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APTITUDE TEST GUIDEBOOK

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Introduction

Following extensive research undertaken by Kuwait University and the Ministry of Education, the Aptitude Tests were introduced in the academic year of 1996/1997, followed by Equivalent Percentage Acceptance policy in the academic year of 1998/1999, in order to raise student entrance levels. Kuwait University and the Ministry of Education formed a committee to review the tests and to integrate them with the student's level in the final high school year.

The tests are used either as a university entrance test or a placement test, depending on the applicable college. As an entry test, the aptitude results are calculated as a specific percentage integrated with student high school scores. As a placement test, a pass in the aptitude test will qualify the candidate to enroll in freshman courses rather than remedial courses.

Aptitude test subjects at Kuwait University are: English, Arabic, French, Mathematics and Chemistry.

Purpose of the tests

- Kuwait University aptitude tests give students an insight to materials for university course levels and help guide them in the selection of an appropriate major.
- The tests raise student entrance levels and hence diminish the difficulties students face during first year at university. Therefore lowering dropout rates.
- The tests help colleges identify outstanding students and recognize the finest of the applicants.

Importance of the tests

The aptitude tests aim at raising student entry levels and lowering student dropout levels. The tests are given three times during each academic year and the dates are adapted as not to coincide with either high school and university tests, and Kuwait University application cut off dates.

Only final year high school students (year 12 or equivalent) may sit for the Aptitude tests and each test subject may be retaken up to three times during the academic year. The university will acknowledge the highest score and all scores are valid for two years

Testing

Most colleges at Kuwait University use the Aptitude test results as a part of their admission procedure. This is an equivalent percentage score and is calculated using a percentage of the student high school score in addition to the aptitude results. Some colleges only use the aptitude results as a placement test. In all cases, students who fail

the tests are required to take remedial courses. Students cannot take the aptitude test if already enrolled at Kuwait University.

اختبارات القدرات الأكاديمية المطلوبة في كل كلية والأوزان المحددة لها



- يبين الجدول التالي الاختبارات المطلوبة لكل كلية والأوزان المحددة لاحتسابها ضمن المعدل المكافئ المطلوب للتنافس على مقاعد الكليات المختلفة.
- الرمز (*) يعني أن الاختبار لتحديد المستوى فقط ولا يحتسب ضمن المعدل المكافئ.
- أساس القبول في جميع تخصصات كليات الجامعة هو المعدل المكافئ المحسوب وفقا لنتائج اختبارات القدرات الأكاديمية مع نسبة الثانوية، عدا تخصصات كلية العلوم، وذلك بعد استيفاء الطالب لشرط الحدود الدنيا للقبول في الجامعة ما لم تشترط الكلية نسبة أعلى أو معدل مكافئ محدد.

الكلية	الوزن المحدد	وزن اختبار اللغة الإنجليزية	وزن اختبار الرياضيات	وزن اختبار الكيمياء	وزن اختبار اللغة العربية	وزن الشهادة الثانوية	شروط إضافية للتنافس على مقاعد الكلية
الطب	15%	15%	10%	10%	-	65%	الحصول على 85% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
طب الأسنان	15%	15%	10%	10%	-	65%	الحصول على 85% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
الصيدلة	15%	15%	10%	10%	-	65%	الحصول على 80% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
الصحة العامة	20%	15%	15%	-	-	65%	الحصول على 80% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
العلوم الطبية المساعدة	15%	15%	10%	10%	-	65%	الحصول على 80% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
علوم وهندسة الحاسوب	15%	15%	15%	*	-	70%	الحصول على 80% فأعلى في الشهادة الثانوية
الهندسة والبتترول	15%	15%	20%	*	-	65%	معدل مكافئ لا يقل عن 78% ، 50% في كل اختبار
العمارة	15%	15%	15%	*	-	70%	
العلوم الحياتية	15%	15%	15%	-	-	70%	
العلوم الإدارية	15%	15%	15%	-	-	70%	لخريجي القسم الأدبي يشترط ألا يقل المعدل المكافئ عن 72%
التربية (علمي)	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	*	5%	80%	اجتياز المقابلة الشخصية التي تجرى بعد القبول في الكلية
التربية (أدبي)	10%	10%	-	-	-	80%	اجتياز المقابلة الشخصية التي تجرى بعد القبول في الكلية
الحقوق	-	-	-	-	-	90%	
الأداب	-	-	-	-	-	85%	للتقدم إلى قسم اللغة الفرنسية يجب الحصول على 50% فأعلى في اختبار اللغة الفرنسية
الأداب/قسم اللغة الإنجليزية	15%	15%	-	-	-	85%	
الشريعة	-	-	-	-	-	85%	
العلوم الاجتماعية	-	-	-	-	-	90%	اجتياز المقابلة الشخصية التي تجرى بعد القبول في تخصص الخدمة الاجتماعية
العلوم *	*	*	*	*	-	-	

مع تمنياتنا بالتوفيق والنجاح ...

