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Introduction

This was this second year of testing 1AA0_3H, based on the new 2017 specification as first assessment.

The paper tests candidates' comprehension of written material based on the themes of:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

- Who am I?: relationships, when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with friends and family; role models.
- Daily life: customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology.
- Cultural life: celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

Theme 2: local area, holiday and travel

- **Holidays**: preferences, experiences and destinations
- Travel and tourist transactions: travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **Town, region and country**: weather; places tom see; things to do

Theme 3: School

- What school is like: school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success
- **School activities**: school trips; events and exchange

Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work

- Using languages beyond the classroom: forming relationships; travel; employment
- **Ambitions**: further study; volunteering; training
- Work: jobs; careers and professions

Theme 5: International and global dimension

- **Bringing the world together**: sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- **Environmental issues**: being 'green'; access to natural resources

In addition, candidates are required to be able to translate a passage from Arabic into English.

In each of the Foundation Tier and Higher Tier papers, there are 50 marks available over 10 questions.

Questions are of various types: filling in blanks, cloud with 12 options, boxes and open response and they test the skill of comprehension.

Answers are not expected to be full sentences except in the translation question when candidates are expected delivery of a coherent text in English with good quality of language.

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كبر المدن التونسية ولِشكّانها عادات غريبة عند الزواج. يتمّ إحضار سمكة كبيرة الحجم كمّ بالأشرطة الملونة، ثم يقفز كلّ من العربس والعروس فوق هذه السمكة سبع مرّات. أغنية مشهورة عند التونسيين. وفي بعض المدن الأحرى في تونس يربط أقارب العروس تم تمشي العروس لِمسافة قصيرة، وتقفز من فوقها سبع مرات وبعد طبخها، على العروس أن	ويتمّ تزيين هذه السـ وأثناء القفز يتمّ غناء
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This candidate scores 1 of the available 3 marks.

The candidate successfully answered 1a and as a result has been awarded a mark for 1a but doesn't give the right answer for 1b & 1c.

Think about the meaning of the question and aim to understand the key words (in this script related to 1b & 1c are: (یقنز، بربط)

SECTION A 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 醫 and then mark your new answer with a cross 図. **Tunisian wedding traditions** Read the report below about a traditional wedding in Tunis. صَفاقِس هي ثاني أكبر المدن التونسية ولشكَّانها عادات غريبة عند الزواج. يتمَّ إحضار سمكة كبيرة الحم ويتمّ تزيين هذه السمكة بالأشرطة الملونة، ثم يقفز كلّ من العريس والعروس فوق هذه السمكة سبع مرّات. وأثناء القفز يتم غناء أغنية مشهورة عند التونسيين. وفي بعض المدن الأعرى في تونس يربط أقارب العروس سَمَكَة في رِجُلها ثُمَّ تمشى العروس لِمسافة قصيرة، وتقفز من فوقها سبع مرات وبعد طبخها، على العروس أن تاكل منها. Answer the following questions in English. You do not need to write in full sentences. (a) What do the people of the city of Safaqis use to celebrate marriages? (1) P big and decorated fish (b) As part of the tradition in this city, what do the bride and groom do at the celebration? (1) jump over the Fish seven times (c) What do relatives do in other cities to the bride at her wedding party? (1) They bie a fish on her foot and she walks for a short distance (Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

This candidate scores 3 of the available 3 marks.

The candidate offers a complete answer.

The candidate understood all sentences/questions. They established what is text about and understood the key words. The candidate here offers full and well-presented answers.

It's very important for the candidates to establish the meaning and try to express themselves in their own words which the above script gives a good example on such strategy.

الأبُ الحكيم		
Read the extract from a story about two brothers.		
	على نفسكما." اعتار الولد الأكبر الأرض و صندوقه فوجدة فارغاً، ثُمّ ذَ أعرج الأخ الأكبر صندوقاً. قال الأخ الأصغر ساجراً: "	The same of the sa
أكله والتوب الذي تلبئه من الأرض. لا تحزن وامش معي".	أحابه: "نعم، الخبر الذي ة	
ا وَمَشِيا إِلَى وَسَطَ الأَرضَ الملِيَّة بِالقَطْنِ الأَبِيضِ الْجَنبِلِ.	امتلأ الأخوان سعادة وتعانة	l
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This candidate scores 1of the available 4 marks.

