

Arabic  
PAPER 1: Listening and understanding in Arabic  
Higher tier

Total Marks
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Wednesday 15 May 2024 – Afternoon

Time: 40 minutes and 5 minutes’ reading

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
Other names					
Centre Number					
Candidate Number					

**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Text Booklet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions in Sections A and B.**

**Questions in Section A are set in Arabic.**

**Questions in Section B are set in English.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

**You must NOT use a dictionary.**

## **INFORMATION**

**You have 5 minutes to read through the paper before the first extract starts.**

**You may make notes during these 5 minutes.**

**You will hear the extract twice. You may write at any time during the tests. There will be a pause between each question.**

**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.**

**Try to answer every question.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

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**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.**

## **SECTION A**

### **خبرة العمل**

1 لورا تُرْسِلُ بَرِيداً إِيْلِكُتْرُونِيّاً لِمُدِيرِ شَرِكَةٍ عَرَبِيَّةٍ  
تَطْلُبُ الْقِيَامَ بِخِبْرَةِ عَمَلٍ

أَكْمَلِ الْجُمْلَ عَنْ طَرِيقِ اخْتِيَارِ كَلِمَةٍ أَوْ عِبَارَةٍ مِنَ  
الْمَرْبَعِ. تَوْجَدُ كَلِمَاتٌ لَنْ تَحْتَاجَهَا.

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Look at the list of words for Question 1 in the Text Booklet.

مثال: \_\_\_\_\_ أرسلت  
لورا بريداً إلكترونياً  
لمدير الشركة.

(a) حصلت لورا على درجة جامعية في

\_\_\_\_\_ الحاسوب.

(1 mark)

(b) سترسل لورا رسالة أخرى من \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 mark)

(c) طلبت لورا \_\_\_\_\_ لمدة

خمسة أسابيع.

(1 mark)

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(d) تُجيد لورا مهارة \_\_\_\_\_ باللغة العربيّة.  
(1 mark)

(e) تطلبُ لورا تحديد \_\_\_\_\_ المقابلة.  
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 1 = 5 marks)

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## الحفاظُ على الطَّاقةِ الكهربائيَّةِ

2 استمعت إلى تقرير عن طرق ادِّخار الطَّاقةِ الكهربائيَّةِ.

املأ الفراغات بكلمات تختارها من القائمة التالية:

الكهرباء/الغاز، الاصطناعيَّة/الشمسيَّة، ادِّخار/إضاءة،  
الزيَّادة/التَّخفيض، إطفاء/إشعال، الغامقة/الفاتحة

### EXAMPLE

استخدام \_\_\_\_\_ الكهرباء \_\_\_\_\_ غالٍ جدًّا.

(a) تُشجَّعُ الإرشادات على \_\_\_\_\_ من  
استخدام الطَّاقةِ الكهربائيَّةِ.

(1 mark)

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(b) من الضروري \_\_\_\_\_ الضوء عند  
الخروج من المنزل.  
(1 mark)

(c) يجب استخدام الألوان \_\_\_\_\_  
على الجدران.  
(1 mark)

(d) من الأفضل استخدام الإضاءة \_\_\_\_\_  
في النهار.  
(1 mark)

(e) يمكن \_\_\_\_\_ الكهرباء باستخدام  
غسّالة الصحون.  
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 2 = 5 marks)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

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## SECTION B

### Meeting a friend

- 3 Lama and Samia meet and talk about attending an event.

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**EXAMPLE:** Lama meets Samia in a ...

☐ A shopping centre.

☒ B library.

☐ C club.

☐ D travel shop.

(i) The event they are talking about is ...

☐ A a wedding celebration.

☐ B a graduation party.

☐ C a friend's birthday.

☐ D an engagement party.

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**(ii) Samia will not be on time for the event because she is ...**

- ☐ **A busy with some office work.**
- ☐ **B attending a work interview.**
- ☐ **C doing some work at home.**
- ☐ **D going out to buy a present.**

**(iii) In the morning, Samia works as a ...**

- ☐ **A translator.**
- ☐ **B travel agent.**
- ☐ **C party organiser.**
- ☐ **D receptionist.**

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**(iv) Lama suggested ...**

- ☐ **A    exchanging email addresses.**
- ☐ **B    going together to attend the event.**
- ☐ **C    shopping together for the event.**
- ☐ **D    exchanging messages on WhatsApp.**

**(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)**

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## Graduation day

- 4 Nader is talking to his friend Aziz about the school graduation day.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the THREE correct boxes.

- ☒ **EXAMPLE:** The school organised a graduation day.
- ☐ **A** The day started with refreshments.
- ☐ **B** Music was played after the tea and coffee break.
- ☐ **C** Pictures were displayed on a big screen.
- ☐ **D** Music was played by the school band.
- ☐ **E** The humorous part was presented by teachers.
- ☐ **F** The headteacher ended the day with a speech.
- ☐ **G** Tea and coffee were served by Year 10 students.

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

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## Arabic reading competition

- 5 An Emirati presenter on social media is announcing the winner of an “Arabic reading competition”.

