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## GCE Arabic 6AR02 01





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## Introduction

In this qualification, candidates are required to demonstrate skills in advanced level Standard Arabic reading and in the transfer of meaning from English into Standard Arabic. To promote research and a greater knowledge and understanding of Arabic culture and/ or society, candidates must produce two Arabic-language essays in response to questions related to their chosen topic(s) and/or text(s).

This year, candidate responses seemed more confident, with genuine analysis and opinion.

Section A is a comprehension task, and answers to each question should be extracted from the text. A large number of candidates achieved a high marks in this. Those who did not, lost marks due to missing out questions or they did not read the text fully and did not give themselves time to understand it. The average candidate was not penalised for grammar or spelling errors.

Section B is a translation task: candidates transfer the meaning of a given text from English into Arabic. The majority of candidates successfully achieved this; however, perhaps teachers could use a variety of texts for translation practice to assist candidates.

Section C is divided into categories: Topics and Text. There are six questions (or sets) in two parts 'a' and 'b'. Candidates MUST answer only 'a' or 'b', from two questions of their choosing. Answering 'a' and 'b' of one question will result in a loss of marks equivalent to only producing one essay; this is explained in the specification and on the question paper.

The Culture and Social topics produced very good responses but almost a third of candidates based their answers on personal experience. These answers lacked substantiation or varied points of view.

The text questions resulted in some excellent essays, yet still some candidates forgot to answer the question and instead wrote a narrative of the novel or even worse, of the film adaptation.

#### Question 1

The text provided an opportunity for all candidates to gain substantial marks. The average candidate responded positively to most parts of the question, excellent candidates answered all of the questions and a small cohort found the question more challenging.

A good response demonstrated fluency and a strong command of Arabic. It has been observed that a common barrier for some candidates is a poor level of spelling and grammar skills.

#### **Question 2**

The text was an information notice for visitors to "The New Zoo". Almost all candidates were able to translate at least a portion of the text, which was based on a common, real-life experience.

This is an average level response, with a good translation.

Translate the following passage including the <u>TITLE</u> into Arabic. You do not need to vocalise your translation.	
Welcome to the New Zoo	
Dear Visitor, Please follow the rules below to ensure you and your family or friends have a safe experience. The zo is a wonderful place for entertainment, education and enjoyment.	0
<ol> <li>You must observe the warnings on the notice board of each animal enclosure.</li> <li>It is forbidden to harm or distress the animals.</li> <li>Do not try to feed the animals. We provide all their favourite foods at feeding time (11am and 40m)</li> </ol>	
4pm). 4. Show respect to the animals, staff and fellow visitors by keeping the zoo clean and peaceful.	
During your visit make sure you have a rest and try our delicious snacks and drinks at the Monkey House Café, and take your children to the Learning Centre.	
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This response demonstrates a transfer of meaning, including well-constructed sentences, and applies required grammatical skills.

There are only minor spelling mistakes.

The candidate did make a number of punctuation errors, which could confuse the reader.

However, the most important requirement is the *transfer of meaning* which was successfully achieved.

10 marks



Handwriting needs to be improved, because some letters are not formed clearly.

#### Question 3 (a)

Candidates were required to write an essay about globalisation, discussing the meaning of the term and its advantages and disadvantages.

Some candidates were able to produce a strong essay with thoughtful and substantiated comparisons and reflections. It was noticed during the marking process that of the cohort that answered this question, a significant number were confused between the Arabic terms for Globalisation  $\delta_{0,2}$  and Currency  $\delta_{0,2}$ . However, as the two terms are from different roots, those who made this mistake changed the entire course of the essay and scored poorly as a result.

Most of this essay focuses on only one side of the topic, the social implications.

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The candidate needs to read the question carefully, and plan the essay before writing.

Candidates should include all of the requirements of the question, to achieve the best score possible.

This candidate loses a chance of a higher score, because the essay is unbalanced.



Students need to familiarise themselves with a good level of understanding of each of the topics in the specification.

19 marks

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#### Question 3 (b)

This question required the candidate to discuss the reasons for two Arab nations to unite or disunite.

Candidates needed to provide a balanced and logical argument for the developments and implications the events caused, remembering to substantiate it with historical evidence. Good examples included: Egypt and Sudan, Egypt and Syria, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt, Syria, Libya and Iraq.

This response is very strong and starts well, with an introduction that discusses the onceunity of the entire Arab world under the Ottoman Empire.

