

## Centre for Preparatory Studies

### English Language Unit

#### English Level 1 (FPE 101A)

#### Mock Midterm: Reading & Writing Exams

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READING EXAM		
Text (1-15)		<b>15</b>
Vocabulary (16-20)		<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>

WRITING EXAM		
Grammar (1-5)		<b>5</b>
Writing Task		<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>

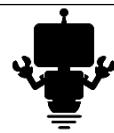
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## READING EXAM

### TEXT (Questions 1-15)



### Seasonal Tech Celebrations



**1** Tech inventions, gadgets, and discoveries are some of the most wonderful things in our world. Let us explore some year-round tech festivals that attract visitors from all over the world.

**2** In Silicon Valley, there is the Silicon Valley Tech Expo that has been happening every year since 1985. It lasts for ten days in early February, and it is a big show where they display the newest tech developments and focus on what the future of tech will look like. The best part is the Virtual Reality Dome, where you can experience amazing virtual reality adventures. Besides that, they have amazing drone races, competitions to build robots, and all sorts of unusual foods to try.

**3** Over in Tokyo, Japan, they have the Sakura Tech Festival, which happens on April 1<sup>st</sup>, right when cherry blossoms are in full bloom. This festival **blends** the beauty of nature with new technology. You get to watch drones flying around while enjoying the beautiful cherry blossoms. Moreover, visitors have the opportunity to enjoy traditional Japanese dishes like Sushi and Tempura. There are also shows where kids can learn to code and show their talents.

**4** Innovation Day is a big deal everywhere, but San Francisco takes it to the next level. It goes on for two days at the end of July, and tech fans get together to celebrate the newest inventions. People dress up in amazing clothes and dance around giant holographic displays. Remarkably, the event has a popular food court featuring 3D-printed meals and virtual reality cooking experiences.

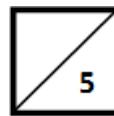
**5** In Princetown, England, there is a fantastic festival in September called Techno Harvest. At this festival, tech companies, big and small, show off their latest inventions. They set up amazing tents where you can pretend to be a farmer using special glasses, and they even have robots that pick crops all by themselves. This festival is a chance for educating people about the meeting point of technology and farming. When the sun goes down, you get to chat about how computers help farmers, and you can try luxury versions of everyday dishes with ingredients made in labs instead of on farms.

**6** These awesome tech festivals mix old traditions with new ideas, showing us how technology is always changing and making our lives better.

Source: Dukki, A. (2023). *Seasonal Tech Celebrations* [Unpublished manuscript]. CPS, Dhofar University.  
Note: This text was written in collaboration with ChatGPT.

**Match the headings (A-E) to the paragraphs (1-5).**

1. Paragraph 1	_____	A. A Look at the Future
2. Paragraph 2	_____	B. Where Nature Meets Technology
3. Paragraph 3	_____	C. New Tech for Farmers
4. Paragraph 4	_____	D. Year-Round Tech Celebrations
5. Paragraph 5	_____	E. Virtual Reality and Drone Races



**Read the text. Choose the best answer.**

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6. The Silicon Valley Tech Expo lasts for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) a week  
B) 10 days  
C) a month

9. Where can you find this text? In \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) an advertisement  
B) a scientific journal  
C) a magazine

7. One thing you can do in San Francisco is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) eat a 3D-printed meal  
B) eat Tempura  
C) build robots

10. The text is about \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) food traditions at festivals  
B) tech festivals throughout the year  
C) amazing inventions

8. In Paragraph 5, we can infer that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) robots make farmers' job easier  
B) farmers like wearing glasses  
C) regular food is better than lab food

**Read the text. Answer the Questions.**

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11. What is the highlight of the Silicon Valley Tech Expo?  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. What can children learn in the Sakura Tech Festival?  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Mention one thing people can do at Innovation Day.  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Why is Techno Harvest a good festival?  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Write one activity and one traditional food you have during your country's festivals.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY (Questions 16-20)**

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Complete the sentences with words from the box. You do NOT need all the words.

opportunity  
countryside  
take part  
history  
software  
educational

16. Every challenge is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to learn something new and exciting.
17. I love visiting my grandparents in the \_\_\_\_\_ because it's so peaceful and quiet there.
18. The new \_\_\_\_\_ allows you to edit photos, create art, and play games on your computer or smartphone.
19. Studying \_\_\_\_\_ allows us to better understand both the past and the present.
20. The lecture was not only enjoyable but also very \_\_\_\_\_. I learned a lot from the professor.

