

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – GRADE 8

Basic Skills for Placement Test (from grade 8 to 9)

School Year: 2010 - 2011

1- Reading

To answer comprehension questions (full answer; multiple choice)

To use context clues to identify synonyms based on given text

2- Grammar

To Identify and distinguish nouns (Common, proper, singular, plural, possessive)

To Identify and distinguish tenses (present, past and future in the simple, progressive and perfect forms)

To identify kinds of sentences (simple-compound –complex - compound complex)

To identify and distinguish clauses (dependent – independent)

To identify and distinguish dependent clauses(noun, adjective and adverb clauses)

To Identify and distinguish prepositions and prepositional phrases

To identify and distinguish passive and active voices

To form sentences (interrogative-negative-questions)

3- Writing

To make sentence completion

To write a descriptive paragraph

To retell or narrate a story

a-Content

Give a suitable title

Introduce the topic sentence

Relate ideas to the given topic

Express ideas clearly

Get down with a concluding sentence

b-Structure

Write correct complete sentence

Use a variety of sentences

Punctuate and capitalize correctly

Reduce redundancy