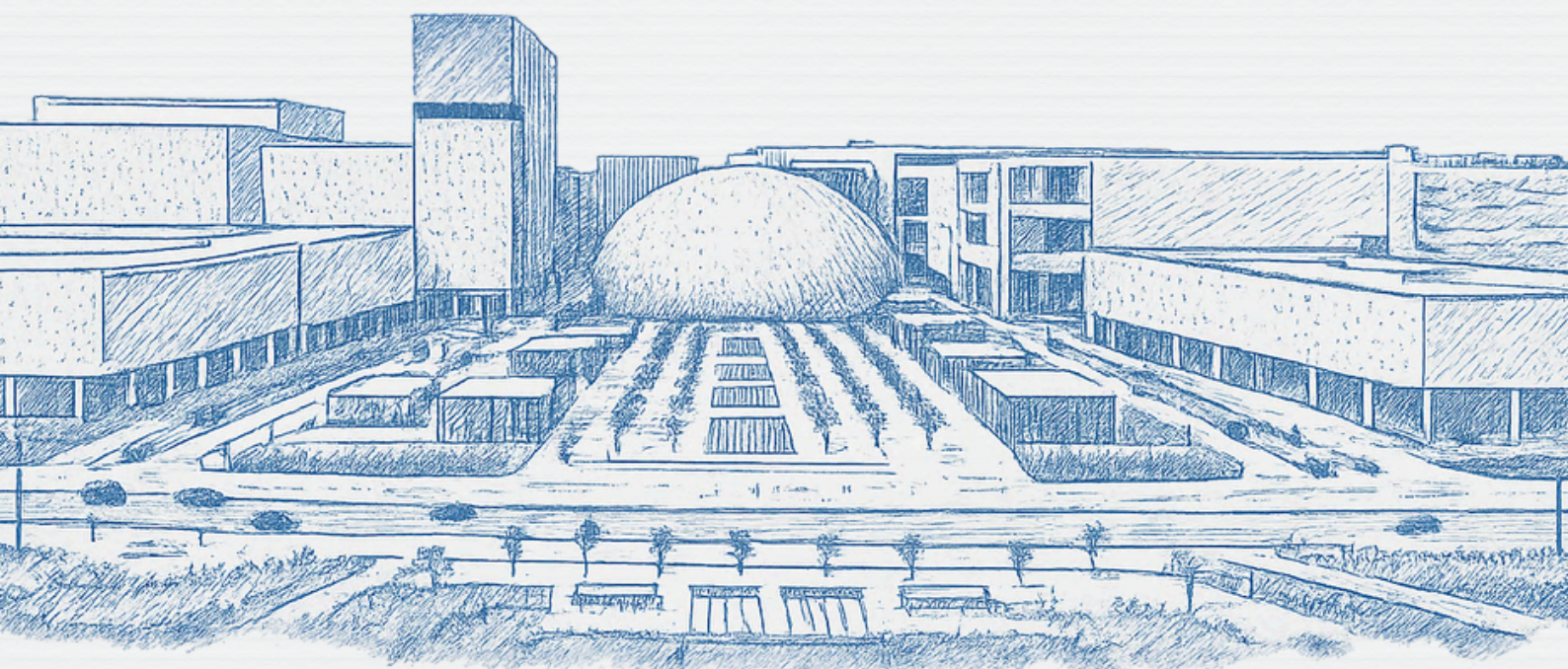




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Student Guide to the Academic Aptitude Test

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introduction

Out of Kuwait University's commitment to enhancing the quality of education, the Academic Aptitude Tests were introduced as a fundamental step to accurately and fairly assess students' levels

Kuwait University began implementing the Academic Aptitude Tests in the academic year 1996/1997, followed by the introduction of the Equivalent Average System in 1998/1999. These initiatives came after extensive studies undertaken by the University Administration and the Ministry of Education, with the aim of improving the quality of student intake into the university

The Academic Aptitude Tests aim to assist students in choosing the university major that best matches their academic abilities and personal skills. This contributes to ensuring fairness in admissions, reducing cases of academic difficulties and dropout, and raising the overall academic standard

