

# Mid of 1st Semester English Revision 2020 - 2021

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## **Read the passage and answer the questions.**

[Naguib Mahfouz](#) was an Egyptian writer, who was awarded the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature. With a career spanning seventy years, Mahfouz published thirty-four novels, over 350 short stories, five plays and numerous film scripts. His works have had a phenomenal impact on Egyptian literary culture and as a result, many have been made into Egyptian and foreign films. His most notable works include: *The Cairo Trilogy*, *Heart of the Night*, *Love in the Rain* and *Cairo Modern*.

[Yusuf Idris](#) is an Egyptian writer of plays, short stories, and novels. Like many Egyptian writers, Idris started his career in a totally different profession; he originally trained to be a doctor, studying at the University of Cairo. His most famous work was a play called *Al-Farafeer*. Idris wrote regular features for Egypt's daily newspaper *Al-Ahram* and was nominated several times for the Nobel Prize for Literature. In 1997 Idris was awarded the Naguib Mahfouz Medal for Literature for his novel [City of Love and Ashes](#).

[Taha Hussein](#) is said to be one of the most influential 20th century Egyptian writers, being awarded the nickname: 'Dean of Arabic Literature'. Hussein studied in the college of Arts — focusing on Religion and Arabic literature at Al-Azhar University. He went through most of his life **without his sight**. In spite of this, Hussein maintained his ambitions as a writer, producing works such as: *Wednesday Talk*, *A Man of Letters* and *The Call of the Curlew*.

1- What is the text MAINLY about?

A. Great writers

B. Healthy life

C. Great footballers

D. Life in the past

2- Who wrote “Wednesday Talk”?

A. Taha Hussien

B. Tawfiq al-Hakim .

C. Naguib Mahfouz

D. Yusuf Idris

3- What does the writer think about Taha Hussien?

A. A great writer

B. Amazing footballer

C. A funny person

D. A great scientist

4- What does the underlined phrase mean?

**It means blind.**

5- Who was awarded the Nobel Prize?

**Naguib Mahfouz**

## Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) in Doha, Qatar, is an impressive sight. The building stands on a man-made island in the waters of the Gulf, just sixty metres off the Doha Corniche. It is the work of prize-winning architect IM Pei who, as part of its design, spent six months travelling and studying Islamic architecture. The final design takes ideas from traditional Islamic architecture, but also contains modern features that show the Qatari culture of today. The building is also incredibly beautiful; as the sun moves during the day, light moves over the walls in different ways. Most importantly, the museum contains one of the largest collections of Islamic art in the world. Inside, the museum is just as attractive. Islamic designs cover the space, and a huge 45-metre tall window looks out over the water to the north. The collections are in the main family collected. The items come from across three continents, and cover over 1,000 years of history. The museum shows not just pieces from rich and important people, but also items families – and each one tells a story about the past. MIA is more than just a museum; it is a cultural centre. During the year, it holds many events and activities, including art exhibitions on interesting areas of Islamic history and culture, and classes to teach traditional skills from the past. The museum also has an education centre, where visitors can find one of the largest collections of books on Islamic art.



1- What is the text MAINLY about ?

A. Doha food festival

C. Qatar National Museum

B. The museum of Islamic Art

D. Doha Film festival

2- Where was it built?

A. Doha

C. Baghdad

B. Cairo

D. London

3- What does the museum contain?

A. Different kinds of food

C. Different kinds of clothes

B. Great collection of movies

D. Different collection of Islamic art

4- Who does the writer believe will enjoy MIA??

**Students who study Islamic history**

5- How long does it take to find the final design?

**About six months**

# Vocabulary

Word	Word	Word	Word
Bossy	Confident	easy-going	Helpful
Kind	Outgoing	quick-tempered	Relaxed
Selfish	Stubborn	Here we go again	make sure
Friendly	Do judo	Relationship	How are things?
social media	play table tennis	interested in	I haven't seen you for ages.
do a project	can't stand	take part	Got to go.
Successful	make a mistake	make noise	do an experiment
Popular	Guess what!	How are things?	I'm really happy for you.

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## Read and choose the correct answer:

1- My best friend is ..... person. He doesn't change his mind easily.

- A. stubborn
- B. confident
- C. outgoing
- D. easygoing

2- My little brother is.....person. He is relaxed and happy all the time.

- A. easy-going
- B. outgoing
- C. confident
- D. quick -tempered

3- My manager is .....person. He gets angry quickly.

- A. stubborn
- B. outgoing
- C. quick – tempered
- D. confident

4- Could you .....me a favour?

- A. do
- B. make
- C. history
- D. geography

5. I .....a mistake in my weekly exam.

- A. did
- B. made
- C. went
- D. drew

6- Our teacher asked us to do a\an.....

