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FOREWORD

The Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination marks the end of two years of Advanced Secondary Education. This is a summative evaluation which, among other things, shows the effectiveness of educational system in general and educational delivery system in particular. More specifically, the candidates' responses to the examination questions is a strong indicator of what the educational system was able or unable to offer to students in their two years of education.

The Candidates' Items Responses Analysis Report (CIRA) in the 2018 Arabic Language subject in the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE), has been prepared in order to provide feedback to teachers, students and all education stakeholders on the performance of the candidates.

This report is intended to enhance understanding of the reasons for the candidates' responses in Arabic Language subject. The report highlights the factors that made the candidates perform well in the examination. Such factors include, ability to interpret the requirements of the questions and to follow instructions as well as adequate knowledge on the concepts related to Arabic Language. On the other hand, the report highlights the factors that made some of the candidates fail to score high marks, including failure to identify the demands of the questions, inability to express oneself in Arabic Language and insufficient knowledge about the concepts, principles and rules related to the subject.

The feedback provided in this report will enable the education administrators, school managers, teachers, students and other education stakeholders to identify proper measures to be taken in order to improve teaching and learning in secondary schools, and therefore improve the candidates' performance in future examinations administered by the Council.

The National Examinations Council of Tanzania will highly appreciate comments and suggestions from teachers, students and public in general that aimed at improving future reports.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report focuses on the analysis of the candidates' performance in the Arabic Language subject for the 2018 Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE). The Arabic Language Examination was set in accordance to the 2004 syllabus.

The candidates were tested in the skills of comprehension, grammar, language use, morphology, composition, rhetoric, response to readings, and literature. The examination had two (2) papers, which are Arabic Language paper 1 and paper 2. Paper 1 had nine (9) questions distributed in five (5) sections and the candidates were required to answer five (5) questions by choosing one (1) question from each section. Question one (1) in Comprehension was compulsory. Conversely, paper 2 had ten (10) questions distributed in five (5) sections and the candidates were required to answer five (5) questions by choosing one (1) question from each section. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

The candidates' performance in each question is presented by indicating the demands of the question, the expected responses to the questions and how the candidates answered the questions. Extracts of sample responses from the candidates' scripts have been inserted in order to illustrate how the candidates responded to the requirements of each item.

The rating of candidates' performance has been grouped into 'good', 'average' and 'poor' and they are represented in green, yellow and red colours. Under this analysis, good performance ranges from 60 to 100 percent and is coloured green, average performance from 35 to 59 percent and is coloured yellow and poor performance from 0 to 34 percent and is coloured red. This analysis is based on the average percentage of the candidates who scored 35 percent or above of the total marks allocated to a question. The performance is summarised in the Appendix.

A total number of the candidates who sat for the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE) in Arabic Language in 2018 were 412 of which 330 (80.10%) passed and 82 (19.9%) failed. In 2017, candidates who sat for Arabic Language Examination were 326 of whom 218 (66.87%) passed and 108 (33.13%) failed. This 2018 performance has increased by 13.23 percent as compared to the year 2017.

2.0 ANALYSIS OF THE CANDIDATES' RESPONSES IN EACH QUESTION IN ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPER 1

2.1 Section 1: Comprehension

This section comprised one compulsory question and the candidates were required to attempt all items of the question. The question carried twenty (20) marks.

2.1.1 Question 1

The question required the candidates to read the passage and respond to the questions from the given passage. The passage was about the elephant and Rabbit.

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to provide short answers to five (5) items given. In part (b), the candidates were required to fill in the blanks with appropriate information from the passage.

The question was attempted by 412 candidates (100%) whereby 22 candidates (5.3%) scored from 0 to 6 marks, 91 candidates (22.1%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 299 candidates (72.6%) scored from 12 to 19 marks. The general performance of the candidates in this question was good, considering that 390 candidates (94.7%) scored an average of 35 percent and above of 20 marks allocated to this question. The overall performance of the candidates in this question is summarised in Figure 1.

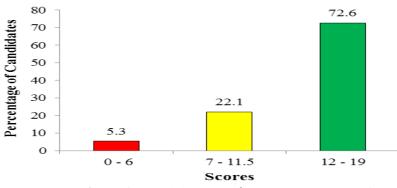


Figure 1: Candidates' performance in question 1

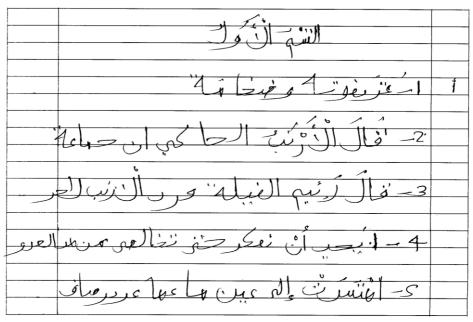
The candidates who performed well in this question were able to provide appropriate responses to the five items given and fill in the blanks with appropriate information from the passage. This suggests that these candidates comprehended the text given and had adequate comprehension. Extract 1.1 shows a sample of a good response.

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بت عددا تبيرا من الأرنب.	
تمعت الأرانب لتبعث طريقة الخلاص من الفيلة	
لأرنب الأول: أرى أن ترجل عن هذا المكان به فإننا	
در على مقاومة الأفيال .	
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ينه العين، ولن تعود الفيلة تشرب منها .	
أغضب الأرانب من الغيلة حي أن الفيلة قتلت	
عددا كبيرا من الأرائي	
اع فيروز أن يخدع نرعيم الفيل بالكذب مليه ،	
٩ قد أرسل من القمر أن يذهى الفيل في بصلحة	على أ ز

Extract 1.1: A sample of a good response from the candidate who provided correct answers to the five items given and could fill in the blanks with correct information from the passage.

However, some candidates performed poorly in this question due to inadequate mastery of Arabic Language. Responses showed that these candidates did not understand what was written in the passage. As a result, many of them just picked some words or sentences from the passage and used them as answers without considering meaning and requirements of the question. For example in item (a -3), which asked requirements of the question. For example in item (a -3), which asked *excejcilate set for legilate set for the leader of elephants say after she was cheated by Rabbit (ferouz)?" One of the candidates wrote wrote <i>example set like set l*

تشرب منها "The leader of elephants said; I will never come back to this water stream and elephants will never drink from this stream again". Moreover, several others left the questions unanswered. Extract 1.2 shows a sample of poorly attempted items.



Extract 1.2: A sample of a poor response from the candidate who just picked some words or sentences from the passage and used them as the answers due to poor mastery of Arabic Language.

2.2 Section 2: Grammar

This section had two questions and the candidates were required to attempt one question. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

2.2.1 Question 2

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). The candidates were required to identify an adjective and substantive in the given sentences in part (a). In part (b), the candidates were required to explain meaning of passive voice, write the situation of indeclinable, explain rule of feminine verb in the sentence, provide two examples of causative object and finally mention four signs of verbs.

The question was attempted by 173 candidates (42.0%). The statistics shows that 108 candidates (62.4%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks, 53 candidates (30.7%) scored from 7 to 11 marks and only 12 candidates

(6.9%) scored from 12 to 18.5 out of 20 marks. The general performance of the candidates in this question was average whereby 65 candidates (37.6%) scored from 7 to 18.5 marks. The performance in question 2 is summarized in Figure 2.

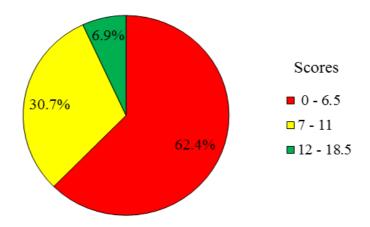
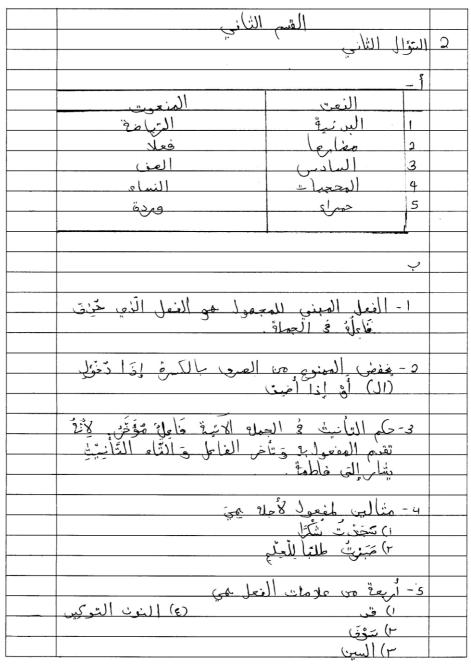


Figure 2: Candidates' performance in question 2

The candidates who performed well in this question understood the requirements of the question and were able to identify the adjective and substantive in the text. For example in item (a-5), one of the candidates wrote معراء "red" as the adjective and (وربة (وربة) "flower" as substantive in the sentence وربة حمراء صباحا" Fatma cut red flower in the morning." In part b, the candidates were able to explain the meaning of passive voice, write the situation of indeclinable, provide two examples of causative object and mention four signs of verbs. These responses show that the candidates understood the grammar of Arabic Language. Extract 2.1 shows an example of a good response.



Extract 2.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to provide correct answers in all parts except item (b-3).

On the other hand, the candidates who performed poorly in this question failed to identify the adjective and substantive in the given sentences. Some of the candidates confused the adjective and substantive. Others provided irrelevant answers. For example in (a-1), one of the candidates wrote down the predicate مفيدة "Useful" as an

adjective in *الرياضة البدنية مفيدة تعطي الجسم قوة ونشاطا* "Physical exercise is useful for activating and strengthening the body." The correct response was سلايانية "physical" as an adjective and *البدنية* "exercise" as a substantive.