This guide serves as a reference for students and their parents, outlining the importance and objectives of the test, the required subjects, the mechanism for calculating results and the registration regulations. It ensures clarity of procedures and helps students prepare effectively for this important stage in their educational journey

The Importance of the Academic Aptitude Tests

Most colleges at Kuwait University consider the results of the Academic Aptitude Tests as one of the admission criteria, as these results are included in calculating the Equivalent Average, which combines the student's high school percentage with their Aptitude Test scores. In some colleges, these results are used solely for placement purposes

Students may take the tests while in their senior year of high school. They are allowed to retake the tests up to three times during the academic year in order to achieve the score that qualifies them for admission to their desired college. The university records the highest scores obtained by the student. Test results remain valid for two years from the date of completion

Objectives of the Academic Aptitude Tests

- The Academic Aptitude Tests provide students with the opportunity to assess their academic level in certain core subjects and help them choose the scientific or literary majors most suitable for them.
- These tests contribute to raising students' academic standards by enabling them to overcome the challenges of university study they may face during their first year of enrollment in various colleges, thereby reducing cases of academic difficulties and student dropout.
- The Academic Aptitude Tests also serve as one of the selective admission tools, as the results and related studies allow colleges to identify and distinguish the students most capable of succeeding in their programs from among the top applicants.

Tests

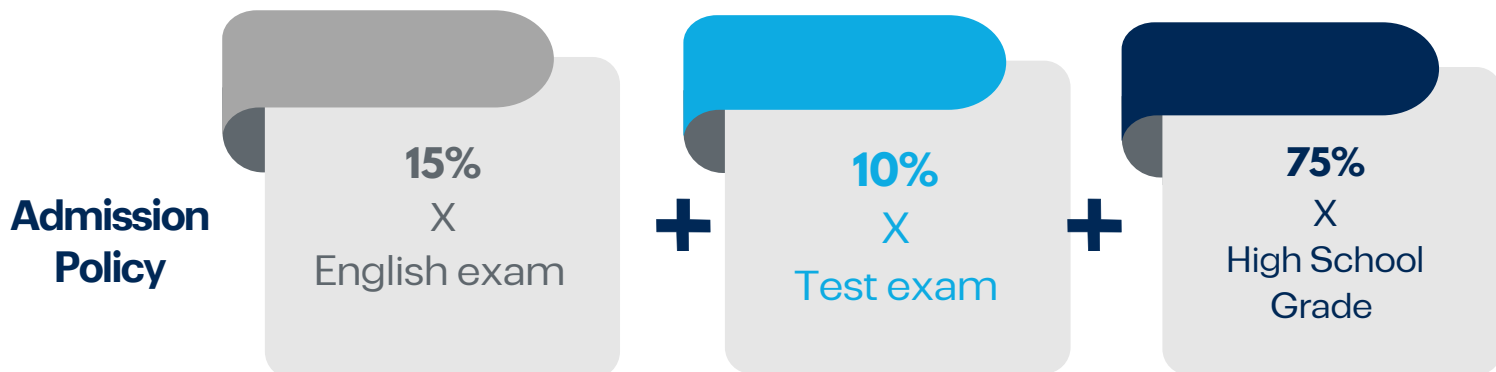
The tests available for registration include Mathematics, English, Arabic, and French, which is offered twice a year, in addition to Chemistry, which is available for students admitted to the university in majors that require a placement test in Chemistry. Students may also access test topics and past exam samples through the official Kuwait University website, on the page of the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for Evaluation and Measurement, under the section "Test Samples."

Calculation of Test Results

The passing score is set at 60% for the English test, and 50% for the Mathematics, Arabic, French, and Chemistry tests. The highest score achieved by the student in each subject is considered, provided that it does not exceed a validity period of two years. The Equivalent Average is calculated by combining the student's high school percentage with the results of the Aptitude Tests.

