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Paper 8680/22
Reading and Writing

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should:

- Expand their range of vocabulary by reading more widely and learning more antonyms.
- Pay attention to the correct use of male and female gender and gender agreement. The following are some examples from the candidate's responses:

أمثلة:

هي مجموعة من الأصوات الشديدة، التطور التكنولوجي لديها منافع كثيرة، كأصوات الرعد والانفجارات البركانية.

- Pay more attention to the correct use of the dual.

مثال:

اللذان تتركان آثارا طويلة الأمد، وليس اللذان تتركان أو التي تتركان.

- Pay attention to the conjugation of the 'Five Verbs'. The following are some examples from responses.

أمثلة:

الأشخاص الذين يُصْدَرُوا الضوضاء، أطلب منهم أن يبتعدوا عن الضجيج، كي لا يُعانون منها.

- Correct usage of the 'Lam' in definite and indefinite nouns. The following are some examples from the candidate's responses:

أمثلة:

مدينتي مليئة بضوضاء، لنشر الوعي بالأضرار، تختلف عن باقي لموتات.

- Pay more attention to 'إِنَّ' and its sisters, and their effect on the nominative sentence.

مثال:

كَأَنَّ تأثيرها السلبي مضاعف، وليس كَأَنَّ تأثيرها السلبي مضاعفاً.

- Understand the requirements of the questions, and specifically respond to what is being asked from the correct paragraph.

General comments:

Overall, the standard of answers was good. It was apparent that teachers were effective in preparing the candidates well and raising the standard of their responses; a number of very interesting opinions were expressed.

Candidates should be reminded not to copy out sections of the text and, as far as possible, they should use their own words and phrases, particularly in response to **Question 3**, **Question 4**, and **Question 5**.

Comments on specific questions:

Question 1

The answers were variable; the majority of candidates answered successfully **parts (a), (c), and (e)**. Some candidates were not successful in answering **part (b)** and **(d)**.

Question 2

Question 2(e) and **2(c)** were the most challenging, and **2(b)** and **2(d)** were the most accurately answered. Many candidates would do well to review verb conjugation, especially with 'هَنَّ', and the rules of 'إِنَّ' and its sisters, and their effect on the nominative sentence.

Question 3

Many candidates responded correctly to all different sections of **Question 3**.

As for **part (e)**, some candidates did not answer the question asked. They commented on what the negative effects of noise were but the question asked about what factors increased the negative effects of noise.

In **part (g)** some candidates did not speak of **legal procedures** which is what the question asked.

Question 4

There were some very good responses to this question. **Parts (a), (b), (c)** and **(d)** were the most accurately answered.

As for **part (e)** many candidates did not pay attention to the word always and rushed in answering that the author agreed when in fact the answer was more nuanced.

As for **part (f)**, some candidates simply mentioned secondary/subsidiary goals whilst the question asked about the main goals.

In **part (g)** a few candidates merely wrote out the expert advice without commenting on the consequences of expert advice which is what the question asked for.

Question 5

- (a)** On the whole, there were some very good answers to this question. The question was about the effect of both noise and music on human health and work. Many candidates were successful in listing most of these effects, whereas some wrote about advantages and disadvantages of noise and music in general.
- (b)** The question asked for the candidate's own opinion on how they can deal with the noise problem in their area. Many candidates answered this question and there were some very interesting ideas. Some candidates wrote very brief answers with only one or two ideas.

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Paper 8680/32 Essay
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Key messages

- Essays written for this paper need to be accurate in terms of language used, with very good use of vocabulary.
- The content needs to be very well argued and supported with examples when necessary.
- Candidates should ensure the introductions and conclusions they are writing are relevant to the specific question they choose to answer.
- Teachers and centres are encouraged to help candidates to be more creative and productive in their answers.

General comments

This is an essay paper for which candidates are required to produce only one essay (between 250 and 400 words) from a choice of five topics. The essay is marked out of 40. 16 marks for the Content, and 24 marks for Language Use. Language instructors and centres are encouraged to aid candidates to practice the Arabic language by using online resources, printed books or even holding workshops to encourage candidates to practice Arabic Language skills.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

This question was about the young people and their parents' role to choose the future job.

Many candidates chose this question, and their answers were mostly clear with good arguments. The language and content complimented each other in most of the scripts and resulted coherent texts. Weaker candidates provided less argued answers with unclear content but overall, it was straightforward question and easy to answer. Candidates be encouraged to ensure their introductions are creative and reflect their understanding.

Question 2

This question was about media and if it has more influence on children than their parents. It was answered by good number of candidates with very good argued content. The language was clear and most of the texts were very informative.

Question 3

This topic was question was about the importance of giving men and women an equal chance in sports. This question was the least popular and very few candidates answered it.

Question 4

This question was about the free time activities. This question was the most popular question however many of the candidates missed the point and merely wrote about the free time activities. It seemed like they did not read the question which was about making the school day short then candidates could practise their different hobbies. Instead, most of the answers focused on explaining the importance of the free time.

Question 5

This question was quite popular as it was about allowing robots to work in hospitals and what candidates think about this. Candidates who attempted this question had varied answers as some produced excellent and clear texts. Weaker answers were a bit confusing as they focused on the usage of technology on hospitals but never mentioned robots.