

Unit 1 Life Choices

1. In no more than 100 words, write a composition in which you describe the job you want after graduation. Student Book p. 18

What kind of challenges do you expect to face in your future career?

Include the following in your composition:

- Job requirements
- Your needs
- Expectations
- Beliefs and knowledge

I would like to be a after graduation. However, I expect to face many challenges until my dream comes true. First, I need to finish university and build up the needed skills that will help me be a very good and enable me to do my job perfectly. Second, I would like this career to give me a good salary that can meet all my needs and enable me to live a good life. Finally, I hope that I will be able to help as many people as possible when I become a

2. Write about a personal experience in which you have made an important decision that changed your life. Work Book p. 12

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Unit 2 Successes

3. Write a composition of no more than 100 words about a personal experience in which you failed but then you could achieve your target. Student Book p. 26

Include the following:

- Name the problem
- Steps you followed to help you
- Getting help from others if any
- Advice to people of your own age

Last year, I got very sick at the beginning of the school year. I stopped going to school and I missed so many lessons. When I went back to school, I could not keep up with my teachers and I failed some tests. I didn't know what to do, Luckily, my supervisor, Miss Alia, helped me prepare a study plan. She also asked some teachers to help me with the lessons I missed. I had to work harder and managed to pass all the tests, Truly, we can achieve our targets through good preparation, hard work and the support of others.

4. Write about someone who has influenced you to be the best version. Workbook Book p. 20

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Unit 3 Medicine

5. Write a composition about health care system in Syria nowadays.

(Student Book p. 38)

Use the following prompts to help you write your composition:

- the type of health care system in Syria
- how it is provided
- is it free or paid?
- the effects of the war on the health care system

The health care system in Syria is still one of the good health care systems in the region despite the war. Health care is provided through a large network of public and private hospitals, health centers and health clinics. In fact, it is provided almost free of charge in the public sector. During the war, the government has continued to provide primary healthcare and hospital services to Syrians despite the decrease in the number of hospitals and doctors. I hope that the government will continue to improve health care services in Syria.

6. Write an essay about one of the recent medical inventions that has a great impact on medicine nowadays. (Workbook p. 30)

1. What is the name of the medical invention?
2. When was it invented?
3. Who was it invented by?
4. What are the advantages of such an invention?
5. Is it available in all hospitals or clinics?
6. Show your opinion of the invention.

MRI is one of the most common medical inventions used nowadays. It was invented by Raymond Damadian in 1977. MRI is a very useful device. It doesn't use X-ray radiation and it gives clearer pictures of internal body organs. Luckily, MRI is now available in most hospitals and many public and private health clinics. I think MRI is a very useful device which helps doctors get better pictures of the human body to decide the best treatment for their patients.

Unit 4 Engineering

7. Engineering has played a vital part in people's lives today. It has become a must for improving our life. Write an article about the role of engineering in the modern world. (St. Book p. 48)

The following prompts may help you:

- advantages of engineering
- public health and safety
- technology and quality of life

The following prompts may help you:

- engineering - important role
- impact - our life
- health - devices
- technology - improve life
- transport - advanced vehicles

Engineering plays such an important role in the development of the modern world. Modern engineering is greatly impacting our life in many fields such as; health, technology and transport.

Engineering has helped in designing and building devices that have enabled doctors to provide better health services and treatment. It has also helped in making technology more advanced, improving the quality of life and bringing people closer together. In addition, more advanced trains, planes, electric cars and solar-powered cars are the result of advanced engineering. I think that engineering will continue to improve our lives in ways we have yet to imagine.

8. In no more than 80 words, write a description of a recent engineering project. (Activity Book p. 38)

Include the following:

- name the project
- place and time of performance
- advantages and disadvantages
- opinion

Marota City is a civil engineering project located in Mazzah area in Damascus. Construction works started in 2017 and it is expected that works will be completed by the end of 2023. The city plans include a number of skyscrapers, large malls and many residential buildings. They also include large park areas, universities and schools. Despite the war Syria is suffering from, works are still continuing and moving forward. I hope that this project will be completed in time as it will provide Damascus with more services and investments.

9. Write a composition of no more than 80 words in which you give some pieces of advice for people who are going to start a new job. (Activity Book p. 41)

Your composition should include:

- Rules to start a job
- Relationship with workmates
- How to improve one's skills

When you start a new job, it's good to remember some of these tips. First of all, always try to be punctual and never leave something unfinished. To learn fast, you have to listen and learn from your workmates, and you have to keep asking questions about things you don't know. Also, the best way to make friends and have good relationships at work is to be honest, work hard and offer help when you can. And remember: "Good starts lead to great successes."

