

Answer Key to Arabic Alphabet Self Assessment

End of word	Middle of word	Beginning of word	Letter
ا	ا	ا	ا
ب	ب	ب	ب
ت	ت	ت	ت
خ	خ or خ	خ	خ
د	د	د	د
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ
ش	ش or ش	ش	ش
ص	ص	ص	ص
ط	ط	ط	ط
ع	ع	ع	ع
ف	ف	ف	ف
ق	ق	ق	ق
ك	ك or ك	ك	ك
ل	ل	ل	ل
م or م	م	م	م
ن	ن	ن	ن
ه	ه	ه	ه
و	و	و	و
ي	ي	ي	ي

The skill being tested here is - writing the forms of the letters

This section has a maximum score of 19 marks. Give yourself one mark for every perfectly correct letter. If you got only one of the columns wrong (for example the beginning and middle forms right but the end form wrong) then give yourself half a mark. If you got two or three of the columns wrong then you get no marks.

2) **The letters in red above do not connect to the letters after them.**

The skill being tested here is - recognizing the forms of the letters that **do not connect**

This section has a maximum score of 4 marks. Give yourself one mark for every correct letter.

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3) **Write the following letters joined together in one word.**

Example:

كرسي	ك + ر + س + ي ←
حصان	1- ح + ص + ا + ن ←
دفتر	2- د + ف + ت + ر ←
حجرة	3- ح + ج + ر + ة ←
طاولة	4- ط + ا + و + ل + ة ←
الأخبار	5- ا + ل + ا + خ + ب + ا + ر ←
مدرسة	6- م + د + ر + س + ة ←
علاج	7- ع + ل + ا + ج ←
مؤنث	8- م + و + ن + ث ←

This section has a maximum score of 16 marks. It is important that the letters are joined together correctly and that the right form of the letter in the end of the word is used.

The skill being tested here is - ability to join letters together

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4) **Write the missing letter in the blanks:**

The letters in red below were missing.

1	The Muslim holy book	الـ__رآن
2	No! (2 letters)	! __
3	Book	__تاب
4	One	وا__د
5	Greetings (Peace be upon you)	السلام __ ليكم
6	How are you?	كيف __ حالك؟
7	Supermarket	سو__رماركت
8	Computer	كمب__وتر
9	Mohammad (name)	م__د

This section has a maximum score of 12 marks. Give yourself one mark for each correctly written and joined letter (there are two letters each in numbers 2 and 10).

The skill being tested here is - ability to distinguish individual letters and join them together

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5) Words for dictation (audio files):

- ١ - صورة
- ٢ - كرسي
- ٣ - خزانة
- ٤ - تغريد
- ٥ - شرطة
- ٦ - حصان
- ٧ - تقرير
- ٨ - يتأخر
- ٩ - نموذج

١٠ - نملة
١١ - موضوع
١٢ - العيون

This section has a maximum score of 24 marks. Give yourself two marks for each perfectly written word. If you did not get the word perfectly correct, then score as follows:

- Take off half a mark for vowel mistakes (i.e. you wrote كورسي on number two, not hearing the difference between a long or short vowel).
- Take off half a mark for similar sound mistakes (i.e. you wrote سورة on number one, not hearing the difference between the s-sounds).
- Take off a whole mark if you got the letter completely wrong (i.e. you wrote صوقة on number one).

The skill being tested here is - Production of Arabic letters from sounds

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Total score: /75

How did you do:

Score more than 45. Well done, your command of the Arabic alphabet is sufficient to join our Colloquial Gulf Arabic course and benefit from it. But did you do less well in one of the sections above? Each section tests a specific skill that is important to have in order to study Arabic. If you are weak in one area then you would be wise to work on this before you come.

Score less than 45. You need to complete a thorough study of the Arabic alphabet, reading, writing and recognising before attending our course. If you attend our course without doing this you will rapidly find yourself out of your depth and will not receive much benefit from your investment of time and money.

Did you do poorly in one of the sections above but well in the others? Each section tests a specific skill that is important to have in order to study Arabic. Go back your weak section and make sure you have that skill down. Sections 3 and 6 are probably the best indicators of the skills you will need.