

# **Marking Report Summary**

**Arabic Language** 

**Grade 12** 



# Introduction

Grade 12 Arabic national examinations consist of two papers; **Paper 1**: Writing and **Paper 2**: Reading. Each paper tests a skill that is measured through a set of competencies.



# **Summary of Performance in the Writing Paper**

### **Positive Areas**

- Understanding the main explicit requirements of a reply letter, and considering them when developing the discourse.
- Using the appropriate style of address, and adhering to the format of the reply letter.
- · Using the appropriate diversified vocabulary.
- Formatting writing, organising paragraphs appropriately, and dedicating a paragraph for each main idea.
- Employing basic linkers and punctuation to indicate where to stop and where to carry on.
- Employing grammatical and spelling rules.

# **Areas for Improvement**

- · Expressing personal opinion as required.
- Understanding the implicit requirements of reply letters.
- Employing all diagram data when preparing reports.

### Recommendations

- Elaborating on main ideas and addressing them in a balanced manner in writing.
- Understanding the implicit requirements in questions.
- Analysing and interpreting diagram data, and developing appropriate recommendations and suggestions.
- Thorough awareness of the recipient of the report, and using the appropriate vocabulary for the style of report.

# **Summary of Performance in the Reading Paper**

# **Positive Areas**

- · Logical justification of opinions.
- Employing personal experience and knowledge in commenting on texts.

### **Areas for Improvement**

- Identifying and comparing explicit and implicit meanings.
- Identifying the writer's style in influencing the reader
- Identifying syntactic and linguistic phenomena and employing them to understand the text.
- Linking the answer to the content of the text and avoiding general, irrelevant or incomplete answers.

# Recommendations

- Improving students' ability to compare various explicit and implicit meanings in texts.
- Improving the competency of text analysis and evaluation, while extracting the purpose of the style of address.
- Developing the summarising skill, while maintaining the main ideas, style and genre of address.
- Developing students' ability to identify syntactic and linguistic phenomena and employ them to understand texts.