In part (b), many of the candidates were unable to provide correct answers in item (1) wanted the candidates to define 'passive voice'. For example, one of the candidates defined subject of the passive voice instead of the passive voice. Another candidate defined uninflected instead of the passive voice. Some of the candidates failed to write the situation of indeclinable in the case of preposition and wrote types of indeclinable in item (b-2). Others explained signs of verbs instead of describing the rule for forming the given feminine verb.

The correct answers were supposed to be as follows; هو ما حذف فاعله وحل المفعول به مكانه mention the subject of the verbs and the object is replaced in the subject position", المفعول به مكانه position", المفعول به مكانه يخفض الممنوع من الصرف بالكسرة إذا كان مضافا أو محلى بأل مثل: صلّينا يخفض الممنوع من الصرف بالكسرة إذا كان مضافا أو محلى بأل مثل: صلّينا يخفض الممنوع من الصرف بالكسرة إذا كان مضافا أو محلى بأل مثل: صلّينا يخفض الممنوع من الصرف بالكسرة إذا كان مضافا أو محلى بأل مثل: صلّينا the case of a sign of vowel "في مساجد المدينة أو صلّينا في المساجد "the" or في مساجد المدينة أو صلّينا في المساجد "the" or "be a sign of vowel" (kasra) when the noun has article "the" or "legelit لأنه فصل بين الفعل (kasra) when the noun has article "the" or "be a sign of vowel" appropriate the verb is separated from the subject". Extract 2.2 shows a sample of a poor response from a script of a candidate who failed to provide appropriate responses.

Extract 2.2: A sample of the candidate who appointed the adjective and its substantive from the given sentences vice versa in all items from part (a).

2.2.2 Question 3

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to study the given underlined words and indicate governed noun of genitive construction, predicate of a defective verb, coupled, affirmation and an adjective. In part (b), the candidates were required to define singular with two examples, explain when past tense is constructed by الفتحة (Fat-ha), explain condition of its phrase, explain how plural sound is analyzed and mention types of sentence.

The question was attempted by 226 candidates (54.9%). 94 candidates (41.6%) performed poorly by scoring from 0 to 6.5 marks. 13

candidates (5.8%) scored 0 mark. However, 100 candidates (44.2%) performed on average by scoring from 7 to 11.5 marks while 32 candidates (14.2%) performed well by scoring from 12 to 19 marks. According to this data, the performance in this question was average since the percentage of candidates who scored 30 percent or above is 132 candidates (58.4%). The overall performance of the candidates in this question is summarised in Figure 3.

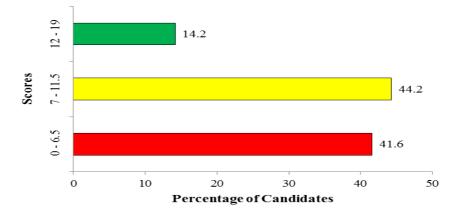


Figure 3: Candidates' performance in question 3

The analysis of candidates' responses shows that the candidates who performed well in this question were able to indicate governed noun of a genitive construction, predicate of a defective verb, coupled, affirmation, and an adjective. For example in (a-2), one of the candidates identified the underlined word تلاثة "Three" as خبر كان "Three" as منصوب وعلامة نصبه فتحة ظاهرة accusative case". Moreover, the candidates managed to define the singular with two examples, explain when past tense is constructed by (Fat-ha), explain condition of its phrase, explain how plural sound is analyzed and mention types of sentence as "الجملة الاسمية والجملة الفعلية analyzed and verbal clause". This good performance indicates that the candidates understood the topic. Extract 3.1 shows a sample of a good response.

Extract 3.1: A sample of a good response from the candidate who was able to analyse all the underlined words correctly.

However, some candidates were unable to indicate governed noun of a genitive construction, predicate of a defective verb, coupled, affirmation and an adjective. Most of them failed to analyse underlined words in (a-1) and (a-4). For example, one of the candidates analysed words in (a-1) and (a-4). For example, one of the candidates analysed analysed "fasting" as مفتول به "object" instead of رمضاف إليه "governed"

noun of a genitive construction" and حرف الجر. "You" as حرف الجر "reposition" instead of التوكيد اللفظى "affirmation".

Furthermore, the candidates were unable to define singular with two examples, explain when past tense is constructed by *الفتحة* (Fat-ha), explain condition of its phrase, explain how plural sound is analyzed and mention types of sentence. Majority of the candidates could not supply correct answers in (b-2) and (b-3). For example, in (b-2), one of the candidates wrote المتحركة ونون Past tense will be uninflected, if it joined with first person pronoun and feminine plural pronoun."

The correct response is يبنى مثل: مثل: مثل: The correct response is يبنى الفعل الماضي على الفتح إذا لم يتصل بآخره شيئ، مثل: مثل: الولدان جلسا be uninflected; if it did not join with any pronoun at the end except dual pronoun". In another instance, in (b-3), one of the candidates wrote that the main condition of صاحب الحال "the". Extract 3.2 illustrates a poor response in question 3.

Extract 3.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who provided irrelevant answers to all the questions.

2.3 Section 3: Language Use

This section had two questions and the candidates were required to attempt only one question. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

2.3.1 Question 4

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to arrange words to make meaningful verbal clauses. In part (b), the candidates were instructed to change the given singular sentences into plural sentences.

The question was attempted by 200 candidates (48.5%). Statistics shows that 150 candidates (75%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks and 40 candidates (20%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks. Furthermore, 10 candidates (5%) scored from 12 to 20 marks. The general performance was poor since a large number of candidates scored below average as summarized in Figure 4.

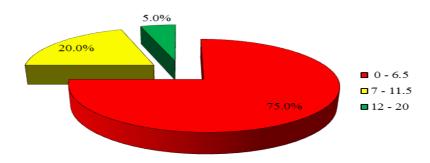
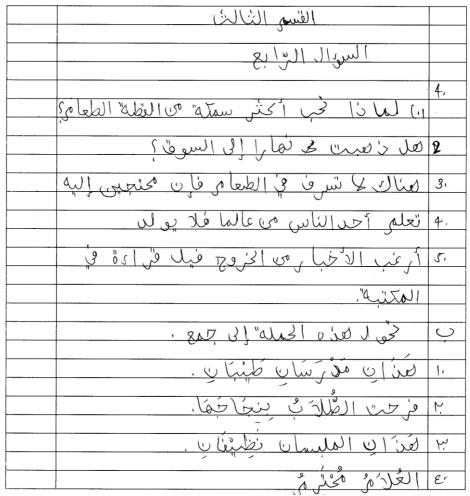


Figure 4: Candidates' performance in question 4

The candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to arrange the given words into meaningful verbal clauses as required. Most of the candidates arranged the words into nominal clauses instead of verbal sentences. For example in (a-1), one of the candidates wrote of verbal sentences. For example in (a-1), one of the candidates wrote *Shit at held and the set of the candidates wrote The correct answer for (a-1) was supposed to be at the set of the candidates arranged the words into food?*. The correct answer for (a-1) was supposed to be *sole to be at the set of the candidates arranged the words are prefer fish to food?* Some candidates arranged the words randomly without considering the instructions. For example in (a-4), one of the candidates wrote *testa also for the candidates wrote and the set also for the candidates wrote and the words in the candidates wrote and the words are and the words in the candidates wrote arranged the words randomly without considering the instructions. For example in (a-4), one of the candidates wrote <i>is not known* instead of *testa also be the candidates wrote and the people among is born literate it is not known*. In the people is born literate. In the people is born literate.

part (b), many candidates failed to identify the changes of noun and verb in the sentence. These candidates failed to recognize changes like demonstrative pronoun or feminine case. For example, in (b-3), one of the candidates wrote هذا الملابس نظيف "This clothes is clean" instead of these clothes are clean". Others changed sentences into dual instead of plural forms. This poor performance shows that the candidates were not familiar with plural forms. Extract 4.1 is a sample of a poor response.



Extract 4.1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who provided irrelevant answers in all the items except item (a-2) and changed the sentence into dual instead of plural form in item (b-1and 3).

Despite the poor performance in this question, there were some candidates who performed well. These candidates were able to arrange the given words and make meaningful verbal sentences as required. The candidates managed to change the given singular sentences into plural sentences as required. This good performance shows that the candidates had good mastery of Arabic Language. Extract 4.2 shows a sample of a good response.

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Extract 4.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to change the given singular sentences into plural form as required.

2.3.2 Question 5

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to replace *ان وأخواتها* "defective verbs" with *ان وأخواتها* (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the given sentences by inserting changes where necessary. In part (b), the candidates were required to fill in the blanks with appropriate relative pronouns.

The question was attempted by 212 candidates (51.5%). 125 candidates (59%) scored from 12 to 20 marks, which is a good performance. 57 candidates (26.8%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks, which is an average performance. 30 candidates (14.2%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks, which is a weak performance. Among the candidates with weak performance, 6 candidates (2.8%) scored 0 mark. The general performance of the candidates in this question was good considering that 182 candidates (85.8%) scored an average of 35 percent and above 20 marks allocated to this question. The overall performance of the candidates in this question is summarised in Figure 5.