Unit 5 Civil Rights

10. In no more than 80 words, write a composition about a person's rights and duties in society. (Student Book p. 60)

Every person in society has his / her rights as well as his / her duties. A person's rights are protected by the government such as; the right to vote, the right to public services and the right to government services. Duties, on the other hand, are the responsibility of society. In fact, social organizations and schools should educate people about their duties towards each other, towards the government and towards their nation. In my opinion, all citizens must be given their rights fairly and they should be well-educated about their duties.

11. In no more than 80 words, write an essay about the government efforts in Syria to improve education at schools. (Activity Book p. 49)

The following prompts may help you:

1. building schools
2. free education
3. private education
4. compulsory education
5. online education

Syria has made great efforts to improve education at schools. In the last four decades, schools have been built in every part of the country. In addition, the Syrian government has made education totally free of charge for all grades and has made it compulsory from grade 1 to 9. It has also permitted the opening of private schools and universities to support the educational system. Furthermore, the government introduced online learning to enhance communication and interaction between teachers and students. I think the government of Syria will continue to improve its educational system.

Unit 6: The United Nations

12. In no more than 80 words, write an article to your school magazine about students' rights and duties at school. (Student Book p. 66)

(Use the answers of these questions to help you.)

1. What are the duties of students?
2. What are the rights of students?
3. Why is it important for students to know their rights and duties?
4. How can students be aware of their duties?
5. Who is responsible for assuring students' rights?

Students have the right to be treated fairly and with respect. They have the right to participate fully in

the school's educational program. Students have the right to have a safe and secure environment.

Similarly, students have a duty to respect their teachers as well as their classmates. They have the duty

to protect their school facilities like the library, the computer lab, bathrooms and their classrooms.

The school administration can keep students informed of their rights and duties and ensure that these

rights and duties are being practiced.

Unit 7 Micro-organisms

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13. In no more than (100) words, write a paragraph about environmental health. (St. Book p. 75)

The following prompts can help:

- setting laws to limit pollution.
- laws prohibiting smoking in public areas.
- awareness and health education.
- uncontaminated water, air, soil and food.

Environmental health is one of the priorities most governments are working on nowadays to improve the health conditions of their citizens. To do so, many governments have set laws to limit air, water and soil pollution.

Moreover, most countries have started raising the awareness of their citizens on how to keep the environment clean and how to use clean energy to reduce pollution and disease. Finally, practices like prohibiting smoking in public areas, using bikes instead of cars and eating healthy food are also adopted to enhance environmental health.

14. In no more than (100) words, write a paragraph about the following.

What can help you prepare for a career as a nurse?

(Activity Book. p. 64)

The following prompts can help:

- qualifications
- skills
- tasks
- challenges

Nursing is one of the noblest and most challenging careers. To prepare for a career as a nurse, you need first to have a diploma or a university degree in nursing. To succeed in this career, you need to develop certain personal skills, like communication skills and empathy. In addition, you need to receive training and have very good information on the tasks of a nurse, such as recording information and giving medication. Finally, you need to adapt to the challenges of this career, like long working hours and poor treatment from patients.

Unit 8 Human Body

15. Many people look for medical advice on the internet before they visit their doctor. Do you think this is a good idea? Why? (St. Book p. 82)

Looking for medical advice on the Internet before visiting a doctor is a good idea but must not be exaggerated. It is very good to have good information about a certain medical case and what medication can be given to this case before visiting a doctor, but we need to trust the doctor's medical opinion when visiting him/her especially when his/her opinion is different from what we read on the Internet. Sometimes the information on the Internet cannot be trusted because it might be taken from an unknown source.

16. Write a paragraph about the effects of food on our brains and bodies. (W. Book p. 70)

Food is one of the basic materials our brains and bodies need to function, grow, develop and protect themselves. Food provides our brains and bodies with the needed energy to perform their daily functions and helps them to grow and develop properly. It also helps the body to stay strong and protect itself against diseases. The more the food we eat is varied, the better our brains and bodies function and stay healthy. People who do not have enough food suffer from different brain and body disorders.