**WRITING EXAM****GRAMMAR (Questions 1-5)**

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Each sentence has ONE mistake. Correct the mistakes and rewrite the sentences.

1. Do you want a milk with your tea?

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2. The opening event starts on 3 o'clock.

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3. He usually is tired at night.

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4. What time did you arrived yesterday?

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5. Noor can speak English and Arabic when she was a child.

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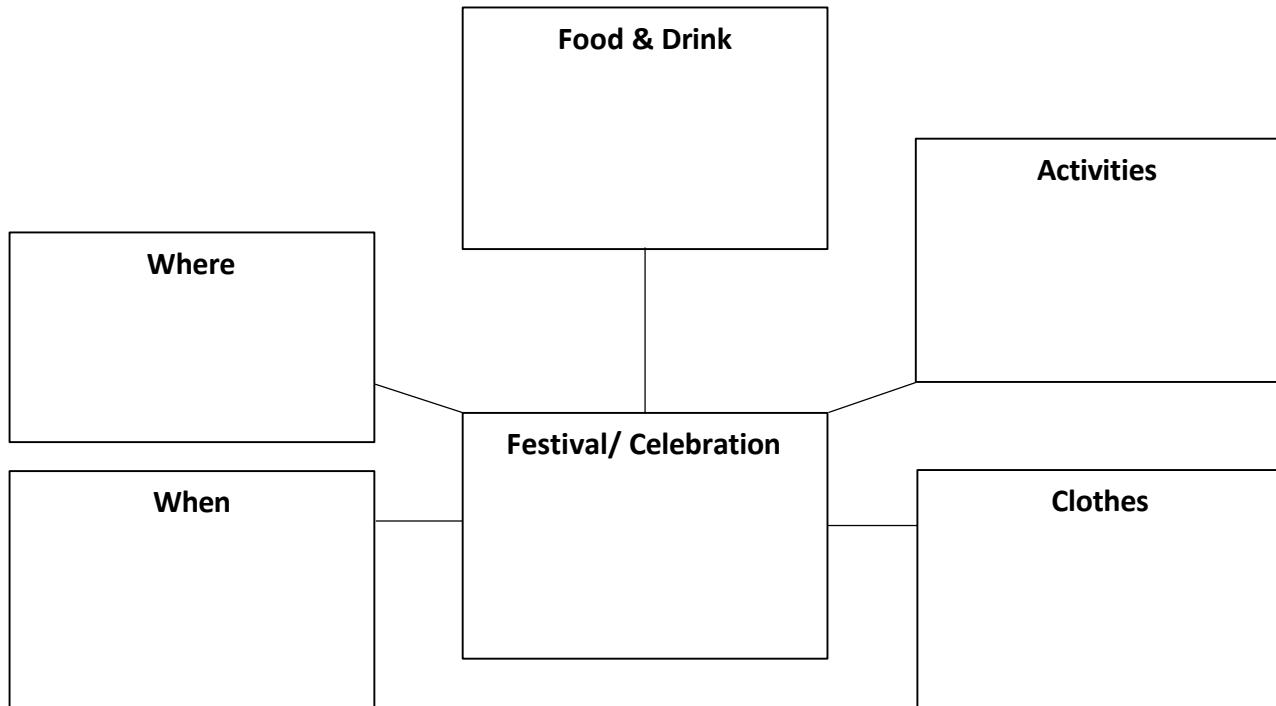
## WRITING TASK 1

Choose ONE of the topics below.

- What are the advantages/positives and disadvantages/negatives of \_\_\_\_\_? OR
- Describe a \_\_\_\_\_ in your country.

Write notes about the topic. For Topic 1, use the T-chart. For Topic 2, use the ideas map.

<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>Positives/ Advantages</b>	<b>Negatives/ Disadvantages</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	



**Write a paragraph of at least 120 words about the topic.**

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