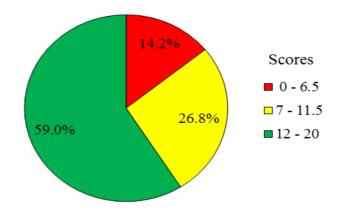
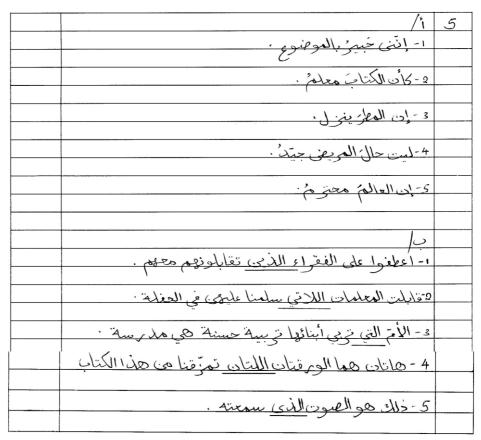


Figure 5: Candidates' performance in question 5

The majority of the candidates who performed well in this question were able to replace كان وأخواتها "كان وأخواتها" (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the given sentences by making necessary changes. For example, in (a-2), معلم الكتاب معلم "The book has become a teacher". One of the candidates wrote صار الكتاب معلم (In deed the book is a teacher" which was correct. This candidate could remember that subject of nominal sentence should take a vowel الفتحة (Fat-hah) and the predicate will carry a vowel الضمة (dhammatu) when he replaced defective verbs with الضمة (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the sentence. Moreover, the candidates managed to fill in the blanks with appropriate relative pronouns. For example, in (b-5), one of the candidates wrote الفي سمعته it is a to fill in the voice which I heard", which was correct. This good performance shows that the candidates had good mastery of Arabic Language and sufficient knowledge on *Ji e die die Jie (inna wa-akh-waatha)* waatiha) and *الأسماء الموصولة* "relative pronouns". Extract 5.1 shows a sample of a good response.



Extract 5.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to replace defective verbs with "*inna wa-akh-waatiha*" and fill in the blanks with appropriate relative pronouns as required.

On the other hand, the candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to replace كان وأخواتها "كان وأخواتها" with أن (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the given sentences and insert changes where necessary. Most of the candidates replaced "كان وأخواتها "defective verbs" with كان وأخواتها (inna wa-akh-waatiha) without making necessary changes which were needed after writing أن وأخواتها (inna wa-akh-waatiha) without making necessary changes which were needed after writing أن وأخواتها (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the sentences. For example in (a–5), one of the candidates could not make necessary changes after removing defective verbs and putting أن وأخواتها (inna wa-akh-waatiha) in the sentence like this أن الم

which was wrong. The correct answer was الكتاب معلم which was wrong. The book is like a teacher".

In part (b), some of the candidates who failed in this part did not understand the requirements of the question because they filled in the blanks with demonstrative pronouns, pronouns and prepositions instead of relative pronouns.

For example, in (b-2), one of the candidates wrote a demonstrative pronoun قابلت المعلمات هؤلاء سلمنا عليهن في الحفل "I met teachers these we greeted them in the party" which was wrong. The correct response was "قابلت المعلمات اللاتي أو اللائي سلمنا عليهن في الحفل "I met teachers whom we greeted them in the party."

Another example in item (b-4), one of the candidates wrote preposition هاتان هما الورقتان في تمزقتا من هذا الكتاب These are two papers in get torn from this book" which was wrong. "These are two papers was supposed to be ماتان مما الورقتان اللتان تمزقتا من ما لورقتان اللتان تمزقتا من من العرف العرفي من المالين التالين المالين الماليان المالين الم

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Extract 5.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who filled in the blanks with demonstrative pronoun in item (b-1 and 2) and preposition in item (b-3, 4 and 5).

2.4 Section 4: Morphology

This section consisted of two questions and the candidates were required to attempt only one. Each question carried (20) marks.

2.4.1 Question 6

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to define the unaugment verb with three letters الفعل الثلاثي

المجرد, provide the advantage of morphology, write categories of verb with three letters and sound تسرة "I" at the middle of it, mention أنواع ألفعل المتعدي "I" at the middle of it, mention الفعل المتعدي In part (b), the candidates were required to write verbs from the given gerunds.

The question was attempted by 210 candidates (51.0%). 52 candidates (24.8%) scored from 12 to 20 marks. 74 candidates (35.2%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks. 84 candidates (40%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks. This shows that the candidates' performance in this question was good as illustrated in Figure 6.

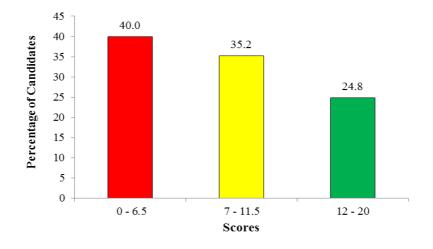


Figure 6: Candidates' performance in question 6

The candidates who scored high marks in this question were able to define the unaugment verb with three letters *الفعل الثلاثي المجرد*, provide the advantage of morphology, write categories of verb with three letters and sound منازع الفعل المتعدي "I" at the middle of it, mention *كسرة* "The types of transitive verb" and measure the given verbs. Furthermore, the candidates were able to write verbs from the gerunds. For example, one of the candidates wrote معليم- علَم "educating –educated", *اهمال- أهمل أهمال- أهمل "arriving- arrived." This good performance shows that the candidates had enough knowledge on morphology. Extract 6.1 shows a sample of a good response.*

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Extract 6.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who derived verbs from the given gerunds as required.

On the other hand, the candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to define the unaugment verb with three letters to provide the advantage of morphology, write الفعل الثلاثي المجرد categories of verb with three letters and sound کسرة "I" at the middle of it, mention *أنواع الفعل المتعدى* "the types of transitive verb" and measure the given verbs. Most of them failed to write categories of a verb with three letters and a sound كسرة "I" at the middle of it in (a-3) instead they confused it with measurement of the verbs. For example in (a-3), one of all of which were فعلل - وسوس فعل – قدّم أفعل – أكرم all of which were فعل- يفعل = and فعل- يفعل = فرح- يفرّح wrong. The correct responses were . Others could not provide the correct measurement of the verb نُخذ "Take" and "تُعم "Stand up" in (a-5). For example, one of the candidates wrote measurement of verb نُعن 'Take'' and "Stand up'' as follows; أَهم عُل Take" and أُهم عُل "Stand up". The correct answers فاء Take" because the removed letter was a letter known as فاء faul-kalima) and تقمه فل 'stand up'' because the removed letter was) الكلمة a letter known as عين الكلمة (Ainul-kalimah).

In part (b), majority of the candidates who performed poorly, they provided morphology measurement instead of writing verbs of the given gerunds. For example, one of the candidates measured the verbs as follows: تمعادة، معادرة، مغالة, حمرة، فعلة عله، معادرة، فعله عله، معادرة، معادرة، معادرة، معادرة، معادرة، حمرة، معادرة، حمر "moved to the demand of the question. The correct responses were supposed to be be be be be "became red", معادرة، غالار معادرة، حمرة، حمرة، حمرة، حمرة، حمرة، حمر "moved forward". Moreover, many of the candidates wrote incorrect verbs where are the following gerunds the demand of the steadily" and "rained steadily" and "tripated" in the following gerunds of "praying for rain", تركي "chastening" and "hand" ("Neglecting" instead of "he addidates for a drink", أهمال "neglected". This poor performance shows that the candidates had insufficient knowledge on morphology. Extract 6.2 shows a sample of a poor response.

		
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Extract 6.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who provided incorrect categories of verb with three letters and measured the gerunds instead of the given verbs.

2.4.2 Question 7

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to define morphology, explain conjugated words as well as to explain unconjugated words, write two examples of infinitive from the word المعل المعل (explain how present participle معلان) is derived from a verb with three letters الفعل الثلاثي and identify the strong verbs and the weak verbs from the given verbs. In part (b), the candidates were required to derive the present participle السم الفاعل and passive participle السم الفاعل from the given verbs.

The question was attempted by 191 candidates (71.6%) and their performance was generally good. 106 candidates (55.5%) scored from 12 to 20 marks. 45 candidates (23.6%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks. Only 40 candidates (20.9%) scored from 0.5 to 6.5 marks out of the 20

marks allocated for this question. The overall performance in question 7 is summarized in Figure 7.

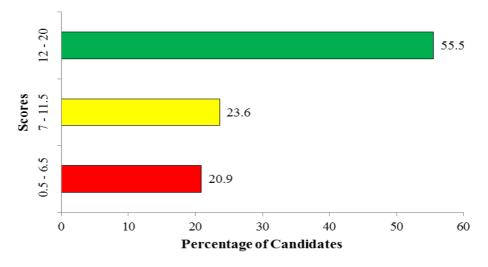


Figure 7: Candidates' performance in question 7

The candidates who performed well in this question were able to define the term morphology, explain conjugated as well as to explain unconjugated words, write two examples of infinitive from the word is derived from the word أنهاعل الشلائي is derived from a verb with three letters إلفعل الشلائي identify the strong verbs and the weak verbs from the given verbs and also to derive the present participle السم السم المفعول and passive participle.

For instance in (a-4), one of the candidates correctly wrote يصاغ اسم "The present participle is formed from the verb with three letters is الفاعل من الفعل الثلاثي على زون فاعل (b), one of the candidates correctly wrote قاض "Judge" as present participle from the verb with three verb with three letters is فاعل فاعل which is correct. Another example in (b), one of the candidates correctly wrote قاض "Judge" as present participle from the verb werb with verb werb "judged" and "Discharged" as passive participle from the verb werb werb werb werb werb werb "judged". This good performance shows that the candidates had adequate competence in morphology. Extract 7.1 shows a sample of a good response.

Extract 7.1: A sample of a response of the candidate who provided correct answers to all the items.

However, there were some candidates who performed poorly in this question. These candidates failed to define the term morphology, explain conjugated as well as to explain unconjugated words, write two examples of infinitive from the word *فعلان* and *فعلان*, explain how present participle *اسم الفاعل* is derived from a verb with three letters *اسم الفاعل*, identify the strong and the weak verbs from the given verbs and derive the present participle *اسم الفاعل* and *passive participle (man the letters) (from the given verbs)*.