The candidate successfully answered 1d but missed the rest and as a result has been awarded only one mark for 1d and 0 marks for the rest. There is a good attempt by the candidate to answer 1a but did write 'two boxes' instead of one and missed the word 'gold'. In 1c, the candidate also attempted to answer, however, they missed the command term 'why did the older brother **show** his brother?' and the answer will be: 'a box of gold'.

The text has few key words that accessibility to understanding the text would not happen if the candidates weren't familiar with these words as in this example اَنْقَ، دُهُنَا،

الأبُ الحكيم	
Read the extract from a story about two brothers.	
رحل عجوز فقال لولديه: - "سأتوقف عن العمل وسأترك لكُما أرضاً وصندوقاً من الذهب إلتَّفِقا "	اشتد المرض إ على نفسِكما.
كبر الأرض وبدأ يعمل فيها. وأحد الولد الأصغر الدَّهَب وبدأ يُتَّفِقه. وفي يوم فقح الولد الأصغر ة فارغاً، ثُمَّ ذَهبَ إلى أخيه وأعبره بما حدث له.	***
كبر صنفوقاً من الذَّف، وقال: "الأرض أعطني هذا الذَّف."	اعن الأخ الأ
غر ساجراً: "وهل أنعلي الأرض ذَعياً"	خال الأخ الأم
الحُبُرُ الذي تأكُّله والتوب الذي تلبثه من الأرض. لا تحزن وامثل معي".	أحايه: "تعم، أ
سعادة وتعانقا وَمَثِيا إِلَيْ وسط الأرض المليئة بالقطن الأبيض الجنيل.	امتاؤ الأخوان
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This candidate obviously fully understood the text and especially the key words and successfully answered all questions correctly and was awarded the full 4 marks.

Clip 1

كانت رواية "الرحل الفحوز والبحر" لِلكاتب المعروف "أرنست هنشفواي" أُولِي تَرْهَماتي من الإلحليزية إلى العربية. وهي قِصة عبالية.	محبود حسني
أتراهم من الطّينية إلى العربية. كانت أول ترحمة في محموعة قِعنص عبينية تتحدث عن مشاكل الإنسان مع أخلامه.	بارا المضري
كانت أول رواية تزحمتها هي "ضمير السيد نينو" إكانب إيطالي. تخكي عن طبيب لفسانيّ وغلاقاته مع نترضاه.	مُعاوية عبد المجيد
ترجمت رواية إكانب أمريكي معروف من الإنحليزية إلى العربية، وتتحدث عن مشاكل موظف في مكتب الشحاماة.	زوينة آل نوية
أترجم من الإنحليزية إلى العربية، وحاصة تُصوصاً من الحيال العِلمي والرَّعب. أحاول دائماً أن اضع نفسي مكان القارئ لكي أقدَّم له ترجمة مُثنِعة.	جشام فهمی
(a) What type of story did Mahmoud Hosni translate? The cld man and the Seq (b) What was the theme of the stories that Yara El-Masri translated?	(1)
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This candidate tried well, and gave excellent answers to 1c, 1d, & 1 e. However, struggled with key words (-fiction story-قصة خيالية) in 1a, and missed the key word (problems- دهشاکل) in 1b. Therefore, the candidate was awarded 3 marks of 5 available marks.

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This candidate clearly understood the text well and his and this is reflected in his very accurate answers. The candidate was awarded 5 marks of 5 available marks.



This candidate (as many others) missed what 1a asking for and perhaps overlooked that Raha was the 'first' Saudi woman to climb the mountain but the 'youngest' Arab woman to do so. The candidate didn't get a mark for 1a.

Also, in 1c, the candidate the key words: 'support' in the question and education/teaching (التعليم) in the text. Therefore, no marks were awarded for 1c. However, the candidate answered 1b & 1d correctly and therefore was awarded 2 marks of the 4 available marks for this part of Q05.

It is very important for candidates to familiarise themselves with the vocabulary list and for this reason, this candidate didn't manage to fully understand couple of sentences which led to losing two marks.