Later, the candidate discusses the short period when Egypt and Syria united to become the UAR.

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#### Question 4 (a)

Candidates gave some very good responses, including:

- the Carthage Festival, Tunis
- Junaderiya in KSA
- Jarsh in Jordan
- the Cairo Film Festival, Egypt.

### Question 4 (b)

Most responses to this question were very good. They demonstrated a high ability, strong arguments, including logical organisation, development, effective ideas, and quality of language.

This candidate demonstrates that they understand the topic fully, and produces an excellent essay about Cookery Programmes on TV.



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#### Question 5 (a)

This question raises the issue of polygamy in Arab society. Candidates were required to produce a balanced argument for and against this practice, with evidence, in a logical manner. There were good answers to this question, mostly based on the candidates' personal experience, but also from studying the topic in Religious Studies.

### Question 5 (b)

Candidates were required to choose an Arab country and discuss its religious or civil marriage ceremony and traditions, explaining its significance with substantiated opinions.

This was a very challenging essay topic for most candidates.

Some candidates were unable to produce balanced arguments, for example in consideration of:

- rejecting the old traditions of their parents or grandparents
- wanting to have a wedding that does not mean spending excessive amounts of money.

### Question 6 (a)

A large number of candidates chose this question. However, only a few understood the question and answered it accordingly.

Some candidates wrote poorly-planned essays that simply produced a narrative of the whole story. Some candidates wrote over 800 words instead of 250-350, or gave a narrative of the film adaptation. This demonstrated a lack of attention to the detail of the question, which wasted both marks and time.

#### Question 6 (b)

This question was less popular than 6 (a). Unfortunately, the same mistakes were made again, whereby the candidates neglected the actual question and produced a narrative of either the novel or the film adaptation.

#### Question 7 (a)

This question gave an opportunity for candidates to learn and to use classical vocabulary. Some were able to produce a good summary of the story and its benefits to the reader.

#### Question 7 (b)

This question gave the freedom to choose any fable in Kalila and Dimnah and to discuss the lesson it teaches the reader. Candidates must provide evidence and justification for their views, and use the specialised classical vocabulary effectively.

The candidate demonstrates their knowledge of the fable and reflects the lesson of the story to daily life, using elegant vocabulary.

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ذات يوم، ولات القنبرة الصغيرة بيضها التهر، أما خرجتها لم تكتمل بريب
الفيل الذي بدا به شم بيضها . كان هذا الفيل مترور معتم ودارًا يدوس ما تحته
على الأرض بأسلوب الوطئ فهو العاني المتلبر, عناما لدخلت القنبرة تكر هذا
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فُ تَعَانَهُ مِن هَبُهُ. هذا بدأت القندة في التقلير في ذطة لتنتقم بها من الفيل،
ولكن بطريقة ذكية وحكية للغاية أخنت تطلب مساعة من أصدة العمافير
الذين بادروا لها بقويهم: " ما عن أن خلع منه؟ " فطلبت منهى أن يفع أن
عيني الفيل فعندها أحسب الفيل بالعي عامَّن م لقم ما تعقَّى من الطَّعْام على
الأرض في ذهبت القنبرة إلى أعدرقانها الضفادع وأخبرتهم بذطتها القضاء على

إيها الغيل، والتريدهم أن يقفوا بدان حفرة ودهردوا نقيقهم حتى رجدور الفيل النهر. عنه في فذهبوا إلى المكان المحدد والله نقيقهم يعلو إلى أنه رمان الأعمى أن ازداد وأصبح صديح ، فاذ بالفيل/ الحعرة في اعتقاده الذاطئ. وعندما تم ذلك دطت القنبرة على رأس الفيل الفنج حجي ٩ وأخيرا وقالت: " كيف رأيت عظم حيلتي أقام كبر حدثنا رغم هيغ ي النقص في الأكل وال وان القيل رادل الدغرة ر Quoi) Tulició a pilo 1 de los qui Treis 1 treis al de los los religion ألفا فيها. ويحتى أن ينطبق درمها في ماتنا اليوهية: 10 درب الانتعاد J' J والتلبر کیا مدت مع الفیل ،فهو بؤدی ای الهلدك الرجل @ عدم ى العرور تسفة متغيدا مبنقاله، معنالة متا ف قلة مكانية مكانية المالي عالم على الفيل الكبير بميلتها العظيرة. (3 يب ماعدة الصديق المصدق مقل اعدة العمافير والفادع للقنبرة. ٢ عدم التربيخ في الإنتقام والتأكد 🐲 م عدم القدرة على الدخلاج ، ويعدها ذلداً للدنتقاح. **Results**Plus **Examiner Tip Examiner Comments** Candidates must read the stories, and be sure to This candidate answered the question understand the lessons they convey to the reader.