Sample Calculations of the Equivalent Average

College of Medicine :



Example:

student with a High School Percentage of 98% achieved the following results in the aptitude Test

Mathematics : 80%

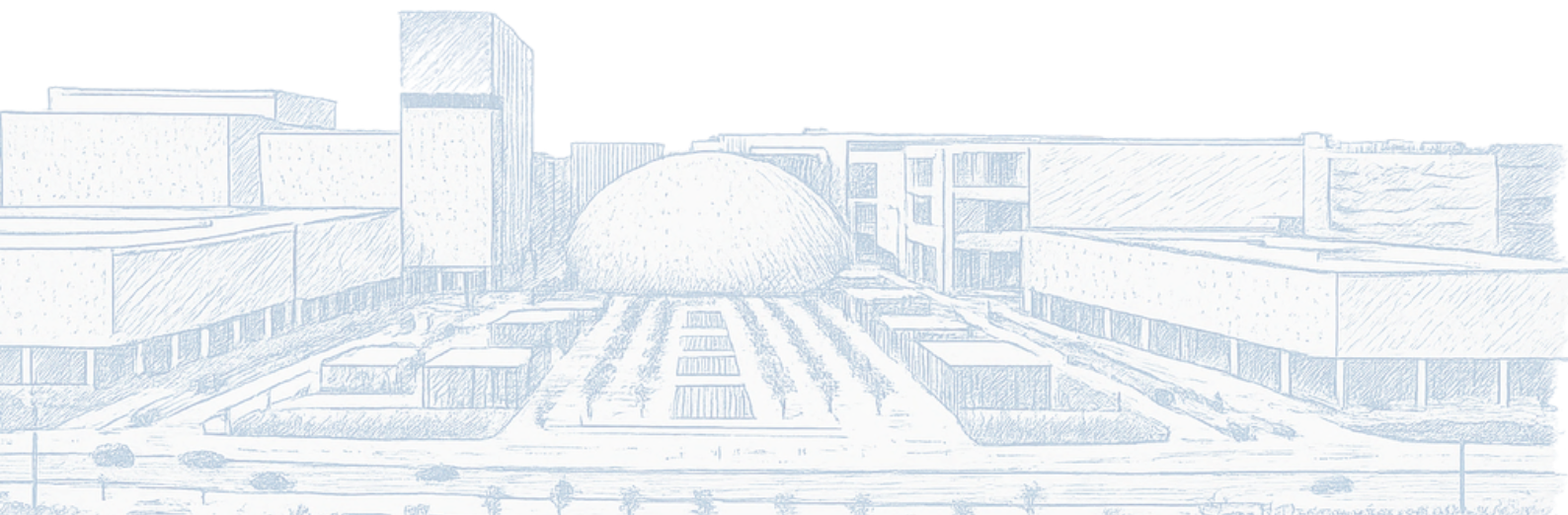
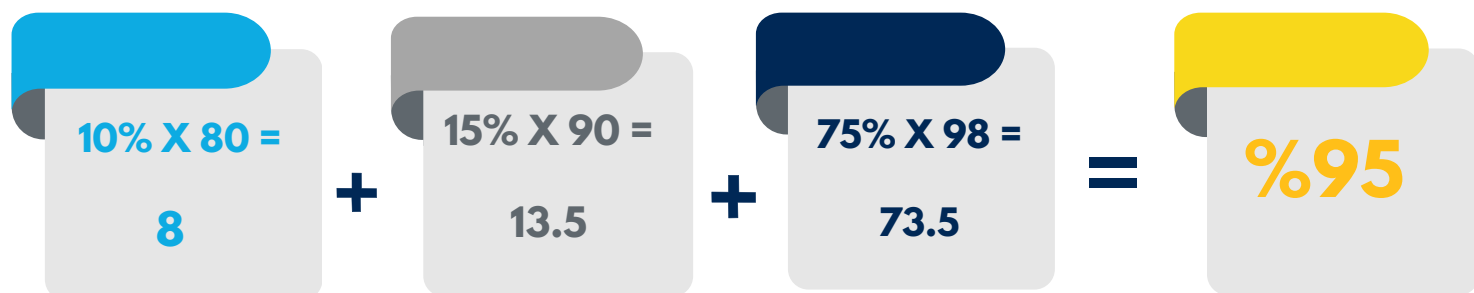
English :90%