Everest girl Read the following text about a girl's achievement.	
ربية من الوصول بلني قِلْله "ختل يُلفرست" وكانت أول سيدة سعودية تتشلق أعلى قِلْله ختل في قها إلى ذلك سيدات عربيات.	
"زها مُنحِرُق" وحينها كانت في السابعة والعشرين من عمرها. هي ليست فقط أول سعودية شهيره لكنها أيضا أضغر شائة عربته تنمكن من الوصول إلى القشة.	
ئَدَةً فِي قَرِيقِ مَوْلُف مِن أَرِهِ وَيَاضِين يَضَمُّ أَيْضًا أَوْلَ رَحَلَ قطري وأَوْلَ فلسطيني يحاولان ثناء ويحاول الفريق حسم ملبون دولار إناهم التعليم في بلنه فقير.	
خهوداً كبرة لِلنَّفُّ على الكبر من الصُّعوبات من أجل تحقيق هدفها. وقد قال عنها أقضاء أهلها للموافقة على تشاقها الحبل "كان تحدِّياً كبراً مثل تحدّي النجل نفسه".	
با لا أهنة يابي الأونى طلما أن ذلك سيشجع شابة عربيّة أسرى أن تاني يتقدي". كان هدف ليقم فن أوروبا واشيا. وبالفظء نحجت بالوصول إلى أعلى فيقة في حميع القارات.	
في ذين وقد أثلث براستها الحاملة بحاح.	تعيش زها الآن
Complete the following sentences with the correct information.	
(a) Raha was the	(1)
(b) Raha was part of a tom of climbers.	(1)
(c) The aim of the Arab climbers was to support	in pool com
(d) Raha made great 41014 to achieve her goal.	(1)

The candidate scored 6 of the available 6 marks.

The candidate successfully answered all questions and as a result has been awarded full marks. It is clear that this v understood the text fully, especially the key words.

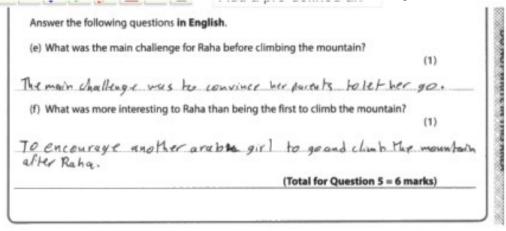
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(e) What was the main cha	illenge for Raha before clir	mbing the mountain?	22.0
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(f) What was more interes	ting to Raha than being th	ne first to climb the mou	ntain?
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			5 = 6 marks)

Clip 2

The candidate attempted 1e but unfortunately didn't give the key word required 'convince/persuade' her family. Therefore, no marks were awarded for 1e. However, the candidate gave an acceptable answer for 1f and was awarded the 1 mark.

The candidate scored 1 mark of the 2 available marks for this section of Q05.



The candidate gave full answers to both 1e & 1f and was awarded the full 2 marks of the available 2 marks. It is clear that this candidate understood the text fully and therefore gave full and exemplary answers.

1AA0_3H_Q06a:_This question targets grade 9

Clip 1

(a) What does this report say?

Put a cross I in each one of the three correct boxes.

Example	Arabs travelled to trade and gain knowledge.	8
Α	Travellers usually found many suitable places to stay in.	2
В	Travellers stayed wherever they went.	E3
c	An important woman ordered the palace to be built.	18
D	All the buildings the Arabs stayed in have totally disappeared.	×
E	The palace was originally built to house hundreds of men.	E3
F	The building needed a lot of restoration.	18
G	Restoration started hundreds of years ago.	13

(3)

The response to 6a relates to different parts of the text.

This candidate did well by giving two correct answers (C & F) however, misunderstood part of the text about travellers struggling with finding places to stay and that the palace was actually build to house these Arab men. The candidate was awarded 2 marks of the available 3 marks.

It is important for candidate to seek accurate comprehension of the texts in this question paper.

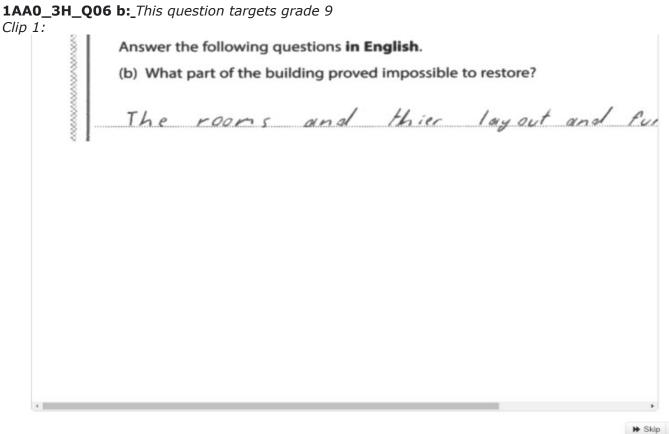
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(a) What does this report say?