Most of the candidates were unable to give examples of infinitive from the given words فعلان and فعلان instead the candidates wrote verbs which were not related to the demand of the question. For example, in (a-3), one of the candidates wrote نيجلسان and instead of فعلان - قعيد and فعلان - قعيد - قعيد الله غلان and فعلان - قعيد - قعيد الله given verbs instead of distinguishing between strong and weak verbs as in (a-5). For example, one of the candidates wrote نسال - سال - قعيد (to ask" and " which was incorrect. The correct answers were guide", which was incorrect. The correct answers were werb".

Furthermore, in part (b), most of the candidates wrote gerunds instead of present participle اسم الفاعل and passive participle اسم الفاعل. For example, one of the candidates incorrectly wrote *خاف خوف* "to fearfear" and "استحسن- استحسن". The correct answer was supposed to be *منحوف خاف خاف خاف مخوف (to fear- an afraid- feared)*" and *استحسن استحسن (to favor- an adviser- recommended)*". Some of the candidates used the given verbs to construct the sentences instead of present participle *اسم الفاعل* and passive participle *اسم الفاعل*. For example, one of the candidates wrote *اسم الفاعل* for example, one of the candidates wrote *intervection and the judge* discharged a case" and *itala التام التامي الفاعل and passive participle itage a a judge- discharged*" and *passive at a judge- a judge- discharged*" and *rabica a feare- and a feare- and a judge- discharged*. This poor performance suggests that, these candidates had insufficient knowledge on Arabic morphology. Extract 7.2 shows a sample of a poor response.

Extract 7.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who conjugated the given verbs instead of distinguishing between strong and weak verbs in (a-5).

2.5 Section 5: Composition

This section had two questions and the candidates were instructed to answer only one. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

2.5.1 Question 8

In this question, the candidates were required to write an article on the importance of infrastructure established by the government for the people.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicates that all 412 candidates (100%) omitted this question. This implies that the candidates had insufficient vocabulary and lack of the ability to express themselves in Arabic Language.

2.5.2 Question 9

In this question the candidates were required to write friendly letter to their young brothers blaming them for not writing letters.

The question was attempted by 408 candidates (99.00%). The performance was poor as 370 candidates (90.7%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks, 30 candidates (7.3%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 8 candidates (2%) scored from 12 to 16.5 marks out of the 20 marks allotted to this question. The performance in question 9 is summarized in Figure 8.

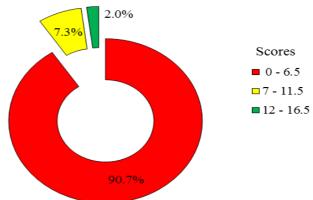
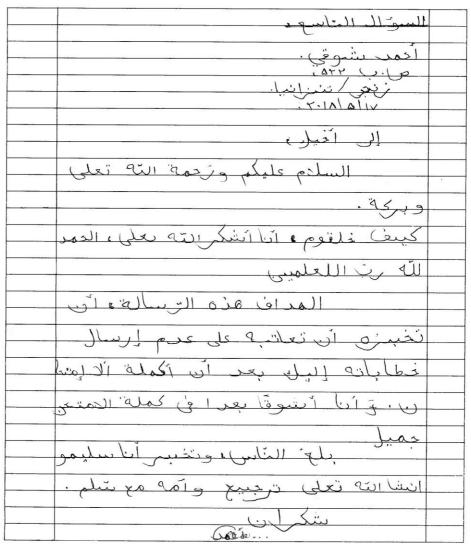


Figure 8: Candidates' performance in question 9

The candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to write friendly letter to their young brothers blaming them for not writing letters. Most of the candidates could only write the address, date, greetings correctly but they failed to explain the main body of the letter. Some of the candidates picked some words like الصغير "small", الصغير "blame him" and خطاباته "his letters" from the question and mixed them with their own words which resulted into meaningless structures.

For example, one of the candidates expressed the main body of the letter as follows: *الغرض كتابة هذه الرسالة أخبرك الصغير تعاتبه على عدم ارسلك* "The aim writing this letter to tell you small to blame you for not sending his letters to you" which was meaningless. The correct answer was تعلى ما جرى فيك حتى قطعت (الغرض من هذا الخطاب بعد التحية هو التعرف على ما جرى فيك حتى قطعت تصلني دون انقطاع الغرض sto know what happened to you until you had stopped to send me your letters as it was before".

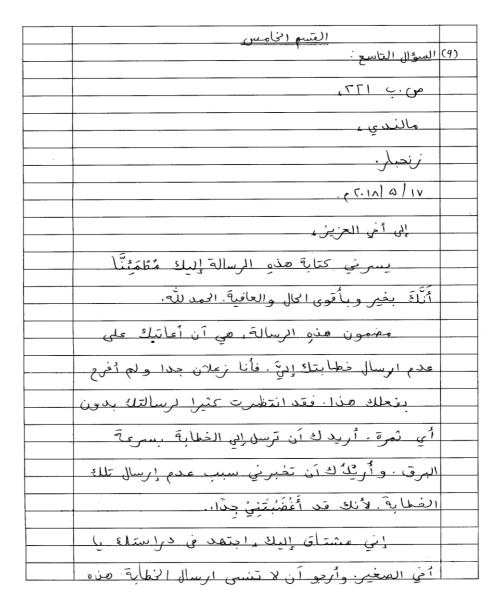
Other candidates did not understand the question. This caused them to write the main body of the letter contrary to the requirement of the question like *dup. than the for a glue and the question requirement. Another example, one of the candidates wrote: (Another example, one of the candidates wrote: (Another example, one of the candidates wrote) and <i>the glue and the glue and organized. The poor performance of these candidates shows that the candidates had inadequate vocabulary and insufficient knowledge on informal letter writing. Extract 9.1 shows a sample of a poor response.*

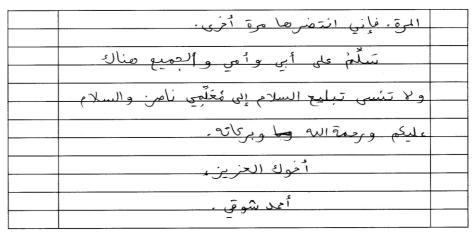


Extract 9.1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who copied the question and used it as the answer due to lack of enough vocabulary of Arabic Language.

On the other hand, the candidates who performed well in this question were able to write good friendly letters. The candidates adhered to the format of informal letter writing by writing address, greetings, main body and conclusion in a good logical flow, clarity and organization despite some spelling mistakes and grammatical errors. For example, one of the candidates wrote the main body of the letter as follows; *الهدف العداب هو التعبير عن شعوري بالوحشة من جرّاء عدم تسلّم خطابك من هذا الخطاب هو التعبير عن شعوري بالوحشة من جرّاء عدم تسلّم خطابك من فبل من فن الخطاب هو التعبير عن شعوري بالوحشة من جرّاء عدم تسلّم خطابك من فبل الخطاب هو التعبير عن شعوري بالوحشة من جرّاء عدم تسلّم خطابك من فبل من فبل من فبل الخطاب هو التعبير عن شعوري بالوحشة من جرّاء عدم تسلّم خطابك من فبل من فبل*

any letter from you for a long period, therefore, I would like to know why you do not send me your letters as it was before?" This indicates that the candidates had good mastery of Arabic Language, sufficient vocabulary and good writing skills. Extract 9.2 shows a sample of a good response.





Extract 9.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who wrote a friendly letter adhering to the format of informal letters.

3.0 ANALYSIS OF THE CANDIDATES' RESPONSES IN EACH QUESTION IN ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPER 2

3.1 Section 1: Rhetoric

This section had two questions and the candidates were required to attempt only one. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

3.1.1 Question 1

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to define the metonymy (*الكتابية*), mention two constrains of the metonymy with its vigilantes, mention three types of metonymy with one example for each, and point out the place of metonym from the two poems given. In part (b), the candidates were required to complete sentences by filling in the blanks with appropriate expressions.

The question was attempted by 333 candidates (80.8%). Statistics show that 240 candidates (72.1%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks. 88 candidates (26.4%) scored from 7 to 11 marks. 5 candidates (1.5%) scored from 12 to 14 marks. This implies that the candidates' performance in this question was poor. This performance is summarized in Figure 9.

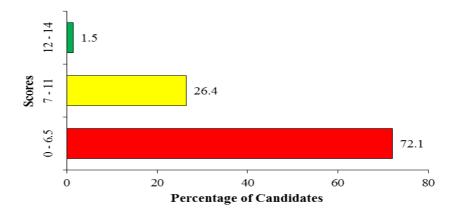


Figure 9: Candidates' performance in question 1

The candidates who scored low marks in this question were unable to define metonymy (الكناية), write two constrains of the metonymy with its vigilantes, mention three types of metonymy with one example for each, and point out the place of metonym from the two poems given. Most of the candidates failed to write two constrains of the metonymy with its vigilantes. Some of the candidates wrote; الإبهام في السمع "the obscurity in the hearing" and القوّة في المعنى "the power in the meaning" instead of writing المعنى الحقيقى "Having in mind the original meaning" and *جواز إرادة المعنى الحقيقى والمعنى الكنائي* Possibility of having in mind the original meaning and antonomasia meaning". Other candidates did not attempt the item. In part (b), majority of the candidates were unable to fill in blanks with correct expressions in (b-1, 1- التشبيه الذي يكون وجه الشبه فيه صورة منتزعة من متعدد ; which asked (The simile in which a snatched picture from multifold is "يسمى known as _____ The simile which has not mentioned" يلحمان في التركيب يسمى clearly the similarity and analogy but they are noticed in the sentence is 3- التركيب الذي يكون وجه الشبه فيه مدركا بالحس and " known as The simile in which the analogy is realized by sense is "يسمى ". Most of the candidates filled in the blanks known as _ with التشبيه المفصل، التشبيه المجمل والتشبيه المرسل with "Detailed simile", "general simile" and "simile sender" in item (b-1, 2 and 3) respectively, which all were wrong expressions. The correct responses were التشبيه Simile representation", "implicit" التمثيلي، التشبيه الضمني والتشبيه الحسي analogy" and "sensory analogy" in (b-1, 2 and 3) respectively. This

poor performance shows that the candidates had insufficient knowledge on metonymy. Extract 1.1 shows a sample of a poor response.