17. Write an essay about women's role in the Syrian society. The following prompts may help you. (W. Book p. 73)

1. *Family*
2. *Achievements and contributions*
3. *Female figures from the Syrian society*

The Syrian woman has always played a very important role in building the Syrian society, but her role has changed over the years. In the past, the main role of the majority of Syrian women was restricted to raising their children and looking after the family. However, in the 19th century, as more women got educated, many Syrian women started participating in all fields of life, obtaining very important jobs both in the public and private sectors. Examples of female Syrian figures from this period are; Nazek al-Abd, Mary Ajami, Colette Khoury and Ghada al-Samman.

Unit 9 Citizenship

18. Write an article about what it takes to be a good citizen in your community. Your article should include rights and duties of a citizen in your community. (St. Book p. 98) (Composition unit 5)

To be a good citizen, you need to be aware of your rights and duties towards your community.

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19. Write a composition of about 100 words about "The importance of law in people's lives".

(Work book page 79)

Law is one of the most essential elements which people need to live a happy and safe life in their societies. Laws ensure that people remain safe and protected at all times. They also enable people to resolve their differences and problems peacefully according to these laws. Moreover, laws are a guarantee for people that their rights as citizens are protected and they help communities to continue developing. I think that we need laws because without laws, there would be a lot of crime and no one would ever feel safe.

Unit 10 Culture Shock

20. Many people visit your country, but they don't know a lot about it. Write an article to help them be culturally aware of your country (and its customs). (Work book page 79)

Use the following information

- The most common form of greeting
- Common gestures that visitors are not used to
- Common eating customs
- Common misconceptions visitors have about your country

Syria is one of the most welcoming countries in the world with its kind people and special culture. When you visit Syria, you will be surprised by how warmly Syrians welcome visitors. A smile or a handshake is one of the most common forms of greetings Syrians use to welcome their visitors the first time they meet them. On the second time, this greeting may develop to hugging, which visitors are not used to. Moreover, if a visitor is invited to a meal, he/she is expected to finish all the food. Finally, many visitors think that Syria is only an ancient place with no modern civilization, but they change their opinion when they visit its cities.

Unit 11 Artificial Intelligence

21. Write a composition of no more than 80 words about different uses of artificial intelligence in our modern life. (Mention at least three uses). (St. Book p. 117)

Artificial Intelligence is the ability of a machine to do the tasks that are usually done by humans. Robotic surgeries, autonomous cars and electronic translation are just three examples of artificial intelligence. Robotic surgeries have enabled doctors to perform very complex operations with more control than traditional surgeries. Scientists have been helped to produce cars that are completely controlled and run by AI. Finally, AI has made translation easier by using electronic translation. I think that in the near future AI will be widely used in different fields.

22. Write a composition about the role of robots to enhance human healthcare as you imagine in the future. (Workbook p. 95)

Medical robots will surely make a difference in every field of medicine. For example, medical robots will be used to do the tasks doctors and nurses cannot do perfectly. Moreover, surgical robots will be able to carry out more advanced operations that are not thought to be possible nowadays such as eye surgeries, which need a lot of caution. Finally, medical robots will be able to interact with patients and check on their health conditions just like humans. I think robots will continue to play very important roles to improve human healthcare in the near future.

Unit 12 Digital Literacy

23. "The Internet could be a very positive step towards education, organisation and participation in a meaningful society." (St. Book p. 125)

Write an article about the topic using the following prompts:

- *Engaging in email /video chat with students from other countries.*
- *Using storytelling media to create and publish stories*
- *Posting on your Facebook page some discussion questions about your study*

The Internet could be a very positive step towards education and participation in a meaningful society. Students can make use of the Internet by engaging in email or video chat with students from other countries. This helps them discuss the things they learn and listen to different opinions. Students can also use storytelling media to create and publish stories which gives them the chance to have different readers from different countries. Finally, posting on their Facebook page some discussion questions about their study will help them improve their study and research. I think that the Internet is a very helpful tool that can help students learn more.

24. Write an essay of no more than 120 words about the arguments for or against e-learning at school. Make sure you give your opinion. (Workbook p. 95)

Some people think that e-learning is a positive thing, while others think otherwise. The first group thinks that e-learning gives students the chance to interact with their teachers at all times. The other group thinks that e-learning is possible in developed countries where everyone has an Internet connection, but this is not the case in developing countries where the Internet is not always available. Actually, in recent years the use of e-learning has increased especially during the spread of COVID-19 and I think that e-learning will be the main method of learning in the future.

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