

## **Arabic As A Second Language Challenge Exam Grades 11 & 12**

Students who have acquired Grades 11 & 12 levels of competence in Arabic Language can request for these challenge exams. With successful challenge, a student can receive credit for a second language course and a school mark. However, marks from challenge exams can no longer be used for calculating GPA for entrance to UBC.

Before applying for a challenge exam, it is important that a student reads through the learning outcomes (IRPs) of the language course. A student who sits for an Arabic Language Challenge Exam must have a strong background and appropriate learning opportunities for acquiring the level of language knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the exam.

### **Information to Candidates**

1. 2 exams per school year, on or before January 31 and May 10.
2. Candidates must be available between 8:00 – 4:00 pm to take the exam at BC Muslim School, 12300 Blundell Rd., Richmond.
3. Application deadline is January 10 for the January Exam and April 20 for the May exam.
4. Please download exam application form from BC Muslim School web site [www.bcmuslimschool.ca](http://www.bcmuslimschool.ca)
5. Application form and \$135 application fee (non refundable, cash or cheque) must be handed in to the BC Muslim School office by the application deadline.
6. It is important to note that an application is not complete, and the applicant will not be informed about the exam date nor given a sample of exam questions unless exam fees are paid in full.

### **Exam Preparation**

1. The exam will be based on the prescribed learning outcomes in the Arabic As A Second Language Curriculum for Grade 11 or 12 in the BC Education Ministry Curriculum.
2. These outcomes can be accessed at [www.bcmuslimschool.ca](http://www.bcmuslimschool.ca) > School> Download Arabic Language Curriculum.
3. BC Muslim School does not provide any preparation advice, instruction or study materials for the challenge exam.
4. A sample of exam questions will be given to the candidate at the time of registration with full payment.

## **Results**

These will be mailed out to candidates and schools within 2 weeks of exam completion. There is no re-read service available.

### **Components of the Exam**

Part A Reading 35%

- Comprehension 20%
- Vocabulary & Language Usage (15%)

Part B Writing 35%

- Short Writing 15%
- Extended Writing 20%

Part C Grammar 20%

Part D Oral 10%

*Total Exam Time 2 hours 30 minutes.*

### **General Exam Rules**

1. Items such as cell phones , ipods, ipads, notebooks, laptops or any other electronic equipment are not allowed.
2. All bags must be kept in the front of the room during the examination. BC Muslim School is not responsible for items lost or stolen.
3. All printed materials, including dictionaries, are not permitted.
4. Scrap paper, note pads etc are not allowed. Any paper will be provided by the examiner as required or as requested.
5. Candidates should bring their own stationery needed to complete the written exam --- pens (black & blue), pencils, sharpeners, erasers, rulers etc.
6. Candidates should report to the BC Muslim School office 20 minutes before exam starts. They will be guided to the exam room soon after this.
7. A candidate wishing to use the washroom during exam time, must get permission from the examiner. The request will be met as soon as the examiner can arrange proper supervision.
8. When a candidate decides that he/she has completed the exam, hands in the exam papers, leaves the exam room, the candidate will not be allowed back into the exam room for any reason.