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Extract 1:1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who provided irrelevant answers to all the questions given.

Despite the poor performance in this question, there were 5 candidates (1.5%) who performed well. Most of these candidates were able to define metonymy (*الكناية*), mention types of metonymy, and point out the place of metonym from the given two poems. For example, one of the candidates mentioned the types of metonymy as follows; الكناية عن Metaphor for characteristics, الصفة، الكناية عن الموصوف والكناية عن النسبة metaphor for described and metaphor for relationship". In part (b), many of the candidates could fill in the blanks with appropriate answers 1- التشبيه الذي يكون وجه الشبه فيه صورة منتزعة من متعدّد يسمى .(b-1 and 5).) "The simile in which a snatched picture from multifold is 5- إذا حذف من التشبيه الأداة ووجه الشبه فهذا " and " عنه الشبه فهذا " sand " التشبيه الأداة ووجه الشبه فهذا " and The simile in which the analogy and" النوع من التشبيه يسمى simile particle are removed is known as____ ". The answers "deep simile" التشبيه البليغ Simile representation" and "التشبيه التمثيلي "deep simile" respectively. This good performance suggests that, these candidates had sufficient knowledge on rhetoric. Extract 1.2 shows a sample of a good response.

Extract 1.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who defined the metonymy (الكنابة) but failed to identify two constrains of the metonymy with its vigilantes.

3.1.2 Question 2

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). The candidates were required to point out *العجاز المرسل* "metaphor" and its *العلاقة* "relation" and *القرينة* "indication" from the given poems. In part (b), the candidates were required to decline the underlined *المصريحية* "explicit metaphor" and and "لاستعارة المكنية "implicit metaphor".

The question was attempted by 71 candidates (17.2%) whereby 50 candidates (70.4%) scored from 0 to 6 marks, 19 (26.8%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and only 2 candidates (2.8%) scored 12 to 13 marks. It was further observed that there was none who scored from 14 to 20 marks. This suggests that the candidates' performance in this question was poor as shown in Figure 10.

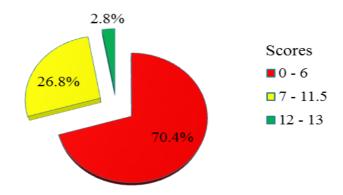
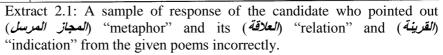


Figure 10: Candidates' performance in question 2

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 ٢- فلات يرمي بطرفه حيث أسار الكرم.	
 الكرم - الاستعارة المكنية .	

analysis as the question demanded. Extract 2.1 shows a sample of a poor response.

٥- قال "تعالى:" ربّ إنى وهن العظم مني واشتعل الرأس شيبا الراس-الاستعارة المكنية. أ- بين المجاز المرسل ووضح كل فنه وقرينته في الأبيات ١- وكنت إذ اكف أتتك عديمة * ترجى يوالا من سلابك بلت المجاز المرسل - عد يمة علاقته - مشبه قرينتا - سعابك بلت ٥-بلادي وإن جارت على عزيز * وقومي وإن ضنو اعلى كرام المحاز الهرسل - جارت عل قته - مشبه به قرينته - إن ظينوا ٤- فهمت الكتاب أبر الكتاب * فسمعاً لأ مير العرب المدارالمرسل - فممت علاقته - مشبه قرينته - الأمير العرب



However, the candidates who performed well in this question were able to point out *العجاز المرسل* "metaphor" and *"العلاقة"* "the relation" and *"المجاز المرسل* "the indication" from the given poems. And they could also explain how the underlined words *"الاستعارة التصريحية"* "explicit metaphor" and how the underlined words *"الاستعارة المكنية"* "explicit metaphor" and *"الاستعارة المكنية (المكنية الولما والمنع)* "implicit metaphor" had been used. For example, one of the candidates analyzed this sentence *"لرأس والمن العظم متي واشتعل الرأس الموان*" (O my Lord! Infirm indeed are my bones and the hair of my head doth glisten with grey" as follows; *"على سبيل الاستعارة المكنية والقرينة إثبات الإشتعال بشيئ من لوازمه وهو "اشتعل" على سبيل الاستعارة المكنية والقرينة إثبات الإشتعال الرأس بشيئ من لوازمه وهو "اشتعل" على سبيل الاستعارة المكنية والقرينة والقرينة ومن العربية. This good performance shows that the candidates had sufficient knowledge on metaphors. Extract 2.2 shows a sample of a good response.*

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Extract 2.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to point out metaphor, its relation and indication from the given poems.

3.2 Section 2: Literature (Poems and Proses)

This section had two questions and the candidates were required to attempt one question. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

3.2.1 Question 3

The question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were instructed to complete the poems with right expressions (verse) by filling in the blanks. In part (b), the candidates were required to write poems with five verses.

The question was attempted by 234 candidates (56.8%). The performance was good whereby 42 candidates (17.9%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks, 48 candidates (20.6%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 144 candidates (61.5%) scored from 12 to 20 marks. The question had 20 marks. Figure 11 illustrates candidates' performance in this question.

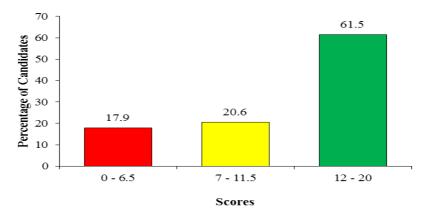
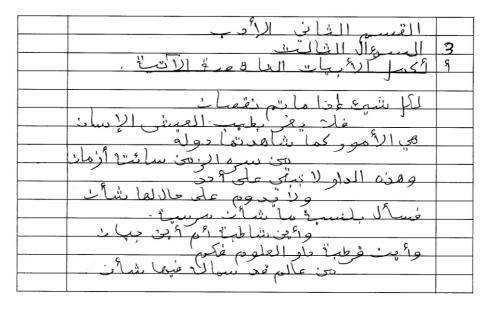
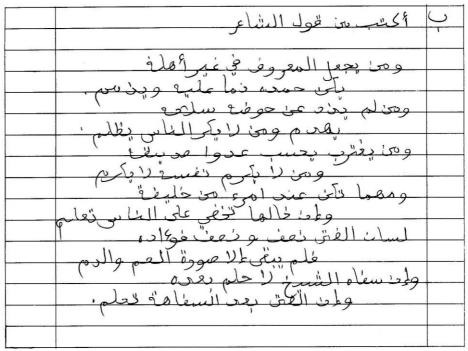


Figure 11: Candidates' performance in question 3

The majority of the candidates who performed well in this question were able to complete the poems by filling in the blanks with correct expressions. Furthermore, the candidates managed to write down five verses. This good performance shows that these candidates had sufficient knowledge on writing poems. Extract 3.1 shows a sample of a good response.





Extract 3.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to complete the poem with right expressions and write down a poem of five verses.

On the other hand, the candidates who performed poorly in this question were not able to provide five verses of poems. Some of the candidates just copied some verses of poems from the questions and used them as new responses. In part (b), most of the candidates did not manage to fill in the blanks with correct expressions. Others did not attempt the question due to insufficient knowledge on poetry. Extract 3.2 shows a sample of a poor response.

Extract 3.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who completed the poems with the wrong expression in part (a).

3.2.2 Question 4

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were required to write five verses of poems after one verse of poem given. In part (b), the candidates were instructed to complete the poems with correct expressions.

The question was attempted by 173 candidates (42%), 147 candidates (85%) scored from 12 to 20 marks. 11 candidates (6.3%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks. Only 15 candidates (8.7%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks. This shows that the candidates' performance in this question was good as illustrated in Figure 12.

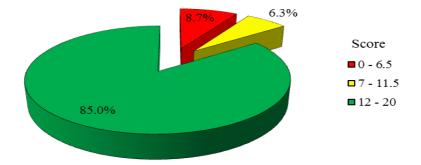


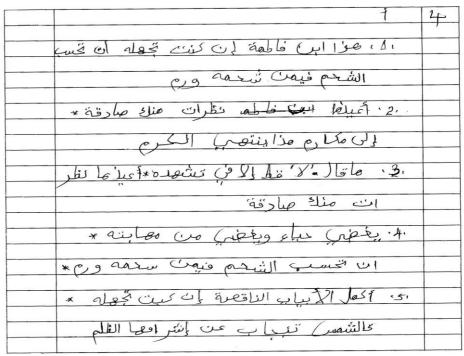
Figure 12: Candidates' performance in question 4

The candidates who performed well in this question were able to write down poems of five verses after one verse of poem given. Moreover, they were able to complete the poems by filling in the blanks with correct expressions. This good performance indicates that these candidates had sufficient knowledge on poetry. Extract 4.1 shows a sample of a good response.

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Extract 4.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who wrote correct verses of poem after one verse of poem given and also completed the poem with correct expressions.

Despite the good performance in this question, there were some candidates who performed poorly. These candidates were unable to write five verses of poems and fill in the blanks with correct expressions. Some of the candidates copied some verses from the questions and used them as their expressions. Others candidates wrote or filled in the blanks with verses which were not related to the requirements of the question. For example, one of the candidates filled in the blank spaces with the verses of Mutanabbi instead of Alfarazdaq, $(\rho_{il}, |\nu_{il}, |\nu_{il$



Extract 4.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who copied some verses from the questions and used them as the answer due to lack of enough knowledge on poetry.

