a/ The place is one of the main pillars of building the story. Describe some of the places related to Ismail, and what sort of relationship there is between those places and Ismail; and how those places were reflecting the different lifestyles of people in your own opinion. The candidate should mention the places and its role in Ismail’s life, such as:

- The Square and area of Sayyeda Zeinab
- The shrine of Sayyeda Zeinab and the mosque
- England
- Hotel of the Greek woman
- The clinic

The candidate to go around those places and explain the relationship between Ismail and every place, and express his opinion on the role of those places (especially those that make Ismail regard every person according to where he/she lives).

b/ The candidate should include the following points (or other relevant answer) in their essay:

1st: Ismail had been influenced since he was a child, and continued until the awareness stage and changing through his experience and values. He was brought up in a religious house. His day was organised according to the praying times, he had a strong bonds between himself and Egyptians.

2nd: His family paid a great deal of attention to Ismail, devoting and dedicating their lives to him, and providing all means to help him carry on his studies. That convinced him that he was leading, by achieving all their hopes. Then he took the initiative to practical steps towards a social reform.

3rd: Culture and tradition towards relationships between to sexes, outside the family’s umbrella or legally approved; comparing that with his relationship with Mary in England.

4th: The spiritual values against materialistic values.