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NEW SOUTH WALES

2011 Arabic Beginners HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

They are discussing how rude it is to have loud mobile phone conversations around other people.

Question 2 (a)

Sample answer:

School playground

Question 2 (b)

Sample answer:

Manal: Art teacher

Hadi: Engineer

Question 3

Answer:

(C) A police officer

Question 4

Answers could include:

- To tell the school about the success of the excursion to Canberra
- To thank the students involved for their good behaviour
- To tell the school that the excursion will happen again next year

Question 5

Sample answer:

She likes the new home because she now has her own room and it overlooks the park. However, the back street is a bit noisy.

Question 6*Sample answer:*

Application to attend the ski trip		
Name:	Salma Mahfouz	
Age in years and months:	15 years and 2 months	
Class:	Year 10b	
I give my permission for my daughter to attend the ski trip.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment that the school will need to hire (please circle):		
hat/gloves	shoes/skis	jacket/pants
Signed P Mahfouz		

Question 7*Answers could include:*

- People travel around the world to taste different and new food
- Food tourism is becoming more popular
- People are turning away from junk food to healthy food
- Tours targeting young people are planned for next year

Question 8*Sample answer:*

Samia will take Mounir. Even though she can hardly communicate with him, it is clear that she really wants to take someone who is popular and attractive as she appears to be quite superficial.

Question 9*Sample answer:*

Bassem was very upset because, although he was the guest on the program, he was repeatedly interrupted by the interviewer, who was rude, judgemental and biased towards young drivers. Bassem's serious attempts to explain and justify his point of view were either ignored or responded to sarcastically. In the end, he was fed up.

Section II — Reading

Question 10

Sample answer:

A school friend called to remind her about a test she had forgotten. She has gone to the friend's home to study and will have dinner there.

Question 11

Sample answer:

- Letter to the editor – page 17
- Sport – page 6
- Tourism and Travel – page 11
- Horoscope – page 15

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

Guest 2

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Guests 1 and 3. They both started off badly and then improved.

Question 13 (a)

Answers could include:

- He changed his neighbourhood and school
- He wanted to do better at school this year

Question 13 (b)

Answers could include:

- He made new friends
- He started a new language
- He tried out for the school play

Question 13 (c)***Answers could include:***

- He realises that hard work is needed for many things in life
- He is a bit less enthusiastic about the school
- He realises that he can't take friends for granted
- He realises that popularity is short-lived
- He feels sad and down

Question 14 (a)***Sample answer:***

In the school magazine

Question 14 (b)***Answers could include:***

- There were huge numbers of reserve players
- Every team won
- Events appeared on television

Question 14 (c)***Answers could include:***

- To encourage support from the whole school and to remind students to be there
- To congratulate students on their achievements
- To say farewell to a well-liked sports teacher
- To thank him for many years at school
- To tell people what he is going to do after teaching