

مباراة لقبول طلاب للدخول إلى الدورة الثالثة والعشرين

في الدرجة العليا من فرع الإعداد لوظائف الفئة الثالثة الإدارية

قسم الإدارة العامة والقانون في المعهد الوطني للإدارة

مسابقة في اللغة الأجنبية الإنكليزية (Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary – Language – Writing) الوقت : ساعتان

Since the seventies of the twentieth century, the administrative de-centralization made, worldwide, important strides forward. The roles of local administrations are growing bigger and bigger while those of the central administrations are relatively shrinking, especially in relation to the provision of basic services, such as management of wastes and waste water, road maintenance, and establishment of local markets. This shift came as a result of rapid population growth all over the world and the growing size of cities and villages, which necessitated the presence of strong local administrations and increased the demand for public administrations that would respond efficiently and quickly to citizens' needs.

In 2001, the ratio of spending in most world countries, on the sub-central level (local and regional), to general expenditure ranged between 20 and 70 percent. In Lebanon we do not have a medium level of decentralized administration (The Cazas and Muhafazas do not have a budget or role in development or services). For this, the percentage of spending on the sub-central level was less than 5 % of the general expenditure.

The main reasons behind this worldwide shift to de-centralization are:

- De-centralization promotes development of remote areas, since it reduces growth costs and obstacles in those areas.
- It encourages balanced development in cities and villages other than the capital city.
- Speeding up decision-making processes and practices within the public administration, as it leads to citizens' participation of remote areas in decision making.
- Supporting, in general, stability of the State, through citizens sharing in the decision making process.
- Boosting response to payment of taxes and improving the status of public finances, as a result of better relations, participation, and transparency between the citizen and the State.
- Creating the opportunity for involvement of new selected groups in public life and civil service.
- Creating the opportunity for participation of citizens in the election of candidates and questioning them after the end of their term of office. This constitutes the essence of democratic life.
- Enabling each village or district to benefit, as much as possible and within the context of a common national plan, from its preferential characteristics and self-development in a way compatible with its situations and interests.
- Assisting in cheaper, quicker, and better rendering of public services.

I – Reading Comprehension:

Answer the following using your own words:

- 1- What is the main idea of this article? Justify your answer.
- 2- List the vital services mentioned in the first paragraph.
- 3 – Based on the information presented in the article, what is the Lebanese situation in relation to the other countries of the world?
- 4 – Depict two domains inferred from the enumerated third paragraph. What benefits are expected from the de-centralization of each domain? Fill in the table by copying it on your paper:

Domain	Benefits
1 -	
2 -	

II – Vocabulary:

Pick up from the text:

- a- a synonym for each:
 - i- long steps
 - ii- urging
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 - i- expanding
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III- Grammar:

- 1- Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the one before.
 - a- My uncle sold his store; he moved to Beirut.
If my uncle -----
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The last time -----
 - c- Maria doesn't want to attend the party. Rana doesn't want too.
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- 2 – Rewrite the following sentences editing the mistake in each:
 - a- While reading the newspaper, my dog sat with me on the steps.
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IV - Writing:

Some believe that administrative de-centralization is able to keep Lebanon away from several problems, such as economic, political, environmental, and so on. Others assume that it creates some difficulties which prevent Lebanon from restoring its earlier stability.

In a well-organized essay, argue for or against this issue supporting your argumentation with at least three examples.

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