3.3 Section 3: Literature (History)

This section comprised two questions and the candidates were required to attempt only one question. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

3.3.1 Question 5

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a), the candidates were instructed to write four characteristics of pagan poems. In part (b), the candidates were required to attempt short answer questions such as to define wisdom, provide two examples of wisdom and explain in which events or wisdom is used, mention four types of Literature which make good Arabic literature, explain when did the era of paganism started and ended and also to mention one woman poet who lived through paganism and Islam.

The question was attempted by 31 candidates (7.5%). Statistics shows that 17 candidates (93.5%) scored from 0 to 6 marks and 14 candidates (6.5%) scored from 9 to 10 marks. The general performance was poor since a large number of candidates scored below average as illustrated in Figure 13.

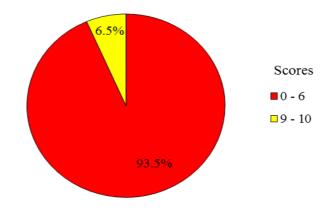


Figure 13: Candidates' performance in question 5

This question was the least attempted in this section. In part (a), most of the candidates provided wrong answers which were not related to the demand of the question. For example, one of the candidates wrote verses of a poem instead of writing four characteristics of pagan poems. The candidate wrote wrote *likela elkilia elkilia elkilia gli the g*

In part b, the majority of the candidates failed to explain meaning of wisdom and its examples. The candidates also failed to explain situations where wisdom is used. For example, one of the candidates wrote that the wisdom is one of poems' purposes instead of explaining The" الحكمة هي قول موجز بليغ يحمل في طياته معنا ساميا وتجربة إنسانية عميقة wisdom is the briefed speech and well-spoken which carry the deep meaning and long experience of humankind". The candidates could not mention one woman poet who lived through paganism and Islam. For example, one of the candidates wrote حستان بن ثابت "Hassan Thabit" as one woman poet who lived through paganism and Islam. This response الخنساء هي شاعرة من تراجم الشعراء kas incorrect. The correct response is Al-khansaa is one of the women poets who lived through المخضرمين paganism and Islam". Some of the candidates provided irrelevant answers in all items and others did not attempt the question. The poor performance shows that these candidates had insufficient knowledge on literature. Extract 5.1 shows a sample of a poor response.

Extract 5.1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who provided irrelevant answers in all items.

Despite the poor performance of some candidates, there were some candidates who performed fairly well in this question. Most of them were able to mention four types of Literature which make good literature as follows العاطفة الصادقة، الأفكار الجليلة، الخيال المصور والعبارات "True sympathy, positive thinking, imagination and good expression" and explain when the era of paganism started and ended. For example, one of the candidates wrote بدأ العصر الجاهلي قبل ظهور الإسلام بدأ العصر الجاهلي قبل ظهور الإسلام "True sympathy and explain when the era of paganism started and ended attent around 150 years before the advent of the Islam and ended after its advent." Others provided partial responses. This shows that few candidates were familiar with Arab literature.

3.3.2 Question 6

This question had two parts; (a) and (b). In part (a) the candidates were required to define the poem, explain why the poem was known as المعلقات (Al-mualaqaat), mention three types of poems, mention three Arabian Markets which had a huge impact in Arabic Literature and mention the Era which was called المخضرمين (AL-mukhadharamina). In part (b), the candidates were required to write down the position of the poems in the pagan Era.

The question was attempted by 374 candidates (90.8%). Their performance in this question was good as 137 candidates (36.6%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks, 204 candidates (54.6%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 33 candidates (8.8%) scored from 12 to 16 marks. The performance of the candidates in question is summarized in Figure 14.

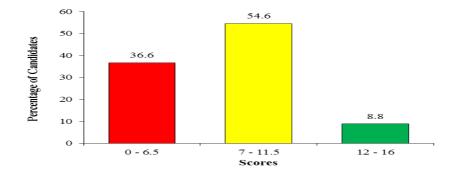


Figure 14: Candidates' performance in question 6

The analysis of the candidates' responses shows that many of the candidates who attempted this question performed well. These candidates were able to define the meaning of poem as follows; *الشعر هو أوزان معروفة معينة الشعر هو المعر في أوزان معروفة معينة (Al-mualaqaat) for example, one of the candidates wrote that, <i>dit unag ville way with the poems as yill way with the poem bill and the poem of the candidates wrote that, dit under the poem by melted gold and hanged them on the curtain of Ka'aba or It is said, it was called that because Arabs kept the poem in their minds". They also could mention three types of poems as one of the candidates wrote; <i>الشعر التعر الغنائي، الشعر الغنائي، الشعر التصي والشعر التمثيلي* (

and drama poem. Moreover, they mentioned three Arabian Markets which had a huge impact in Arabic Literature *سوق عكاظ، سوق مجنة وسوق* المجاز "Ikadh market, Majinna market and Dhilmajaaz market and finally specified Era of *المخضر مين* (AL-mukhadharamina) like this هو عصر صدر الإسلام مع الدي يشمل عصر الجاهلي وعصر صدر الإسلام and Islam". Furthermore, they were able to provide the status of the poems in the pagan Era. This good performance shows that, these candidates had adequate knowledge on Arabic literature. Extract 6.1 shows a sample of a good response.

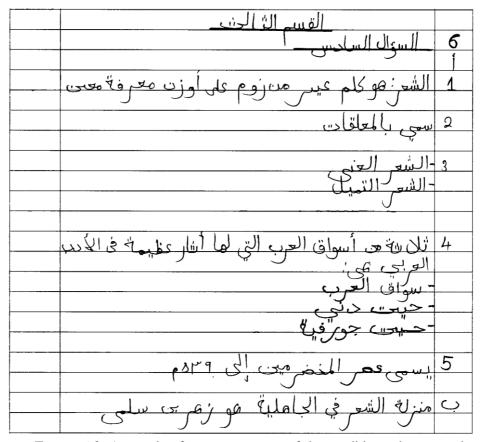
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على استار الكعبة وقيل سمي بذلك لأن العرب علقوها على	
أذهانهم أي حفظوها.	
3- الشعر تلاتة أذواع وهي :	
-المشعرالغناشي	
- المشعر التمثيلي	
- النسمي القصصي .	
4- ثلاثة من أسواق العرب التي إها آثار عظيمة في الأدب	
العربي هي ما يلي :	
- سوق عكاظ	
سوق مبنة	
- سوق ذى المجاني .	

Extract 6.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who was able to provide appropriate answers as required.

Further analysis of the candidates' responses shows that the candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to define the poem and also to explain why the poem was known as المعلقات (Al-mualaqaat), Moreover, these candidates were unable to mention three types of poems, write down three Arabian Markets which had a huge impact in Arabic Literature and explain the Era which was called المخضرمين (AL-mukhadharamina).

Most of these candidates failed to provide correct responses in item (a-2) which wanted the candidates to explain why the poem was known as (Al-mualagaat), many of them left the question unanswered and others provided irrelevant answers. For example, one of the candidates -Al) سمى بالمعلقات لأنه بذأ العصر الجاهلى (Al-mualaqaat) المعلقات (Almualaqaat) is the period of paganism which had started", this was قيل سمى بذلك لأن العرب كتبوها بماء الذهب wrong. The correct response was It is said that Arabs" وعلقوها على أستار أو قيل سمى بذلك لأنهم علقوها في أذهانهم wrote the poem by melted gold and hanged them on the curtain of Ka'aba or "It is said, it was called المعلقات (Al-mualaqaat) because Arabs kept the poem in their minds". Moreover, the candidates failed to provide appropriate response in (b) which wanted the candidates to explain the position of the poems in the pagan Era. The majority of candidates provided in sufficient explanation, thus they scored low marks. For example, one of the candidates wrote some purposes of poems المدح، الفخر، الوصف، الرثاء، الغزل والحكمة Praise, glory, description,

elegy, love and aphorism" instead of the status of the poems in the pagan era which could be stated as كان الشعر في الجاهلية وسيلة الإعلام الوحيدة ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال ماد وكان الشعر المعروب في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال مفاخرها. وكان الشعر سجلا في القبائل، ينشر أمجادها ويشيد بأحسابها ويسجل للأجيال ماد عادات وأخلاق وعصبيات وحروب وحروب شعد only communication media for tribes in the paganism to spread their prides, praise and dignity. It was a true logbook for the life of paganism in which included ethics, tribalism and battles". This poor performance shows that these candidates had inadequate knowledge of Arabic Literature. Extract 6.2 shows a sample of a poor response.



Extract 6.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who wrote the name of a poet Zuheyri Sulmah instead of the status of the poems in the paganism in part (b).

3.4 Section 4: Literature (Analysis of Poems and Proses)

This section comprised two questions and the candidates were required to attempt only one question. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

3.4.1 Question 7

This question had three parts; (a), (b) and (c). In part (a), the candidates were required to explain the meaning of the poem. In part (b) the candidates were instructed to explain in which occasion the poet stated the poem. In part (c), the candidates were required to explain the meaning of the given words.

This question was attempted by 44 candidates (10.7%). The statistics shows that 26 candidates (59.1%) scored from 0 to 5 marks, 9 candidates (20.4%) scored from 7 to 11 marks and 9 candidates (20.5%)scored from 12 to 19 marks. The general performance of the candidates in this question was average whereby 18 candidates (40.9%) scored from 7 to 19 marks. Figure 15 summarizes the performance in question 7

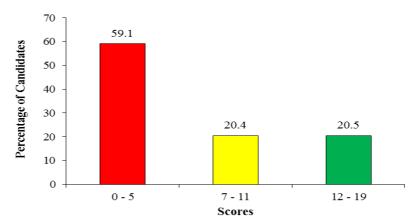
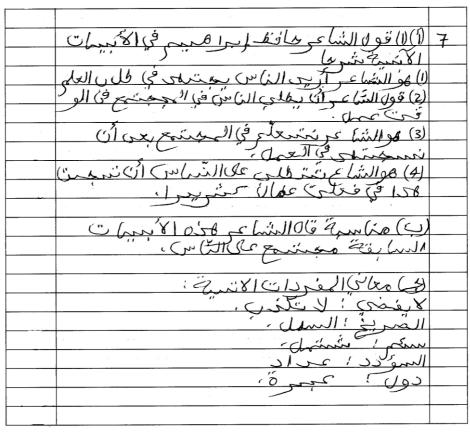


Figure 15: Candidates' performance in question 7

Most of the candidates who performed well in this question were able to explain in details the meaning of the given poem, mention the occasion in which the poem was stated, and explain meaning of the given words. The good performance shows that these candidates had sufficient knowledge on Arabic Literature and good mastery of Arabic Language. Extract 7.1 illustrates a sample of a good response.

