

Answer key of the English Exam

Level: 2nd year of a bachelor's degree

Academic year: 2025- 2026

Comprehension Section (8 pts)

1. **Topic sentence:**

"Cities are expanding rapidly as more people migrate from rural areas to urban centers." **1pts**

2. **Two supporting sentences: 2 pts =1 each**

- *"This process, called urbanization, offers many advantages such as better access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities."*
- *"At the same time, it creates serious challenges, including traffic congestion, air pollution, and the loss of valuable farmland."*

3. **Concluding sentence: 1pts**

"Despite the difficulties, cities remain important centers of culture, innovation, and progress, shaping the future of human development."

4. **Is the paragraph unified? 1pts**

No, it is not unified because not all sentences relate to the main idea of urbanization.

5. **Irrelevant sentence: 1pts**

"Historians often debate whether the origins of urbanism can be traced back to Mesopotamia or Ancient Egypt."

(This does not directly support the main idea about modern urbanization challenges and advantages.)

6. **One problem of urbanization: 1pts**

Traffic congestion (also air pollution, loss of farmland).

7. **One advantage of urbanization: 1pts**

Better access to education (also healthcare, employment opportunities).

Grammar & Vocabulary Section (12 pts)

Superlative forms: 2 pts =0.5 each

1.

- Better →the Best
- Serious →the Most serious
- Valuable →the Most valuable
- Important → the Most important

2. **Synonyms from the text: 2 pts =0.5 each**

- Important → Crucial
- Problem → Issue
- Preservation → Protection
- Ameliorate → Improve (inferred from "reduce pollution and improve the quality of life")

3. **Opposites from the text: 2 pts =0.5 each**

- Rural → Urban
- Increase → Reduce
- The past → Future

- Worse → Better
4. **Two verbs in the past tense + pronunciation of -ED: 2 pts =1 each**
two of these words:
- **called** → /kɔːld/ → pronounced as /d/
 - **balanced** → /'bælənst/ → pronounced as /t/
 - **traced** → /treɪst/ → pronounced as /t/
 - **unified** → /'juːnɪfaɪd/ → pronounced as /d/
5. **Compound noun in the paragraph: 1pts**
one of these words: *Urban planners, air pollution, public transportation, green spaces, zoning laws*
6. **Examples of a voiceless TH word and a voiced TH word: 2 pts =1 each**
- **Voiceless TH word: One of these words:**
 - **with** → /wɪð/ or /wɪθ/ (both are acceptable; voiced /ð/ or voiceless /θ/)
 - **healthcare** → /'hɛlθˌkeɪ/ (voiceless /θ/)
 - **growth** (/grəʊθ/)
 - **Voiced TH word One of these words:**
 - **the** → /ðə/ or /ðiː/ (voiced /ð/)
 - **this** → /ðɪs/ (voiced /ð/)
 - **that** → /ðæt/ (voiced /ð/)
 - **these** → /ðiːz/ (voiced /ð/)
 - **with** → /wɪð/
8. **Translation of the first sentence into Arabic: 1pts**
"تتوسع المدن بسرعة مع انتقال المزيد من الناس من المناطق الريفية إلى المراكز الحضرية"