



Realistically Evaluating Arabic Abilities

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➤ Introduction

➤ Using MSA exclusively

➤ OPI

➤ ILR



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- **Communicative competence**
- **Grammatical competence**
- **Strategic competence**
- **Sociolinguistic competence**
 - **Sociocultural competence**
 - **Discourse competence**



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- **Arabic varieties**
 - **Regional dialects**
 - **Social dialects**
 - **Speech communities**
 - **Speech acts**



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- **Diglossia**
- **Polyglossia**



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- **Diglossia**
- **Badawi's five sociolinguistic levels of Cairo:**
 - **Fusha al-turath**
 - **Fusha al-asr**
 - **Aammiyyat al-muthaqqafin**
 - **Aammiyyat al-mutanawwirin**
 - **Aammiyyat al-ummiyyin**



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- **Polyglossia**
- **Bilingualism**
- **Code switching**
- **Code borrowing**



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- **Using a regional dialect outside its boundaries**
 - **The speaker's sub-regional dialect**
 - **The speaker's social dialect**



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- **Using a regional dialect outside its boundaries**
 - **The speaker's proficiency level in his own dialect**
 - **The speaker's familiarity and sociocultural awareness of the host country**



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	Global Tasks	Lexical Control	Structural Control	Sociocultural Control	Delivery	Text Type
Level 1						
Level 2						
Level 3						
Level 4						
Level 5						



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- **The testers should be:**
 - **from the host country**
 - **normed on:**
 - **the previously mentioned factors**
 - **the mutual-intelligibility levels of both codes**
 - **the interplay between both codes**
 - **interpreting the ILR descriptors**



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- **Advantages**
 - **Realistic**
 - **Flexible**
 - **Practical**
 - **Cost effective**



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➤ Disadvantages

- Redesigning of training
- Needing specific role-plays
- Initiating new norms
 - Achieving validity
 - Achieving reliability
- The FLPP incentive



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➤ Q/A



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