- A. project
- B. mistake
- C. football
- D. shopping



## first conditional

For example:

- If the weather **is** nice, we **will go** for a walk.

If clause:

**PRESENT SIMPLE**

Main clause:

**FUTURE SIMPLE**

We use the First Conditional to talk about future events that are likely to happen.

## COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

We use the comparative to compare two people, places or things.

- Short adjective + ER.  
old → older  
young → younger
- CVC + ER (the final consonant is doubled)  
big → bigger  
hot → hotter
- Short adjective ended in -Y → -IER  
easy → easier  
heavy → heavier
- Long adjective: MORE + long adjective  
exciting → more exciting  
beautiful → more beautiful
- Irregular adjectives  
good → better  
bad → worse
- We use THAN after the comparative form of the adjective.  
John is taller than Mary.  
A Ferrari is more expensive than a Fiat.

## Used to

**used to + verb** - (talking about something that happened in the past that doesn't happen anymore)

I used to fish a lot when I was a kid.

Frank used to hate eating spinach but now he loves it.

My dad used to have brown hair but now it's grey.



## SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

### Positive

He  
She  
It + starts  
« 1st form of verb + '-s, -es, -ies' »

I  
You  
We  
You  
They + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Example: She starts new diet.

Example: You start new diet.

### Negative

He  
She  
It + does not  
doesn't + start  
« 1st form of verb »

I  
You  
We  
You  
They + do not  
don't + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Example: She does not ( doesn't ) start new diet.

Example: You do not ( don't ) start new diet.

### Question

Does + He  
She  
It + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Do + I  
You  
We  
You  
They + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Ex: She starts new diet.

Ex: You start new diet.

Does she start new diet?

Do you start new diet?

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

### Positive

I + am + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

He  
She  
It + is + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

You  
We  
You  
They + are + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Example: He is working in the garden.

### Negative

I + am not + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

He  
She  
It + is not  
isn't + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

You  
We  
You  
They + are not  
aren't + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Example: He is not ( isn't ) working in the garden.

### Question

Am + I + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Is + He  
She  
It + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Are + You  
We  
You  
They + working  
« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Example: He is working in the garden.

Example: Is he working in the garden?

## SIMPLE PAST TENSE

### Positive

I  
You  
He  
She  
It + started  
« 2nd form of verb »

Example: You started new diet.

### Negative

I  
You  
He  
She  
It + did not  
( didn't ) + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Example: You did not ( didn't ) start new diet.

### Question

Did + I  
You  
He  
She  
It + start  
« 1st form of verb »

Example: You started new diet.

Example: Did you start new diet?

# Read and choose the correct answer:

1- Ali is ..... than Tarek.

- A. old
- B. older**
- C. oldest
- D. the oldest

2- She is .....than her brother.

- A. confident
- B. more confident**
- C. the most confident
- D. confidence

3- My hair is shorter .....yours.

- A. the
- B. than**
- C. then
- D. there

4- If you .....hard, you will pass the exam.

- A. study**
- B. studies
- C. studying
- D. studied

5- If she .....early, she will get up early.

- A. sleep
- B. sleeps**
- C. sleeping
- D. is sleeping

6- This is the boy.....is in my school.

- A. who**
- B. which
- C. whose
- D. where



## Do as shown in brackets.

1- I ... **am studying** ... (study) English now.

(Correct )

2- I ..... **greeted** .. (greet) my teacher yesterday.

( Correct)

3- If he ..... **gets** .....(get) enough money, he will buy a car.

( Correct)

4- I broke the cup ..... **which** .....(who) I bought last year.

( Correct )

5- We met our friend Ali. **He** is good at math.

( Use: who )

**We met our friend Ali who is good at math.**



Write **a post of** (8) sentences in (Two) separated paragraphs) to a website introducing yourself and your latest news.

### Helping phrases:

- Hi.....,
- The good news.....
- Write me.....
- Take care,



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## Brainstorm ideas for your blog post!



### INTRODUCTION

#### Personal Information

Name: .....

Age: .....

### MAIN PART

#### Mention in detail

#### What sports you play

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#### What hobbies you've got

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#### What interests you've got

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Write (8) sentences in (Two) separated paragraphs about **a place you visited.**

### Helping phrases:

- Name the place
- People you went with
- Things you enjoyed most
- Your opinion and feelings



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## Brainstorm ideas for your description!



### INTRODUCTION

#### General Information

- Name: .....
- Where it is: .....
- Most interesting features: .....

### MAIN PART

#### Mention in detail

#### What you can see there

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#### What you can do there

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### CONCLUSION

#### Your opinion about the place

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