لمزيد من المعلومات ، يمكنكم مراجعة موقعنا على شبكة الإنترنت على العنوان : <http://registrar.ku.edu.kw>

*Note: weights in the above table are sample, for real values you should visit deanship of admission and registration, or center for evaluation a measurement website

Table clarifying equivalent percentages with aptitude test ratio details:

Colleges of (Medicine- Pharmacy- Allied Health)	College of Public Health	College of Engineering and Petroleum	Colleges of (Computer Science and Engineering- Life Sciences- Administrative Sciences- Architecture)
35% aptitude test: 15% English test grade 10% Math test grade 10% Chemistry test grade 65% High school score	35% aptitude test: 20% English test grade 15% Math test grade 65% High school score	35% aptitude test: 15% English test grade 20% Math test grade 65% High school score	30% aptitude test: 15% English test grade 15% Math test grade 65% High school score

Colleges of (Sharia- Arts)	Colleges of (Law-Social Sciences)	College of Education (Science)	College of Education (Arts)
15% Arabic test grade 85% High school score	10% Arabic test grade 90% High school score	20% aptitude test: 5% Arabic test grade 7.5% English test grade 7.5% Math test grade 80% High school score	20% aptitude test: 10% Arabic test grade 10% English test grade 80% High school score

The following examples demonstrate how to calculate **Equivalent Percentage** score:

College of Education –Science

Equivalent percentage score (University admission policy for College of Education, Science) =

$$(80\% \times \text{High school grade}) + (7.5\% \times \text{English score}) + (7.5\% \times \text{Math score}) + (5\% \times \text{Arabic score})$$

Example: A student scores 95% in high school and scores the following in the Aptitude tests: English score 80% , Math score 70% , Arabic score 70%

$$(80\% \times 95 = 76) + (7.5\% \times 80 = 6) + (7.5\% \times 70 = 5.25) + (5\% \times 70 = 5.25)$$

$$\textit{Equivalent percentage} = 90.75\%$$

College of Education –Arts

Equivalent percentage score (University admission policy for College of Education, Arts) =

$$(80\% \times \text{High school grade}) + (10\% \times \text{English score}) + (10\% \times \text{Arabic score})$$

E.g: Student scores 85% in high school and scores the following in the Aptitude tests: English score 90.6% , Arabic score 90%.

$$(80\% \times 85 = 68) + (10\% \times 90.6 = 9.06) + (10\% \times 90 = 9)$$

$$\textit{Equivalent percentage} = 86.06\%$$

Test registration steps

- Registration for the aptitude tests is on-line only at:
<https://portal.ku.edu.kw/placement>
- Enter the required information and upload a recent 4x6 personal photograph.
- If sitting for Chemistry and/or Mathematics test, choose the test language (either English or Arabic).
- Payment is online using K-net only. Each test subject costs 5KD.
 - *Note: Each test subject will cost KD10 during the late registration period, which is specified by CEM usually after the regular registration closes.*
- Print the admission form.
- Recheck your entrance form on-line 2 days before the test date in order to ensure any change in location admission.
- Test fees are unrefundable.

Test Day admission

- Admission to test room starts at 8:30am. Candidates will not be allowed in after 9:00am.
- The test admission form and original civil ID are required.
- The candidate must bring a number 2, or HB pencil, a sharpener and an eraser. Ink is not permitted.
- Unprogrammable calculator is permitted for the Chemistry test only.
- Leaving the test room during a test will prohibit the candidate from continuing the ongoing test. However a candidate may sit for the next tests if applicable.

Holding scores (void results)

- A candidate who answers in the test book only, not filling in the answer sheet.
- Answering a different tests than registered.
- Using electronic devices of any kind (except a calculator during the chemistry test).
- Filling out the circles on the answer sheet incorrectly.
- Failure to follow instructions.
- Any kind of cheating.