

# ARABIC LANGUAGE

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<p><b>Paper 8680/22</b> <b>Reading and Writing</b></p>
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## Key messages

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

- Expand their range of vocabulary by reading more widely and learning more synonyms.
- Practise use of the correct verb forms, in particular the jussive and the accusative.
- Pay more attention to 'إن' and its sisters, and their effect on the nominative sentence.
- Learning and Understanding the correct use of Idafa – possessive construction.
- Pay more attention to the dual and the use of the regular masculine plural.
- Pay more attention to verb conjugation, especially with 'هَنَّ'.
- Pay more attention to the correct conjugation of the verb.
- Improve on the use of prepositions.
- Practise adjectival agreement.
- Avoid using slang or colloquial language and avoid using phrases translated literally from English.
- Understand the requirements of the questions, and specifically respond to what is being asked, especially in the summary question.

## General comments

Overall, the standard of answers was good and there were some interesting opinions expressed. There was clear evidence that the candidates were copying out entire sentences, in some cases even a whole paragraph instead of writing in their own words.

## Comments on specific questions

### Question 1

The answers were variable, the majority of candidates encountered difficulty in answering **parts (b) and (d)**.

### Question 2

The answers were variable; some candidates answered and others did not. A good number of candidates were not successful in answering **parts (b) and (d)**.

### Question 3

The answers were variable, the majority of candidates encountered difficulty in answering **part (d)** as attention was not paid to the key word as well as focusing only one aspect of the question rather than its whole.

As for **parts (c) and (e)**, many only responded to one aspect to the question asked and were unable to identify the remaining requirements of the question. **Part (a)** was the most accurately answered.

**Question 4**

There were some good responses to this question. Some candidates managed to select the right answers. Most candidates encountered difficulty in answering **part (c)**.

**Question 5**

- (a) There were some good answers to this question. Most candidates copied out large sections of the text without paying attention to the requirements of the question thus impacting their total mark for this question.
- (b) Many candidates answered this question; there were some interesting ideas. A few candidates misunderstood the requirements of the question writing instead about their schools. Some candidates left it blank and attempted no answer.

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**Paper 8680/32**  
**Essay**

## **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, supported with examples when necessary. It has been noticed that in some centres, candidates produced the same introductions, and the same conclusions (memorised by heart). Teachers and centres are encouraged to help students to be more creative and productive.

## **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.

## **Comments on specific questions**

### **Question 1**

This question was less popular, and answered by few candidates. Candidates discussed the relationship between men and women and gave some examples from real life. Generally, the candidates who attempted this question scored well.

### **Question 2**

This question was the least popular. Some candidates wrote excellent pieces on how citizens adhere to the law to protect their countries and societies.

### **Question 3**

Candidates discussed the balance between work, family, and social life. Some candidates appeared to understand the term social relationships as social media instead.

### **Question 4**

This topic was very popular. Candidates gave their opinions on the benefits of peace and war.

### **Question 5**

The candidates who attempted this topic generally produced excellent essays when talking about global warming and its effects on animals and plants.