Put a cross **I** in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

Example	Arabs travelled to trade and gain knowledge.	
Α	Travellers usually found many suitable places to stay in.	×
В	Travellers stayed wherever they went.	×
c	An important woman ordered the palace to be built.	⊠
D	All the buildings the Arabs stayed in have totally disappeared.	×
E	The palace was originally built to house hundreds of men.	M
F	The building needed a lot of restoration.	M
G	Restoration started hundreds of years ago.	×

This candidate was awarded 3 marks of the available 3 marks. The candidate fully understood the related part of the text.



This candidate wasn't awarded the 1 mark available for 6b, which shows that the candidate misunderstood or assumed the answer and did follow the text.

Clip 2

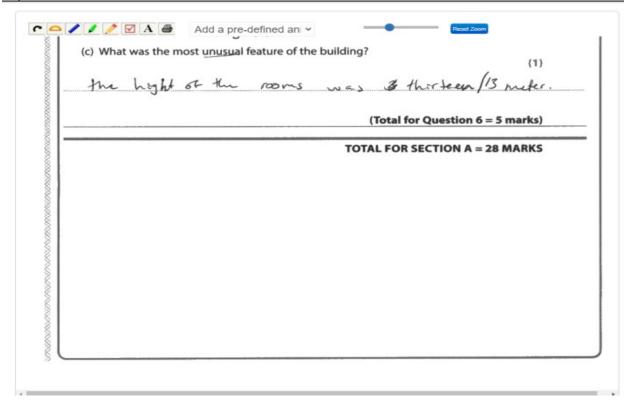
Answer the following questions in English.

(b) What part of the building proved impossible to restore?

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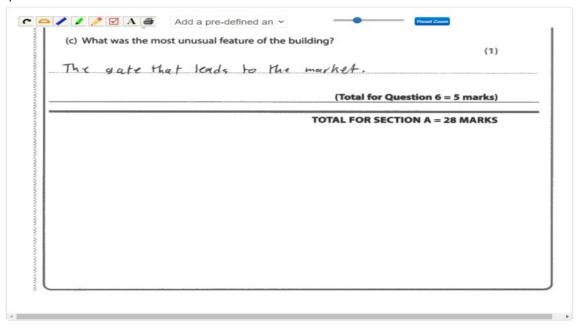
This candidate was awarded the full 1 mark available for 6b, showing that the candidate fully understood the related parts of the text.





This candidate wasn't awarded the 1 mark available for 6c, which shows that the candidate misunderstood or answered according to what they thought is the answer to 'unusual feature' and didn't follow what was mentioned in the text to be the 'gate'.

Clip 2



This candidate was awarded the full 1 mark available for 6b, showing that the candidate fully understood the related parts of the text.

1AAO_3H_Q08:_This is a target language and a crossover to Foundation Tier question and targets grade 5: Clip 1

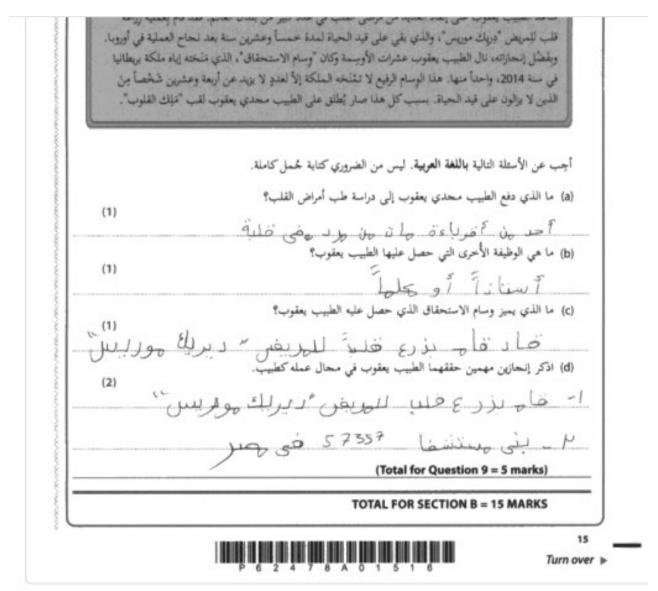
way a	عصام الصدافات عن طريق الإنترنت لا تستمر طويا؟. أحدَّر أصدقائي من عطر بثل هذه الطرية
	علاقات مع الناس. نحن لا نعرف إذا كان الشخص الذي تتواصل معه يكلب أم لا.
إسطة	الإنترنت وسيلة حيادة للتواصل مع الأصدقاء من مدرمتك للسؤال عن الواحيات المتراية و أعرى.
م، سناد،	ما هو رأي كل من الأشحاص المذكورين أعلاه؟ للإحابة عن هذه الأستلة احتر من بين: يلال، عصه
	هادة. يُمكنك استحدام الإحابة أكثر من مرة.
	مثال: بالآل الإنترنت يمكن أن يطر الشخص الذي يستخدم.
(1)	 (a)
(1)	(b) خَلَا دُقَ : إِنَّه يُمكنك النحلُث مع الأعربين من دون تكاليف.
ىول. (1)	(c) ومملعًا عرب : إذَّ الإنترنت يُساعد في بناء علاقات مع أشحاص في كل ال
(1)	 (0) عسمام إن الإنترنت ثفيد في الدواسة.
(1)	(e)پلال زدّ بعض الأشعاص لا يقولون الحقيقة.
	(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

