



AET0
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IA

Monday 06 Jun 09.00am-12.00pm

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

20 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. Life as a first-year student of Arabic at Cambridge
 - b. How life under the pandemic (جائحة) is different to life before the pandemic
 - c. Your hobbies and/or interests
 - d. What you have learned about the Arab World

2. Translate the following extract from the article titled “Afghan women: Secret diaries of changing lives”, into **Modern Standard Arabic**. You do not need to write short vowels. **[20 marks]**

On a Friday afternoon, a number of women gather at the friend's house and the following day take to the streets to demand their rights.

Wahida, whose family comes from the Panjshir, takes to the streets again, this time with her sister-in-law and six male friends.

Mahera, a young doctor at a busy hospital in a northern province of the country, stayed at home for the first week but then got a call to return. It wasn't easy working under the Taliban.

Khatera, a teacher, reaches her school. At the school gate, she stops to look at the classroom she has taught in for 10 years. She wants to tell the boys she will be back one day.

Adapted from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-59578618>

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