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NEW SOUTH WALES

2010 HSC Arabic Continuers Sample Answers — Written Examination

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

Laila is surprised because Samer is not attending Nadia's wedding, and also that he is still angry with Nadia for forgetting his birthday.

Question 2

Sample answer:

It appeals to Amal because the movie star is her favourite actor and she will get to catch up on some gossip.

Question 3

Sample answer:

This advertisement appeals to the parents of young children because:

- they won't have to prepare meals
- children will be safely entertained by experienced staff
- parents will get an opportunity to relax, or enjoy entertainment provided on the ship
- there are no extra costs

Question 4

Sample answer:

The purpose of this announcement is to remind students that:

- their permission note must be handed in tomorrow to be able to participate in a ski competition
- protective clothing must be worn when competing
- they will be representing the school and must behave appropriately

Question 5

Sample answer:

The answer is B.

Question 6

Sample answer:

Nada's feelings change throughout the conversation. At first she is surprised that Nasseem has called her after a long time. Then she is excited or happy that he has asked her out, then apologetic for assuming he will pay, and finally she is angry because she realises that he is just using her to buy him a ticket.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

Farid's dilemma is that he is not able to please both his mother and Nadine. If he doesn't go to the dinner, Nadine's parents will not trust him and Nadine will not continue the relationship. If he doesn't go to his mother's house to meet his uncle, his mother will be angry with him. Nadine needs to feel that Farid is sincere about their relationship so she can trust him and to also justify her relationship with him to her parents.

Question 8***Sample answer:***

Firstly he can stop working in the coal mine, which he hates. The family's standard of living will really improve. The father can do something worthwhile that can help save the world, which also means that he is likely to become famous. The family however will have to leave Australia, which Janine doesn't want to do.

Section II — Reading and Responding**Part A****Question 9 (a)*****Sample answer:***

He is a psychologist who works as a columnist for a youth and technology magazine.

Question 9 (b)***Sample answer:***

Rouba's letter shows a good example of the conflict that arises between family members due to sharing a computer. Her experience as a teenager proves his claims that male siblings take over and the matter becomes out of control.

Question 9 (c)***Sample answer:***

Sadek Atta is claiming that computers have become a new member of the family and that sharing them has caused battles between the old and the young in the family. He also claims that placing the computer in a separate room in the house not only causes conflict but segregates children from their parents.

Question 10 (a)***Sample answer:***

It is in the living room of a family home. There is a storm developing outside.

Question 10 (b)***Sample answer:***

They need to tell their father about their plans to move out but are afraid to do so.

Question 10 (c)***Sample answer:***

These sentences reflect the father's frustration. The window that he wants to be closed is symbolic of his wish to enforce his thoughts and beliefs on his children by closing the discussion. The window represents the children's outlooks and ambitions which the father is trying to shut down.

Question 10 (d)***Sample answer:***

The main issue explored in the text is the differing outlooks of parents and their children and the huge generation gap that causes this. Some other issues include expectations of parents that children will obey them without any objection and that obedience is a payment for what the parents have done for their children.

The issue of discrimination between daughter and son is also highlighted as the daughter can't leave home without being married and that certain careers such as swimming are not real careers for men and that the son must study in order to have a 'decent job'.

Question 10 (e)***Sample answer:***

The father is aggressive and domineering. He largely ignores his daughter and is furious with his son. He is reluctant to listen to what his children have to say, makes fun of their suggestions and chooses to end the conversation with his expectations and demands. He is unreasonable as he expects payment through obedience for what he has provided his children.

The two children are clearly afraid of their father. Although the son is more confident than the daughter, he is repeatedly intimidated and only speaks up when pushed by his sister. The two children are realistic, ambitious and supportive of each other.