NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
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ARABIC SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE: PAPER II
MARKING GUIDELINES

Time: 2 hours 100 marks

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Learners choose one text out of three given texts and respond to it in terms of the question.

Mark allocation – See attached rubric

Introduction and Conclusion:	3
Structure:	3
Content:	12
Language:	6
Vocabulary:	6

If the response is completely off the topic, then give 10% of the total mark, that is, 3 marks.

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

Mark allocation

Use the guidelines in the rubric for Question 1 to assess the following:

Content:	4
Language and Vocabulary:	4
Register and Tone:	2

Three responses, each counts for 10 marks.

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RUBRIC FOR QUESTION 1

Introduction and conclusion **(3 marks)**	Captivating introduction, good conclusion and insight. **(3)**	Introduction and good conclusion. **(2)**	Very brief introduction **and** partial conclusion. **(1)**		
Structure **(3 marks)**	Structure of paragraphs with clear indication of main idea of each paragraph and flow and cohesion between paragraphs. **(3)**	Structure of paragraphs with clear indication of main idea of each paragraph. **(2)**	Just one or two long paragraphs. **(1)**		
Content **(12 marks)**	Excellent. Answers all the elements. Highly original. **(12)**	Reasonably original. The essay answers the topic. There is evidence in all paragraphs but not enough insight. No repetitions. **(10)**	Most of the essay answers the topic. There is evidence for most ideas. Not enough insight. Very little repetition. **(8)**	Some paragraphs are not answered according to the topic. Very little evidence. Ideas repeated. **(4)**	Does not answer according to the topic. Has not understood what is required. **(0)**
Language **(6 marks)**	Shows excellent control of grammar. Uses a range of sentence structures correctly. **(6)**	Shows good control of grammar. Uses different sentence structures but still makes some language mistakes. **(4)**	Shows reasonable control of grammar. Uses different sentence structures but still makes language mistakes. **(3)**	Shows partial control of grammar. Uses different sentence structures but makes many mistakes. **(2)**	Shows no reasonable control of grammar. Makes many mistakes. Difficulty in understanding the writing. **(1)**
Vocabulary **(6 marks)**	Fluent use of words and expressions in an effective way. Uses rich vocabulary to interpret and explain ideas. Uses the right language for purpose; able to use idiomatic expressions. **(6)**	Fluent use of words and expressions in an effective way. Use of vocabulary to interpret and explain ideas. **(4)**	Shows more control of words. Uses wider range of words in a satisfactory manner. **(3)**	Shows some control and use of expressions. Communicates partially. **(2)**	Uses very basic words and word forms. Not able to communicate effectively. **(1)**

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SECTION C

QUESTION 3

Conversion of an article into a dialogue.

Mark allocation:

Content: 7
Language and Vocabulary: 9
Format and Structure: 2
Register: 2

Register **(2 marks)**	Good understanding of the register. Maintains the appropriate formality/informality of the mode of writing. **(2)**	Reasonable understanding of the register. **(1.5)**	Shows little understanding of the necessary register. **(1)**
Structure **(2 marks)**	Structure of paragraphs and main ideas stated in each paragraph. Paragraph structure shows cohesion and flow. Letter format correct and has introductory and concluding statements. **(2)**	Structure of paragraphs and main ideas stated in each paragraph. Letter format correct. **(1.5)**	One long paragraph. Little or no format in case of letter. **(1)**
Content **(7 marks)**	Most of the content reflected. Own relevant details are also added where relevant. No repetition. **(7)**	Most of the content reflected. Very little repetition. **(5)**	Some of the content reflected. **(2)**
Language and Vocabulary **(9 marks)**	Fluent use of words and expressions in an effective way. Uses rich vocabulary to interpret and explain ideas. Uses the right language for purposes; able to use idiomatic expressions. **(9)**	Shows more control of words. Uses wider range of words in satisfactory manner. Communicates reasonably. **(7)**	Shows some control and use of expressions. Communicates partially. **(4)**

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QUESTION 4

Letter writing.

Mark allocation:

Content: 6
Language and Vocabulary: 6
Format and Structure: 4
Introduction and Conclusion 4

Format and Structure **(4 marks)**	Good understanding of the register. Maintains the appropriate formality/informality of the mode of writing. Structure of letter, paragraphs and main ideas stated in each paragraph. Letter format correct and has introductory and concluding remarks. **(4)**	Reasonable understanding of the register. Structure of paragraphs and main ideas stated in each paragraph. Letter format correct. **(3)**	Shows little understanding of the necessary register. One long paragraph. Little or no format in case of letter. **(1)**
Introduction and Conclusion **(4 marks)**	Captivating introduction, good conclusion and insight. **(4)**	Introduction and good conclusion. **(3)**	Very brief introduction **and** partial conclusion. **(2)**
Content **(6 marks)**	Most of the content reflected. Own relevant details are also added where relevant. No repetition. **(6)**	Most of the content reflected. Very little repetition. **(4)**	Some of the content reflected. **(2)**
Language and Vocabulary **(6 marks)**	Fluent use of words and expressions in an effective way. Uses rich vocabulary to interpret and explain ideas. Uses the right language for purposes, able to use idiomatic expressions. **(6)**	Shows more control of words. Uses wider range of words in satisfactory manner. Communicates reasonably. **(4)**	Shows some control and use of expressions. Communicates partially. **(2)**

Total: 100 marks

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MARKING GRID

Question	Introduction & Conclusion	Format	Structure	Content	Language	Vocabulary	Register	Tone	Total	Marking Code
Question 1 **Composition**	**3**		**3**	**12**	**6**	**6**			**30**	**IC** **S** **C** **L** **V**
Question 2 **Responses**				**4**	**4**		**2**		**10**	**C** **LV** **RT**
Question 3 **Conversion to text**			**2**	**10** Q&A (8) Intro (2)	**6**		**2**		**20**	**S** **C** **LV** **RT**
Question 4 **Letter**	Introduction: 2 Conclusion: 2 **Total = 4**	Address: 1 Addressee: 1 Paragraphs: 1 Signing off: 1 **Total = 4**		**6** (5) and 1 for additional info	**6**				**20**	**IC** **FS** **C** **LV**

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