

WAEC Arabic Syllabus

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General Objectives

1. demonstrate proficiency in Arabic comprehension;
2. apply Arabic grammar principles accurately;
3. express ideas effectively in written Arabic;
4. analyze Arabic literature from various historical periods;
5. demonstrate oral proficiency in Arabic pronunciation and articulation;
6. apply knowledge of Arabic language in practical contexts;

1. PAPER I: OBJECTIVE

Comprehension

Content:

- Arabic passages of approximately 70 words each
- Topics within the experience of candidates
- 15 multiple-choice questions on comprehension (5 questions per passage)

Learning Objectives:

1. analyze Arabic passages of about 70 words;
2. answer multiple-choice questions based on comprehension of Arabic passages;
3. demonstrate understanding of Arabic texts within candidates' experience;

Translation

Content:

- Arabic text for translation dealing with familiar topics
- Texts with essential vocalization and punctuation

Learning Objectives:

1. translate Arabic texts dealing with familiar topics;
2. demonstrate understanding of essential vocalization and punctuation in Arabic;
3. apply knowledge of Arabic translation principles;

Grammar

Content:

- Parts of Speech: Nouns, pronouns, singular, dual, sound and broken plurals, relative and demonstrative pronouns
- Gender: masculine and feminine; Prepositions and construct phrases
- Adjectives, conjunctions, the permutative and the emphatic
- Verbs: The perfect, the imperfect and the imperative
- Particles governing imperfect verbs: Nominal and verbal sentences
- Kanna, Inna, Zanna and respective associates
- Transitive and intransitive verbs, the five verbs and conjugation of verbs
- Active and passive voices
- The verbal noun, the active participle, the passive participle, the elative and special adjectival forms

Learning Objectives:

1. identify and apply various parts of speech in Arabic;
2. analyze gender distinctions in Arabic grammar;
3. recognize and apply different verb forms and conjugations;
4. demonstrate understanding of active and passive voices;

2. PAPER II: THEORY

Composition

Content:

- Arabic composition of about 120 words
- Formal and informal letters
- Narrative, descriptive, argumentative essays, or dialogue formats

Learning Objectives:

1. compose Arabic texts of approximately 120 words;
2. demonstrate orderly and coherent presentation of ideas;
3. apply appropriate diction and style in Arabic writing;
4. use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar in Arabic compositions;

Literature

Content:

- Four periods of Arabic Literature
- Compulsory question format
- Essay questions requiring analysis of literary works

1. demonstrate knowledge of Arabic literature across different periods;
2. analyze literary texts from the prescribed Arabic literature;
3. answer essay questions on Arabic literature;

Oral Test

- Reading of Arabic texts
- Pronunciation and articulation of Arabic words
- Oral comprehension questions

1. demonstrate ability to read Arabic texts aloud;
2. apply proper pronunciation and articulation of Arabic words;
3. demonstrate comprehension of orally presented Arabic texts;

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