Extract 7.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who correctly explained the meaning of the given words.

On the other hand, the candidates who attempted part (c) performed poorly. Most of the candidates provided irrelevant responses. For example, one of the candidates provided incorrect meaning of the words 1- لا يغضي- لا يذهب بصفائه 2- الصريخ- السيف 3- سئم- لا تقل حتى المغرب 4- السؤدد-1- لا يغضي- لا يذهب بصفائه 2- الصريخ- السيف 3- سئم- لا تقل حتى المغرب 4- السؤدد away. 2-Shouting- the sword 3- Bored with- don't say until sunset 4-Honor- unseen 5-Inconstant-the king". The correct answers were Y-1*isotopic and the second and the se*



Extract 7.2: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who incorrectly explained the meaning of the given poem.

3.4.2 Question 8

This question had three parts; (a), (b) and (c), In part (a), the candidates were required to explain the meaning of the given poem. In part (b), the candidates were required to explain in which occasion the poet

stated the poem. In part (c), the candidates were instructed to explain the meaning of the given words.

This question was attempted by 352 candidates (85.4%). 77 candidates (21.9%) scored from 12 to 20 marks, 110 candidates (31.2%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 165 candidates (46.9%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks. Thus, the general performance for the question was average, because 187 candidates (53.1%) scored 35 percent and above of the allocated 20 marks. Figure 16 illustrates this analysis.

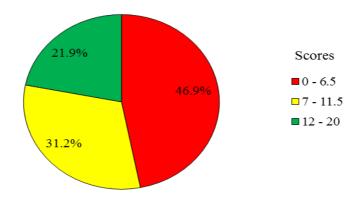


Figure 16: Candidates' performance in question 8

The candidates who performed well in this question were able to explain the meaning of the given poem in detail, mention the occasion in which the poet stated the poem and explain the meaning of the given words. This good performance shows that these candidates had enough vocabulary and sufficient knowledge on Arabic Literature. Extract 8.1 shows a sample of a good response.

Extract 8.1: A sample of a good response of the candidate who explained correctly the meaning of the given poem.

However, the candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to explain in detail the meaning of the given poem, were unable to explain in which occasion the poet stated the poem and were unable to provide the meaning of the given words. Most of the candidates failed to explain in detail the meaning of the given poem due to insufficient vocabulary. Some of the candidates did not attempt the question, while others provided unclear statements meaning on the given text.

Furthermore, the responses of these candidates had a lot of spelling mistakes. For example, one of the candidates wrote (وإلا فاصبروا لجلاد يوم as follows; يعتر الله فيه من يشاء قال الشعر حسان بن ثابت هذه البيت في المعنى التي as follows; يعتر الله فيه من يشاء كل إنسان شرب الموت وذلك ولد، شاب، صديق، ثم في المجتمع لاظلم لكل النفس واحد "The poem said Hassan Thabit this verse in the meaning which everybody drunk death therefore child, young man, friend, after that in the society no oppression for everyone".

The above explanation is poorly formed. The correct answer was $\frac{y}{y}$ finds and $\frac{y}{y}$. The poor is the explanation of the poor is the explanation of the poor is the explanation of the poor is the explained to the explain the occasion in which the poor stated the poor. Many of the candidates wrote the answers which were not related to the requirement of the question. For example, one of the candidates explained about the poor responses show that the candidates had insufficient knowledge on Arabic literature and a poor mastery of Arabic Language. Extract 8.2 shows a sample of a poor response.

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3.5 Section 5: Response to Readings

This section comprised two questions and the candidates we required to attempt only one. Each question carried twenty (20) marks.

3.5.1 Question 9

In this question, the candidates were required to explain obstacles did Bursha face until she got married and the lesson we get from the story of Bursha.

The question was attempted by 222 candidates (53.9%). 206 candidates (92.8%) scored from 0 to 6.5 marks. 14 candidates (6.3%) scored from 7 to 11 marks. Only 2 candidates (0.9%) scored from 12 to 15 marks. According to this data, the performance in this question was poor since the number of the candidates who scored below 35 percent was 206 candidates (92.8%). Figure 17 summarizes the performance of the candidates in question 9.

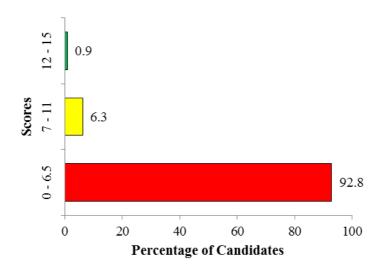
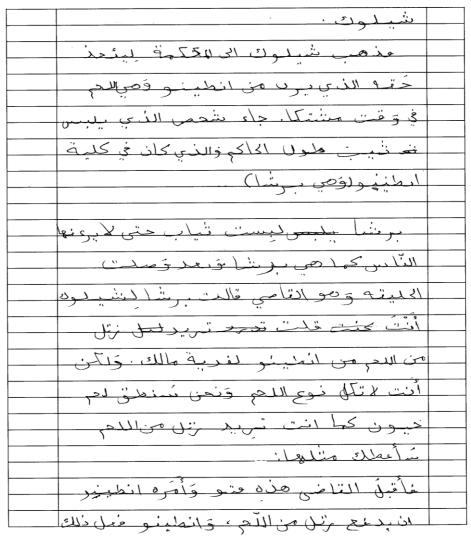


Figure 17: Candidates' performance in question 9

The analysis of the candidates' responses shows that most of the candidates who performed poorly in this question provided answers which were not related to the requirements of the question. For example, one of the candidates provided the story of Ali Koja instead of Bursha. Some of the candidates wrote unclear explanations and others did not attempt the question. The poor performance shows that these candidates had insufficient vocabulary to express themselves. Extract 9.1 shows a sample of a poor response in question 9.

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مذه معدة الحريلة كتب كمال وكيلتن	
 الذي سيدق في مدينة بالاقية.	:
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حتى تې نرواجها كما يلي: -	
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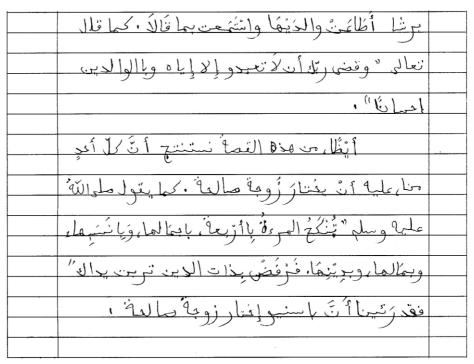
Extract 9.1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who explained on the crisis of wealth between Shayluk and Un-ton-yo instead of the story of Bursha obstacles related to her marriage.

Further analysis of the candidates' responses indicates that there were few candidates who were able to explain in detail all obstacles that Bursha faced until she was married to Basinyu. Few candidates also mentioned the lessons which are learned from the story. Furthermore, the candidates arranged and organized their points well, though there were some grammatical and spelling errors.

قال أبو برشا لبنتها أنها: لا تكوني For example, one of the candidates wrote متروجة بأي أحد إلا بعد اختياره الصندوق الذي فيه صورتك، فصبرت مدّة طويلة ولم تتزوج متزوجة. Bursha's father told her "بأحد لأن كل شاب يختار الصندوق الذي ليس فيه صورتها. that, you will not marry anyone until the person who wants to marry you could select a box which contains your picture, she waited for a long time without marrying anyone because no one of the young men could select the box which contains her picture".

In another example, one of the candidates wrote one of the lessons as follows; الطاعة للوالدين مستحب للأولاد، والصبر مفتاح الخير عند المصائب "It is a nice thing for children to have obedience to their parents, and the tolerance is a key of good in case of misfortune" This good performance implies that, these candidates had sufficient knowledge on the story and good mastery of Arabic Language. Extract 9.2 shows a sample of a good response.

إنما كانت مذه العالة عدًا بًا لما . منتى يوم من	
الأيام تَكَلَّبُنْ عادتُها من مدا الدال . أَنَّمَا لا تَعْدِرُ	
نُتْ تَصْبِي بِوُصِيَّة التي أوصى أباما إليما ولك، إنَّها	i —
المن المرأة المُطِبِّعَةُ لِوَالِدَيْهَا، لِدَالل حَبَرَتْ .	
فَيُومُ مَن الأَيامِ عَلَمَ تَبَمَ رَوَاجُ بَرِيْنَا، فَتَزَوَّجُن	
ا باسنيوا الذي موحديف أنطونيو إنَّ باسَنيو إفتار	
مندوق الذي فبه صورة برشا افتزهما وفرعا فراغة	
لا به از	
من مذكالغمة نستنتج أتا الصبر ننسيء مفيد	
فقدرتها في الكتاب أرت برشا مابرت صبرطويلة فري	
زوجت بربل كريم وهذا فوالدق لذَنَّ الله تعالى يقول	
وبشرالصابر بين"	5)
أَيْظًا من هذه النَّمَعُ نستنتج أنَّ الطَّاعَة	
لوالدين واجم على كل مسلم ، رُسْنًا في الكتاب أتَّ	1



Extract 9.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who explained obstacles did Bursha face until she was married to Basinyu and mentioned some lessons.