This candidate was awarded 2 marks of the available 5 marks. This question requires identifying which activity fits the blank. It seems the candidate didn't fully understand the text.

	باب حول الصداقة عبر شَهَكَّات التواصل الاجتماعي:	س عن آراه بعض الش	8 اقرأ هذا الت
كار من	ب" حول الدراسة الأحيرة التي تقول إذَّ الأشخاص الذين لديهم الك كات التواصل الاحتماعي ممكن أن يواحهوا مشاكل عديدة.		334
	بثل فتح الأبواب للدسمول في صداقات قويّة مع أشخاص من حميع مطّاناً مع أفراد عائلتك الذين يعيشون في أماكن وبلدان بعيدة عنك		+ ا
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هام؛ سناء،	لمذكورين أعلاه؟ الإجابة عن هذه الأسئلة احتر من بين: بلال، ع : أكثر من مرة. . : إذّ الإنترنت يمكن أن يطر الشخص الذي يستجدمه.		
هام، سناء،	أكثر من مرة.	كل من الأشحاص ال تنك استحدام الإحابة	فادة. يُسَا
	: أكثر من مرة. : إذّ الإنترات يمكن أن يطر الشخص الذي يستجدمه.	كل من الأشحاص ال تنك استحدام الإحابة بلال	هادة. يُسكَ مثال:
(1)	: أكثر من مرة. : إنَّ الإنترنت يمكن أن يطثر الشخص الذي يستجدمه. : إنَّ صداقة شبكات النواصل الاحتماعي قصيرة المُقر.	كل من الأشعاس ال تنك استحدام الإحابة بلال كلطأم	فادة. يُمك مثال: (a)
(1)	: أكثر من مرة. : إنّ الإنترنت يمكن أن يطثر الشخص الذي يستحدمه. : إنّ صداقة شبكات النواصل الاجتماعي قصيرة المُعتر. : إنّه يُمكنك النحدُث مع الأعربن من دون لكاليف.	كل من الأشحاص ال تنك استحدام الإحابة بلال تخصاح معدنا ي	خادة. يُمك مثال: (a) (b)

This candidate clearly understood the text and was awarded full marks.

1AA0_3H_Q09:_This is a target language question and targets grades 8-9: Clip 1



This candidate did reasonably well and was awarded 3 marks of the available 5 marks. For 9c, the candidate misunderstood the term (Medal- \square \square) and gave a totally different answer.

In 9d, the candidate was awarded 1 mark of the available 2 marks. The candidate mentioned as 'building a hospital' as one the achievements when there is no mention of this in the text.

candidates should focus on the contents of the text where the answers are derived from.

