READING 1 (Items 1–4) **(4 marks)**

*Match the four texts on the left with the texts in the box. There is **ONE** extra text in the box.)*

1. Muna gets excellent marks in biology and chemistry. She is kind and patient, and she wants to help sick people get better. She doesn't mind studying for many years to reach her goal. _____

2. Rashid loves maths and physics. In his free time, he builds small bridges and machines from wood. He wants to design real buildings and roads one day. He enjoys solving difficult problems. _____

3. **Laila is creative and loves drawing and writing stories. She makes beautiful birthday cards for her friends and designs posters for school events. She wants a job where she can make things look beautiful.** _____

4. Faisal speaks three languages and loves meeting new people. He is proud of Oman's history and nature, and he enjoys showing visitors around his city. He wants a job with people, not a desk. _____

A.	**Do you love your country and enjoy meeting people? Become a tour guide! Show visitors our mountains, forts and beaches, and tell them Oman's wonderful story. You need languages, a friendly smile and strong legs. Every day is different, and the office is the great outdoors. Start your journey today.**
B.	**It takes many years of hard study, but few jobs are more important. Doctors and nurses help people at the most difficult times of their lives and bring hope to families. If you are patient, kind and good at science, this long but beautiful road is for you. Apply this year.**
C.	**Do you love food? Train as a professional cook and work in the best hotels and restaurants. You will learn to prepare dishes from around the world, from soups to sweets. The hours are long and the kitchen is hot, but the results are always delicious. Join our course now.**
D.	**Bridges, roads, airports, buildings - the modern world needs people who can design them. You must be strong in maths and physics and love solving difficult problems. Study**

	hard at university, and one day your own designs will stand proudly in our growing cities. The future is waiting for you. Start now.
E.	**Turn your creativity into a career! Learn to design websites, posters and magazines, or make films and animations for television and the internet. You need a good eye, new ideas and strong computer skills. Your work will be seen by thousands of people every day. Courses start in September. Join us.**

READING 2 (Items 5–10) **(6 marks)**

Read the text. Then complete the task.

When I tell my classmates that I study French after school, they often laugh and ask: 'Why? Everyone speaks English!' I used to give a short answer, but today I want to give the real one: learning another language changes your life.

First, a second language opens doors to people. Last year, a French family visited our town, and I was the only student who could talk to them. We are still friends, and their daughter helps me with my homework by video call. Now we write to each other every week. English connects you with the world; a second language connects you with hearts that English cannot reach.

Secondly, languages make your brain stronger. Scientists have found that people who speak two languages remember things better and solve problems faster. My own marks in maths improved after I started French, and I don't think that was an accident.

Thirdly, a second language helps your future. Oman welcomes millions of visitors every year, and companies need people who can speak to them. Tourism, business and science all need speakers of many languages. My uncle works in a hotel in Salalah, and he earns twenty per cent more than his colleagues simply because he speaks German.

Some people say apps can translate everything now. Perhaps. But an app cannot laugh at your jokes, understand your feelings, or shake your hand.

So here is my challenge to you: choose a language - any language - and learn ten words today. In one year, you will thank me.

READING 2 (continued)

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

5. Which language does the writer study after school?

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6. Who helps the writer with homework?

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7. Which subject improved after the writer started French?

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8. Where does the writer's uncle work?

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9. How much more does the uncle earn?

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10. How many words does the writer ask readers to learn today?

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READING SCORE	**10**