3.5.2 Question 10

In this question, the candidates were required to explain how the Sindbad Albahri appeared before King Mahraja.

This question was attempted by 141 candidates (34.2%). The performance on this question was poor since 118 candidates (83.7%) scored below average. The data analysis indicated that 6 candidates (4.3%) scored from 12 to 16.5 marks, 17 candidates (12%) scored from 7 to 11.5 marks and 118 candidates (83.7%) scored from 0 to 6 marks out of 20 marks. Figure 18 summarizes the performance of the candidates.

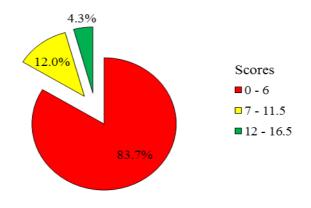
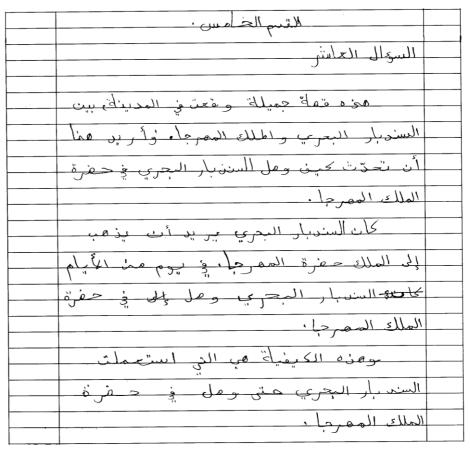


Figure 18: Candidates' performance in question 10

According to the analysis of candidates' responses, most of the candidates who performed poorly in this question were unable to explain how Sindbad appeared before King Maharaja. Some of them provided incorrect and unclear responses. Moreover, their responses had a lot of grammatical mistakes. For example, one of the candidates wrote *eba use ani like control beta and the like and the explain of the correct grammar was supposed to be written as follows; use ani like and the people to take him to Elephants' place but that place was dangerous for mankind''. This poor performance implies that these candidates had poor mastery of Arabic Language and insufficient knowledge of Sindbad's story. Extract 10.1 shows a sample of a poor response.*



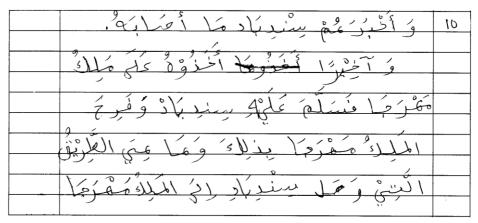
Extract 10.1: A sample of a poor response of the candidate who failed to explain on how did Sindbad appeared before King Mahraja.

On the other hand, the candidates who performed well in this question were able to provide correct details of how Sindbad appeared in the presence of King Mahraja.

For example, one of the candidates wrote that: (نبجا السندباد من الغرق،) التجأ إلى الجزيرة فلتقى بخدم الملك المهرجا صاحب هذه الجزيرة. وأخيرا أركبوه معهم إلى أن وصلوا إلى بلاد الهند حيث قدّموه إلى ملكهم المهرجا فسأله عن قصته فأخبره بكل ما "After Sindbad saved from sinking, he fled to the Island where he met the servants of the king of the Indian country called Maharaja who was also the owner of that Island. The servants submitted him to the king. The King asked him to narrate all events which made him to reach the Island. Sindbad narrated everything to the King."

Furthermore, the candidates arranged and organized their points well, even though there were some slight grammatical errors. This suggests that the candidates had enough knowledge on Sindbad's story and sufficient vocabulary to narrate the story in Arabic Language. Extract 10.2 shows a sample of a good response.

العتُبوَّال العَاشِينِ.	10
سْنِدْبَادْ عُنُو رَجُلْ البَحْرِي وَسُمَعَيْ بَسْنَدْبَاد	
البَحْرِي بِكُثْرَة رِخْلَتِهِ فِي البَحْرِ مِسَأَتَعَدَّ	
كَيْنَ وَصَلَ سِنْدِبَانِ إِلَى الْمَلِكَ مَحَرَ إِجَا	
<u>کم۲ یکی +</u>	
الله المالي مالي	
مُنَاكَ سَاجِرًا غَنِبًا فِي بِلاَد بَعدافٍ وَكَانَ	
بْسَافِرْ لِلتَّجَارَةُ مِنْ بَلَدٍ إِلَى بَلَدٍ	
في يَوْعٍ مِنَ الاَيْتَامَ عَى رَحَلَتِهِ الْأَوْلَ	
خَرُجُوْ مَعْ مَعْنَى السَّجَارَ مِيْ بَعْدَانَ إِلَى	
بَعْرَةَ وَبَاءُوْ بِعَامَاتُهُمْ عَنَاكَ حَتَّى إِنْتَهِي	
وَقَاعَتِ الشَّفْنِيَةِ الْحَرِي	
وَبَيْهُمُ حَادَوْ عَي الْطَرِبْقِ إِذْ الْتَعْقِينَةِ	
بالجزيرة ورسب الشفينة في ذلك	
الجزيرة وَنَزَنُونُ بِعَظْمُ يَلْمُوْنَ وَمَنْهُم	
بينيريان	



Extract 10.2: A sample of a good response of the candidate who correctly narrated Sindbad's story.

4.0 ANALYSIS OF CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCE IN EACH TOPIC

The analysis of the candidates' responses in each topic shows that the candidates had good performance in *Comprehension* (94.7%), *Poems and Proses* (86.7%) and *Morphology* (69.55%). These candidates performed well in these topics because they had sufficient knowledge and skills. This indicates that the candidates scored an average of 35 or above in these topics. The candidates had average performance in *Language use* (55.4%), *Grammar* (48%) and *Analysis of Poems and proses* (47%). These candidates performed on average because they mastered some topics partially. However, the candidates had poor performance in *History of Literature* (34.95%), *Rhetoric* (28.75%), *Response to Readings* (11.75%) and *Composition* (4.65%) because they lacked adequate knowledge and skills on these topics.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The general performance of the candidates in Arabic Language in the ACSEE 2018 was average. The analysis of candidates' performance indicates that the weak performance could be attributed by insufficient knowledge on *Composition and Rhetoric*, failure to identify the demands of the questions, lack of vocabulary and ability to express themselves in Arabic Language.

However, the candidates had shown good performance in reading comprehension and poems. This could have been attributed to having good skills in reading for comprehension and poem which enabled them to understand and identify the requirements of the questions.

Moreover, the analysis of the candidates' performance in *Comprehension*, *Poems and Proses*, *Grammar*, *History of literature*, *Analysis of poems and proses*, *Language use and Morphology* in the year 2018 has increased by (2.1%), (7.95%), (5, 7.5%), (5.55%), (23.95%) and (21.45%) respectively when compared to the performance in 2017. On the other hand, the candidates' performance has decreased by (21.05%), (21.65%) and (9.4%) in *Response to Readings, composition* and *Rhetoric* respectively in the 2018 when compared to the performance in 2017 respectively.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order to improve the performance of the candidates in the future, the following are recommended.

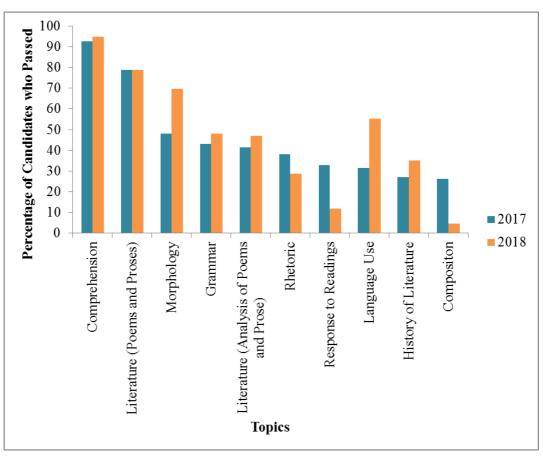
- (a) Teachers should guide the students to understand the parts of speech such as nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections. This will enable them to understand the tasks of the questions and write clear and correct explanations.
- (b) Teachers should guide the students to pay attention in listening to other Arabic speakers and repeat what has been said. This will help them to understand how sentences are formed and to expand their vocabulary.
- (c) Teachers should guide the students to improve writing skills in Arabic Language by encouraging them to write different sentences, stories as well as articles. This will help them to write well answers in their examination.
- (d) Teachers should guide the students to know and practise Arabic grammar in their daily speaking and writing so as to improve writing of essays, articles and letters. This will help them to write correct answers.
- (e) Teachers should guide the students to strengthen their efforts in studying the topics on *Rhetoric* and *Response to Readings* in order to perform well in the examination.

Appendix A

Comparison of Summary of Candidates' Performance in Each Topic 125- ARABIC LANGUAGE

			2017		2018	
S/N	Торіс	Total Number of Questions	The Percentage of Candidates who Scored 35 an Average Marks or Above	Remarks	The Percentage of Candidates who Scored 35 an Average Marks or Above	Remarks
1.	Comprehension	1	92.6	Good	94.7	Good
2.	Literature (Poems and Proses)	2	78.75	Good	86.7	Good
3.	Morphology	2	48.1	Average	69.55	Good
4.	Grammar	2	43	Average	48	Average
5.	Literature (Analysis of Poems and Proses)	2	41.45	Average	47	Average
6.	Rhetoric	2	38.15	Average	28.75	Poor
7.	Response to Readings	2	32.8	Poor	11.75	Poor
8.	Language Use	2	31.45	Poor	55.4	Average
9.	History of Literature	2	27.05	Poor	34.95	Poor
10.	Composition	2	26.3	Poor	4.65	Poor

Appendix B



Comparison of Summary of Candidates' Performance in Each Topic 125- ARABIC LANGUAGE