Mathematic test result

English test result

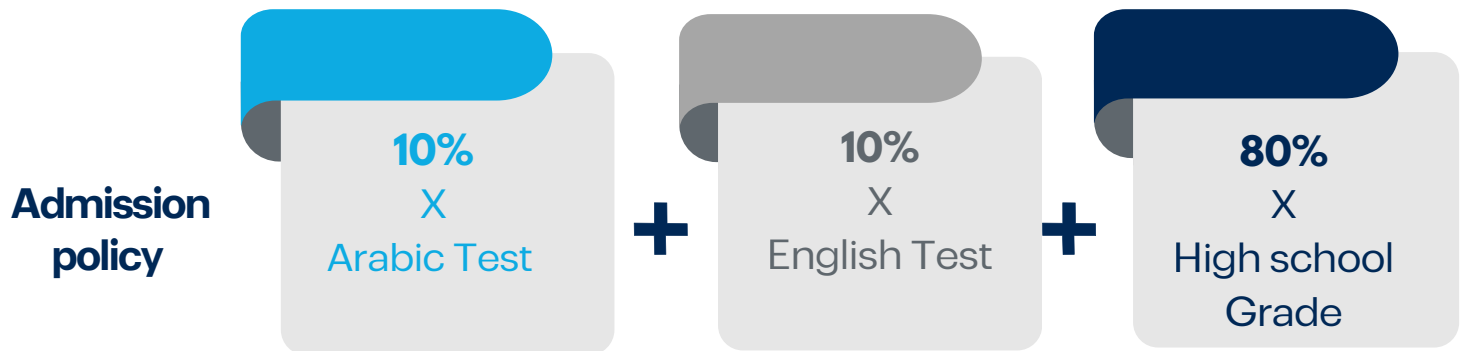
High school Grade

Equivalent average



Sample Calculations of the Equivalent Average

College of Eductaion (Arts)



Example:

student with a High School Percentage of 85% achieved the following results in the aptitude Test

