Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- This paper is in two sections. Attempt one task from Section A and one task from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.
- The use of an appropriate bilingual dictionary is permitted in both Tasks 1 and 2.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
SECTION A (Short writing task)

1 Choose either (a), (b), (c) or (d) from the four tasks below.

Write 30-70 words in Arabic.

EITHER

Media, travel and culture:

(a) You won three tickets to a famous play, that you went to see. Write an email, in Arabic, to your drama teacher about this event.

This should include:

• the venue and the people you went with
• the name of the play and a description of its main character(s)
• how much you enjoyed/did not enjoy the play and why.

OR

(b) You have some Arab friends who formed a music band. They are planning their first concert in town and they asked you to help them prepare an article, in Arabic, to be placed in the local newspaper to promote the event.

This should include:

• date, time and place of the concert
• where to buy tickets – online or on the door
• why the concert should not be missed.

OR

Sport, leisure and work:

(c) You worked in a beach resort for three weeks in the summer. Write a short speech, in Arabic, to present to your classmates about this experience.

Your speech should include:

• a description of the job
• whether or not this type of work experience is useful for young people and why.

OR

(d) You have been asked to write an article, in Arabic, for an Arabic web page about staying healthy.

In your article you should include:

• different ways of staying healthy
• which of these you prefer and why.

(Total for Task 1 = 20 marks)
Indicate which task you are answering by marking a cross in the box [ ]. If you change your mind, put a line through the box [ ] and then indicate your new task with a cross [ ].

Chosen task:  Task (a)  Task (b)  Task (c)  Task (d)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS
SECTION B (Longer writing task)

2 Choose either (a), (b), (c) or (d) from the four tasks below.

Write a minimum of 120 words in Arabic.

EITHER

Media, travel and culture:

(a) The government has proposed a new transport project that would include building an airport and a train station in your hometown. While this may bring jobs to the area, it may also result in increased noise and traffic.

You have been asked by your family and neighbours to write a letter, in Arabic, to the officials to convince them not to go ahead with the project. Write about this topic referring to the advantages, as well as the disadvantages, of this transport project.

OR

(b) Modern technology has made life easier in the last 10 years for booking transport, accommodation, entertainment and meals.

Write an article, in Arabic, about the advantages and disadvantages of using modern technology for these purposes. You should refer to your own experience or to the experience of someone you know.

OR

Sport, leisure and work:

(c) You won your school ‘Athlete of the Year’ prize. Write an article, in Arabic, about this experience for your school magazine.

Describe the prize and how you felt when you won the prize. Mention how you trained for the contest and if you would encourage other students to enter.

OR

(d) You were asked by your physical education (PE) teacher to organise a sports day at your school. Write an essay, in Arabic, about the plan you followed to organise this event.

You should mention the sports programme, the type of sports you included and the help you received from others to organise the event. You should discuss how you felt about organising the event and why.

(Total for Task 2 = 30 marks)
Indicate which task you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new task with a cross ☒.

Chosen task:  Task (a) ☐  Task (b) ☐  Task (c) ☐  Task (d) ☐