

# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA

## ADMISSIONS 2010-2011

### SAMPLE Written Exam

This written examination is a part of admissions process to the American University of Central Asia. The purpose of this exam is to assess applicants' academic writing skills, ability to organize and structure ideas on certain topics and provide coherent and clear argumentation.

#### Instructions

Please choose one out of the five questions provided, and answer in the form of an essay in English. Your essay should be at least two pages. You have 90 minutes to write your essay. Use your time efficiently. No books or dictionaries are allowed during the exam. Talking to other students or disruptive action of any kind is strictly forbidden. Mobile phones must be turned off during the examination. Students caught in violation of these rules will be asked to leave the room immediately.

Please keep in mind that the examiners do not evaluate your knowledge of a particular subject. Rather, they will assess the clarity of ideas, the strength of your arguments and the structure/organization of your essay. Take some time to plan your essay before you start writing.

#### Exam Questions

Is providing quality education a responsibility of your government or of your parents? Why? Support your answer with details or examples.

Do you think death penalty should be prohibited? Why or why not? Justify your answer through sound argument.

Some claim that democracy and national security are incompatible. Do you agree? Why or why not? Provide arguments in support your point of view.

Some suggest that that reading books is dying out because of the increasing popularity of the internet among young people. Do you agree or not? How may this impact the future of society?

Do you agree that bride-kidnapping is a cultural practice and should be respected and promoted? Or is bride-kidnapping a criminal act, which should be prohibited? Explain your answer by providing arguments.