



AET0
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IA

Friday 5 June 2015 13.30 to 15.00 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.

Answer all questions.

1 Answer **one** of the following. Your composition should be about **120** words long. [30 marks]

a. Write an email to a Tunisian friend whom you met in England, introducing an English friend of yours who is going to visit Tunisia. This English friend will be visiting as a tourist with his/her family. Ask for advice about hotels, places to visit and to eat, etc, stressing that your Tunisian friend does not himself or herself need to entertain your English friend.

b. Write a piece for a student newspaper at the Jordanian University about your experience of studying Arabic at Cambridge.

c. Write to the librarian of دار الكتب (the national library of Egypt) asking how to get permission to use the library for your academic work, and giving details of dates. Make practical enquiries too.

2 Translate the following into Arabic. [20 marks]

Dear Abd Al-Munim

Thank you for your kind letter. As you say, I have a few problems, amongst which are that I need new programmes for the computer because there isn't a suitable internet cafe in our area. If I ask you to send me some programmes, will it be easy for you to buy them?

I haven't heard from my sister for a long time. I don't know how many weeks she has spent translating children's stories for a newspaper. She hasn't been used to living far away from us, and we will not allow her to be absent from home another time.

Your brother

Adil

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