Arabic: 90%

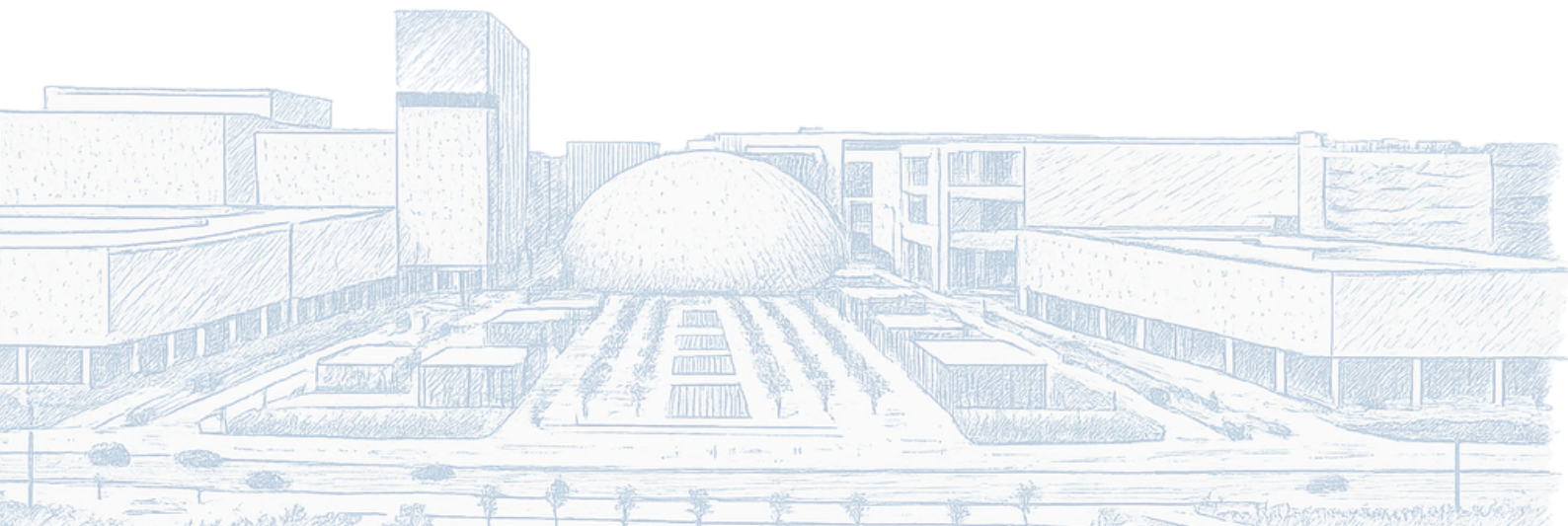
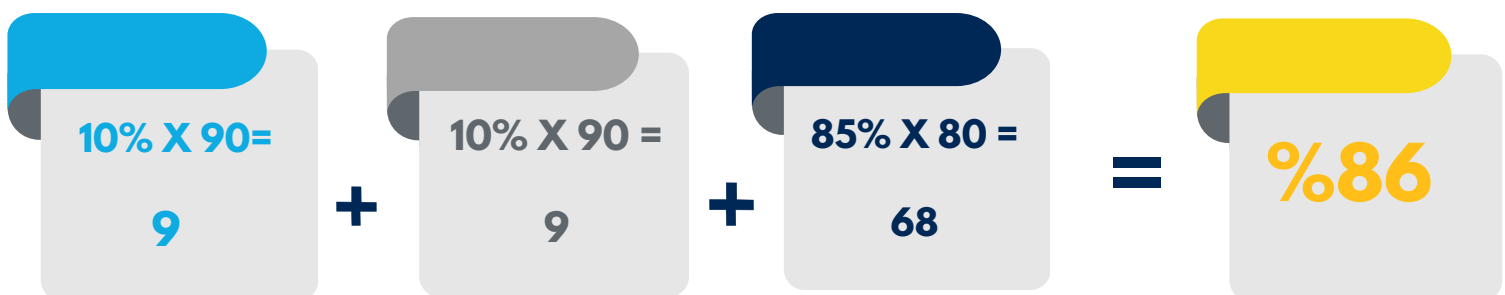
English :90.6%

Arabic test result

English test result

High school grade

Equivalent average



Academic Aptitude Test Registration

- Registration for the tests is carried out through the official website of the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Evaluation and Measurement, via the "Academic Aptitude Tests" icon.
- The registration steps include: creating a new user account for first-time applicants who have not previously accessed the registration system, logging in using the Civil ID number, entering the required basic information (phone number – email – school), selecting the test subjects and the preferred date, reading and accepting the instructions, and completing the online payment.
- The only available payment method is K-Net, and the fee is KD 10 per subject.
- Registration is considered complete once the successful payment confirmation message appears. At this stage, students may print their admission ticket, which includes all test details (date, time, location, hall number, and a direct link to the test building).
- Please note that registration cannot be canceled and fees are non-refundable once payment has been made.

Test day instructions

- Students must arrive at the test venue at least one hour before the scheduled start time.
- Required documents: An original valid photo ID (Civil ID, passport, driver's license, or "Kuwait ID" app) and the test admission ticket.
- Allowed items: Pencil and eraser only.
- Prohibited items: All smart devices (phones, watches, earphones, Wi-Fi devices) are strictly forbidden. It is also recommended not to bring personal belongings.
- Calculators are not permitted in the Mathematics test.
- Late arrivals will not be admitted, and tests cannot be rescheduled or postponed in the case of absence.
- Once a student leaves the exam hall, they are not allowed to resume the test they exited and may not start any subsequent test.
- Cheating violations lead to cancellation of the test result and include:
 1. Cheating, attempting to cheat, assisting others in cheating, or disrupting the test process.
 2. Bringing any type of technological device into the exam hall, even if switched off.
 3. Leaking the test through photography, publishing, or transmitting by any means.

Results

- Results are issued within two weeks from the test date.
- Students can check their results through the official website or the Sahl application.
- The appeals window is open for one week only after the announcement of results.

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