أقرباته بمرض في القلب. عندها قرَّر مُخدي دراسة الطب وتخصُّص في عِلاج أمراض القلب. نُحج مَحُدي وتخرُّج في كلية الطب بحامعة القاهرة. وبعد سنوات من العمل طبيباً في مصر، انتقل لِلعمل في بريطانيا وبقي هناك إسنوات قليلة قبل الدِّهاب إلى الولايات المتحدة لِيُكْمل براساته العُليا. أخبراً، استَقرُّ الطبيب يعقوب في لندن حيث عَمِل لِسنوات طويلة. عُيِّن أسناذاً في المعهد القومي للقلب والرثة، واهشم بتطوير تقنيات حراحات نقل القلب. ساعد الطبيب يعقوب على إنقاذ العديد من مرضى القلب في عدد كبير من بلدان العالم. فقد فام بعمليَّة زَوَاعة قلب للمريض "دِريك موريس"، والذي بقي على قيد الحياة لمدة خمساً وعشرين سنة بعد نحاح العملية في أوروبا. وبقضل إتحازاته، تال الطبيب يعقوب عشرات الأوسِمة وكان "وسام الاستحقاق"، الذي مُنْحَته إياه ملكة بريطانيا في سنة 2014، واحداً منها. هذا الوسام الرفيع لا تمُنَّحُه الملكة إلاَّ لعددٍ لا يزيد عن أربعة وعشرين شخصاً مِنَ الذين لا يزالون على قيد الحياة. بسبب كل هذا صار يُطلق على الطبيب محدي يعقوب لقب "قلك القلوب". أجب عن الأسئلة التالية باللغة العربية. ليس من الضروري كتابة محمل كاملة. (a) ما الذي دفع الطبيب محدي يعقوب إلى دواسة طب أمراض القلب؟ (1) موت أحد أقربائه بمرض في القلب (b) ما هي الوظيفة الأعرى التي حصل عليها الطبيب يعقوب؟ (1) أستان آفي المعهد القومي للقلب والوقة (c) ما الذي يميز وسام الاستحقاق الذي حصل عليه الطبيب يعقوب؟ لم الله تهذي الملكة بالا لعدر قليل من الفاس (24 كلى قيد الدياة) (d) اذكر إنجازين مهمين حققهما الطبيب يعقوب في مجال عمله كطبيب. نقذ العديد من مرضى القلب في عدد كبير قام بعملية زراعة علب لمريض وبقي المكلى قيد المياة لهدة 25 سنة (Total for Question 9 = 5 marks)

An excellent response. This candidate was awarded the full 5 marks. This candidate's answers have a high level of accuracy too.

1AA0_3H_Q10:_This question targets grades 6-9 Clip 1:

Tow month ago a student applyed to a privet course to land that i have been assented acsepted. This cars that i have been assented acsepted. This corse is going to be in the next summer brolder and lates for Foundation in the hade to do this because I like this conthing avery much and I am going to study the this at this at this paying in the city. I am going to study the this and the paying my unkel's facetory in the city.

This candidate was awarded 4 marks of the available 7 marks in this translation question. There are several mistakes occurring when the candidate was faced with challenging terms.

In this question, it is strongly advised that candidates make themselves very familiar with the vocabulary list available as part of the specification.

Translation

10 Translate this passage into English.

قَبْل شَهرين تَقْدَمتُ بطلّب لِلالتِحاق بِدَورةِ تدريبية خاصة بِتِكْنولوجيا المَعْلومات والإتّصالات بالكويت. وأنا اليوم سعيد حداً لأنّه وصَلّني الرّدُ بِالقُبول. ستكون الدّورة القادمة خلال العطلة الصيفية ومدتها ستة أسابيع. أردتُ أنْ أفعل هذا لأنّني أحب هذا الموضوع كثيراً وسأدرُسه بعد سنتين في الحامعة. بعد التحرُّج سأعمل في شركة عمّي في العاصمة.

Two months ago, I registered applied to join a course on the technology of information and communication in Knwait. Morday I am knevery happy because I got an acceptance letter. The course will be during the summer holidays and is six weeks long. I wanted to do this because I love this subject alot and I will study it an after two years in University. After graduation, I will work in my uncle's company in the capital of Knwait.

This candidate was awarded the full 7 marks. This candidate's translation of the text has a high level of quality of language and transferred the meaning of all key words accurately too.

Summary

- Knowledge and understanding of the vocabulary and its variations is a key to candidates' performance in this reading paper.
- It is crucial for candidates to study the vocabulary list in order to assist them in understanding the texts in the questions.
- Candidates must be aware of non-vocabulary words which are especially included in the texts for questions 5 (10 words), question 6 (14 words) and questions 9 (12 words). Six of these words in each aforementioned three questions will have marks awarded to it. These 6 words can be in one question or spread across two or three questions about each text.
- It was noticeable that some candidates didn't base their answers on the text (good examples are in candidate responses to questions 5 & 6.

 Candidates are strongly advised to base their answers on the text and not what they wished it to be).
- Candidates must read the instruction (rubric) well and give time to understanding the text. Few candidates underlined certain words/phrases and establish their meanings which is a good technique/practice.