This candidate answered the question exactly as intended and covered all the requirements of an effective essay.

It is essential to be familiar with the classical vocabulary used, and to be able to employ this vocabulary in their own writing.

#### Question 8 (a)

Some candidates could not demonstrate their opinion of the critic's assessment, even though they did identify the reasons for the critique. Many candidates, again, neglected the actual question and wrote a narrative of either the novel or film adaptation.

This candidate receives an excellent mark for content but loses marks on Organisation and Development.

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٨- حَرَ عالمة ظامة لكنا مناتل وخفرت معمدها عثراء لساعيل البيت en construit sit willie toriginal" adice 100 1000 ٩- تذع فيه تعر رمع رمنان و هذر النام في هذا الشهر ا- مارى هدمت عنمه الدينة و أهاعته بأن دين خرافة و لكن نسب على هذا عي ليله حكر فأم على مساءة الناب 12 Una del -11 Laturo is (ala) iesticable alla ilal لم تزودوا فاكنحت عنوا المحالما as later تلبس مركم مح معتقلي كليك الم الأفعل ٢ - أَنْ يَنْ عَدَادَةَ لَمَعَادَةُ الْمَعَادَةِ مُعَادِلُ عَرِيسُ est 1/2 and ale sing all al avenil

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The response does not flow smoothly, and has a bulletpoint style. This is why the candidate lost marks for Organisation and Development.

Writing an essay of bullet points will limit the total score for the question.

Remember to plan an effective essay, with both a flowing style and consideration for higher-level vocabulary. This will enable the candidate to achieve the result they deserve.

24 marks



Use higher-level vocabulary.

#### Question 8 (b)

The best responses remembered to include the spiritual significance of the Seyda Zeynab.

This example demonstrates a very good response to the question.

في رواية فند بل أم هاسم العبت الكما أكن من إمراة دور مهم في حياة بطل الرواي : أما إسماعيل هذ النساء هي أمنا التي كانت متدينه جد وكانت وضعت أملها وأمل لآل عزين في العائلة على دراسة ور سلماعيل لذ 1 كان هو يشعر بالمسؤولية من is due perior all printed and in il il cicas the real is كانت Bis ai Ililius-Ili ui election dui - elect Ces. blize obil est up up lage and and Till que of a grand lunil grand goling til الدينية التي عاش فيها إسماعيل طوال طفولية رجوع من بريطانيا أدت إلى روتينه أن بدور أوقات العلاة. مع ستخميتها اللطيفة والقادية ، كانت تطبع زوجها طلمة تامة حتى وأنها لعزارها وتغيير

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The candidate covers all of the female characters in the novel, with good language and knowledge.

Candidates must read the story and analyse the characters, emphasising the nature of each one, and noting the differentiation between east and west.

Candidates must avoid relying on the film adaptation because there are major plot deviations from the original text.

The essay shows good organisation and development. 24 marks



Read the original - do not use the film

### **Paper Summary**

Based on their performance this year, candidates are offered the following advice.

- The most important issue that all teachers and candidates must address is grammar & spelling. Often, there are responses where even basic grammar is non-existent; for example, plural, dual, verb conjugations, use of preposition words (if, but, for etc). The Specification provides a list of all of the essential grammar for GCE Arabic. To train candidates for spelling proficiency, perhaps dictation could be incorporated into lessons. The benefits will be corrective spelling and phonetic awareness. Students should be able to differentiate between 1 / ٤ ٤ / ٤ ٤ / ٤ ٤
- Handwriting is a continuing issue each year. Candidates need to improve the clarity of their writing. Candidates with an URDU or FARSI background should learn the significant differences between Arabic script and these other languages.
- Candidates are advised that the spaces provided in the answer booklet are more than enough to produce appropriate response.
- Teachers must stress that candidates should follow all instructions provided, including the exclusive use of black ink pens. The use of corrective fluid (eg Tipp-Ex or Liquid Paper) is strictly not allowed and crossing-out should be limited to a single, neat line through the intended word or sentence.
- The Specifcation is clear and has enough information and it should be followed accordingly. In addition, past papers are made available for effective preparation, to avoid the same mistakes being committed by some candidates every year.

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