rain. He used his give money to buy them hot food, and the father's smile stayed in his heart for days.

Years passed. Salim's save box paid for his first bicycle, then his school trip to Salalah, and finally his first laptop for university. His friends were always surprised. 'How do you have money for everything?' they asked.

Now Salim is a father himself. Last week, he made three small boxes for his own son. When the boy asked why, Salim smiled and said, 'My grandfather taught me a secret: money is a good servant but a bad master. These boxes taught me to be its master.' The boy opened his first box that same evening.

**READING 2 (continued)**

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

**6. Who gave Salim the box?**

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**7. How many sections did the box have?**

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**8. When did Salim see the poor family?**

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**9. What did Salim buy for university?**

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**10. What did Salim make for his son?**

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| **READING SCORE** | **10** |