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Grade 12 – Arabic – Examiners’ Reports Summary

Grade 12 Arabic national examinations consist of two question papers: **Paper 1**: the Writing Paper and **Paper 2**: the Reading Paper. Each paper consists of two parts.

In the Writing Paper, the examiners identified the following strengths which can be summarised as:

- expressing personal opinion as required
- adhering to the appropriate format of the reply letters and using appropriate style of address
- understanding the main explicit requirements of the reply letters and considering them when developing the discourse
- using the appropriate diversified vocabulary for the reply letters
- formatting writing, organising paragraphs appropriately, and dedicating a paragraph for each main idea
- employing basic punctuation to indicate where to stop and where to carry on.

Examiners also noted that students need more training in:

- the ability to elaborate on the main ideas of both topics and address them in a balanced manner
- understanding the implicit requirements of the reply letters
- reading and interpreting diagrams, using appropriate vocabulary and developing appropriate recommendations and suggestions
- thorough awareness of the recipient of the report
- using the appropriate vocabulary for the style of the report
- employing the grammatical and spelling rules appropriately
- adhering to the word limit in report writing.

In the Reading Paper, examiners identified the following strengths which can be summarised as:

- identifying the explicit meanings in the text
- expressing and justifying viewpoints
- employing personal experience and knowledge in commenting on the text.

Examiners also noted that students need more training in:

- comparing explicit meanings in the text
- analysing and evaluating the text to extract the purpose of the style of address
- summarising the text using personal style, within the required word limit, while maintaining its main ideas
- employing the pattern and genre of address in summarising the text
- extracting, explaining and comparing implicit meanings and attitudes

- identifying the writer's style in influencing the reader
- linking the answer to the content of the text and avoiding general, superficial, irrelevant or incomplete answers
- identifying syntactic and linguistic phenomena and employing them to understand the text.