



AET0
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IA

Monday 10 June 2019 1.30 to 3.00 pm

Paper MES2

Elementary Arabic Language B

Answer **all** questions.

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer booklet.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

*8 page answer booklet
Rough Work Pad*

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

None

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.

1 Write about **one** of the following in **Modern Standard Arabic**. Your composition should be about 120 words long. You do not need to write short vowels. **[30 marks]**

a. An Arab family you know wants to move to Britain (or your usual country of residence). Write an email to them advising them about where would be the best place for them to live.

b. Write an email to a Syrian refugee who lives in your town arranging to meet him or her at the local primary school to interpret for them with the head teacher. The refugee is going to talk to the head teacher [= manager] about a place for his/her child at the school, but knows nothing about the local school system.

c. Write a blog entry about your favourite TV programme.

d. Write a piece for an Arabic student newspaper on 'The most important event (حَدَث) in the twentieth century'.

2 Translate the following extract from a letter to a man into **Modern Standard Arabic**. You do not need to write short vowels. **[20 marks]**

I have heard that you have passed all your recent exams and want to become a famous writer. I wish you success. Of course you know that it is the hardest thing in life to give your work to a person you don't know and listen to what he says about it. Some of the strange members of my family used to believe that they were present on earth to put forward writings that others would buy, and they have tried to sell them to me as well. I have not been able to refuse. So I hope you will have better ideas than theirs.

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