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. Every winter, thousands of flamingos fly to the lagoons of Oman. Bird watchers come from many countries to see them, and

2. Our school has a new rule: no plastic bottles. Everyone must bring a metal bottle from home, and

3. The Arabian oryx was almost gone from the wild fifty years ago. Then Oman started a special programme, and

4. My village had no park when I was small. Two years ago, the people of the village worked together, and

5. Plastic bags look harmless, but they are very dangerous for sea animals. A turtle thinks a bag is a jellyfish, and

A.	**today there are more than a thousand oryx living free in the desert. It is one of the world's great success stories.**
B.	**eating it can kill it. That is why our class never uses plastic bags now.**
C.	**now we have a green park with trees, a playground and a small library. Everyone helped - even the children.**
D.	**the school gives cold water for free at the new fountains. We saved three thousand bottles last month!**
E.	**the best time to watch them is early in the morning, when the water is pink with birds.**
F.	**my little brother wrote a poem about them for the school magazine. It won first prize.**

READING 2 (Items 6–10) (5 marks)

Read the text. Then complete the task.

In the mountains near Salalah, there is a small village called Hasik, and in Hasik there is a school with only thirty students. Two years ago, the students and their teacher, Mr Ali, started an unusual project. The hill behind the school was dry and brown, with no trees at all. 'Let's make it green,' said Mr Ali. Everyone laughed. 'Nothing grows there,' they said. 'The goats eat everything.' But Mr Ali had a plan. First, the students built a low wall of stones around the hill to keep the goats out. Then they planted one hundred small trees - frankincense trees, which grow naturally in Dhofar and need little water. Every student 'adopted' four trees and watered them twice a week. The first summer was hard, and fifteen trees died. The students planted fifteen more. After two years, ninety-seven trees were alive, some taller than the students. Birds came back to the hill, and the air felt cooler. Last month, visitors from the Ministry of Environment came to see the green hill. They were so impressed that they gave the school a prize: two thousand rials for new books. 'You did something that grown-ups said was impossible,' the minister told the students. The youngest student, seven-year-old Ghalya, answered for everyone: 'We just didn't stop.'

READING 2 (continued)

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

6. How many students are in the school?

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7. Why did the students build a stone wall?

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8. What kind of trees did they plant?

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9. How many trees were alive after two years?

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10. What was the school's prize?

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