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**EXAMPLE:** Sham has excellent skills in ...

- ☐ A writing stories.
- ☐ B illustrating books.
- ☒ C reading in Arabic.
- ☐ D speaking in other languages.

(i) Sham competed against ...

- ☐ A young people from the Emirates only.
- ☐ B adult readers only.
- ☐ C participants from different Arab countries.
- ☐ D children from around the world.

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**(ii) Sham was the centre of attention because she ...**

☐ **A answered all the questions.**

☐ **B was the youngest participant.**

☐ **C read her own story.**

☐ **D represented her home country.**

**(iii) To take part in the competition, Sham had to read ...**

☐ **A scientific and history books.**

☐ **B books on music and adventure.**

☐ **C religious, cultural and children's books.**

☐ **D mystery and horror stories only.**

**(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)**

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## Festivals

- 6 Nadia is reading to her class about the Carthage festival.**

**Listen to the recording and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (a) How often is the Carthage festival organised?  
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- (b) In addition to music bands, who are the other participants in the festival?  
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- (c) Mention ONE type of music that is performed in the theatre.  
(1 mark)**

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- (d) What topics do the documentary films present?  
Mention TWO.  
(2 marks)**

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**(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)**

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## Places to visit

- 7** You are listening to Tahani talking to her friend about visiting a new country.

**Listen to the recording and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (a) What was Tahani's favourite tourist attraction when she was little?**  
**(1 mark)**

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- (b) Why does Tahani want to visit Lebanon?**  
**(1 mark)**

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- (c) What normally takes place in the Jeita Cave in Lebanon?**  
**(1 mark)**

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- (d) What are the mountains of Lebanon covered with all year round?  
(1 mark)**

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- (e) Why does the number of tourists increase in winter?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)**

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## Unhealthy habits

8 Mustafa is talking about common habits.

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**EXAMPLE:** Mustafa is talking about ...

- ☒ A habits that lead to health problems.
- ☐ B reducing the number of daily meals.
- ☐ C the effects of over exercising.
- ☐ D overeating habits.

### PART (a)

(i) People follow bad habits ...

- ☐ A even when they are aware of their effects.
- ☐ B because they are part of family tradition.
- ☐ C because they are unaware of their effects.
- ☐ D as they are too busy to think about their health.

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**(ii) People usually skip breakfast because ...**

- ☐ **A they think it is not an essential meal.**
- ☐ **B they think tea and coffee improve their performance.**
- ☐ **C it does not have any nutritional benefits.**
- ☐ **D they have to leave home early for work.**

**(iii) Illnesses related to eating fast foods lead to ...**

- ☐ **A increased pressure on health services.**
- ☐ **B a decrease of the number of patients in hospitals.**
- ☐ **C improvement in the quality of fast food.**
- ☐ **D improvement in the medical care.**

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**PART (b)**

**(i) Tea is considered ...**

- ☐ **A unhealthy especially when drunk occasionally.**
- ☐ **B healthy or unhealthy depending on when it is drunk.**
- ☐ **C healthier if taken before meals.**
- ☐ **D unhealthy at all times.**

**(ii) Having salty food ...**

- ☐ **A is considered good for digestion.**
- ☐ **B helps people to lose weight.**
- ☐ **C makes people eat more.**
- ☐ **D is a problem that people rarely think about.**

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**(iii) The ability to concentrate is affected by ...**

☐ **A lack of sleep.**

☐ **B waking up too early in the morning.**

☐ **C using a mobile phone during the day.**

☐ **D reading horror stories in bed.**

**(Total for Question 8 = 6 marks)**

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## Sports events

- 9 Four friends are sharing their interests in sporting occasions.**

**Listen to their conversation and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

### **PART (a)**

- (i) What is Samer's favourite part of the Olympics?  
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- (ii) When does Amal take a special interest in tennis?  
(1 mark)**

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- (iii) Why does Rose consider herself lucky?  
(1 mark)**

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- (iv) What does Bader like most in African football matches? Mention TWO.  
(2 marks)**

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**PART (b)**

- (i) What does the opening ceremony usually involve?  
Mention TWO points.  
(2 marks)**

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**(ii) What has Ons Jabeur's biggest achievement been so far?**

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**(iii) How did Rose benefit from her participation?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(iv) What are the football players best known for?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 9 = 10 marks)**

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## Working from home

- 10 You heard Lina talking to her brother Fadi about her new job.**

**Put a cross ☒ in each of the TWO correct boxes for each question.**

**(i) What does Lina say about her new job?**

☒ **EXAMPLE:** The company decided its staff would work from home.

☐ **A** Lina works from home all week.

☐ **B** Staff benefited financially from working from home.

☐ **C** Online work increased staff absence.

☐ **D** The company could employ skilled staff globally.

☐ **E** Staff became worse off financially.

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**(ii) Lina thinks that working from home ...**

- ☐ **A benefited the environment the most.**
- ☐ **B helped staff to work more efficiently.**
- ☐ **C improved staff health.**
- ☐ **D made some staff less productive.**
- ☐ **E suited her competitive nature.**

**(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**

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