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 cousin wants to try paragliding, but his mother thinks it is too dangerous for a thirteen-year-old.

2. Our neighbourhood produced too much rubbish, and the bins were always full before collection day.

3. I found fifty baisas on the floor of the school bus yesterday, and I did not know what to do with it.

4. My sister loves animals and wants to be a vet, but there is no animal clinic in our small town.

5. The school adventure club needed money for new helmets and ropes, but the school's budget was finished.

A.	**I gave it to the driver, and he smiled. The next day, the school gave me a 'Star of Honesty' certificate in the morning assembly.**
B.	**The students organised a car-wash day on Friday. Forty cars paid one rial each, and by sunset, the club had all the money it needed.**
C.	**The municipality gave every house two new bins - one for recycling and one for other rubbish. Now the streets are clean, and half the rubbish is recycled.**
D.	**She watches online courses every evening, and last month, the vet in the next town invited her to help at his clinic every weekend.**
E.	**He showed his mother videos of professional instructors and their safety rules. After two weeks of discussion, she agreed - but only if he flies with an instructor.**
F.	**My aunt has a big farm near Nizwa. She grows dates and sells them in the market every Friday morning.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) **(5 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

The students of Grade 8 at Al Wusta School had a problem. Their school garden was dry and grey, and nobody sat there at break time. The head teacher said there was no money to fix it this year.

Then a student called Amal had an idea. 'Why don't we raise the money ourselves?' She did some research and found that a small garden needed only two hundred rials for plants, soil and a water tank.

The class decided to hold a 'Green Market' on a Friday. Students brought things to sell: old books, toys, homemade cookies, and plants from their homes. Amal's grandmother donated twenty small pots of basil and mint.

The market was a big success. Parents came, teachers came, and even a newspaper photographer took pictures. By noon, the students had collected two hundred and forty rials - more than they needed!

With the extra forty rials, they bought a wooden sign for the garden. It says: 'This garden grew from an idea.' Today, the garden is the most popular place in the school. Students read there, eat there, and learn there. And it all started because one student believed that a problem is just a project waiting for a plan.

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. Why was nobody using the garden?

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7. How much money did the garden need?

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8. When was the Green Market?

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9. What did Amal's grandmother donate?

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10. How much extra money did they collect?

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READING SCORE	**10**