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**To:** College Principals  
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**Subject:** Updated SEC Arabic syllabus 2020

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The MATSEC Examinations Board would like to inform schools and prospective candidates that the following changes in Paper I of the SEC Arabic syllabus shall come into effect as of Main session of 2020.

- i. The total number of words for the 'Listening Comprehension' and 'Dictation' texts will not exceed 250 words;
- ii. Candidates will be expected to show their understanding of the 'Listening Comprehension' text through Multiple Choice Questions and/or True Or False Questions set in Standard Arabic;
- iii. 'Reading Comprehension': Candidates will be expected to read aloud a text which is not longer than 80-120 words; and
- iv. Candidates will be expected to engage in a 'One to one conversation' with the examiner for 2-3 minutes, in Standard Arabic, on one question chosen from a list of three. The questions will be based on the list of topics identified in the 'Syllabus Content' section.

The allocation of marks and scheme of assessment remains the same.

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