

The mediocre teacher tells
The good teacher explains
The superior teacher demonstrates
The great teacher inspires
William A. Ward (writer, 1921-1994)

المعلم المتوسط يتحدث
المعلم الجيد يشرح
المعلم الممتاز يعرض
المعلم العظيم يلهم
وليام وارد كاتب (١٩٩٤-١٩٢١)



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My Dream in the Future by Amany Ezzat

There's no doubt that dreams are very important for us. Everyone has a goal to achieve in life. My dream for the future represents the main purpose for me. I must plan for my future from now. Every one seeks to achieve his goals in life and be successful in reaching them and make his dreams come true. Achieving goals isn't easy. It requires a lot of effort. Everyone should think carefully before deciding what he wants to achieve.

For me, my dearest dream is to be a teacher. Teaching is the profession of the prophets and messengers. Our prophets and messengers taught us everything about life e.g. how to think, how to live, how to deal with each other and how to communicate with other peoples and countries. Being a teacher is very important for me as I want to participate in the educational process of my country. I want to be a good teacher like those who teach me. My teachers give me an example of the good teacher who respects his pupils, and treats them in a very good way and takes care of them.

I want to be a teacher for many purposes. Firstly, I want to help in creating a good and new generation able to face the difficulties and challenges of modern life. Secondly, I want to teach children how to be faithful and loyal to their country. I want to make them be fully aware of their future and the future of their beloved country, Egypt. Thirdly, I want to teach them how to improve their country, achieve its progress and realize that their country needs their help.

Teaching requires a lot of qualities. It needs a person who should be patient, hard-working, kind, intelligent, clever and knowledgeable. A teacher must know the importance of education as it is a very essential process in any country. It is essential because it represents the future.

From my point of view, Egypt has a lot of educational problems and disadvantages which I look forward to solving in the future. In Egypt, education is free which means every citizen has the right to learn, but about 40 % of the Egyptians can't read or write. I wish, as a teacher in the future, I will be able to reduce this percentage with my colleagues. Another problem is the private lessons. This problem needs a very great effort to get rid of. I always work hard to reach my goal in life. I always believe that ALLAH doesn't waste the efforts of any person who works hard. So I ask ALLAH to enable me to do my best all the time and enable me to be a good person in the future.

Finally, I hope our beloved country, Egypt, will be the best country in the world with the hands of its youth and students. And as I'm one of its youth, I wish I could be one of those who raise Egypt in the sky with science and civilization.

Award winners

prize	name	الإسم	المركز
1 st	Nesreen Sobhy	نسرين صبحي	المركز الأول
2 nd	Ahmed Ismail	أحمد إسماعيل	المركز الثاني
3 rd	Amany Ezzat	أمانى عزت	المركز الثالث
4 th	Mekhael Osama	ميخائيل أسامة	المركز الرابع
4 th	Mickel Gurigis	مايكل جرجس	المركز الرابع
Special award	Nada Yousif	ندى يوسف	الجائزة الخاصة
Special award	Alaa Sobhy	آلاء صبحي	الجائزة الخاصة

ملخص / Summary

الأحلام بدون شك مهمة جدا لكل إنسان. فكل شخص عنده هدف يريد تحقيقه في حياته. و حلمي هو أن أصبح معلمة. أود أن أصبح معلمة لعدة أسباب، السبب الأول هو بناء جيل جديد يستطيع التعامل مع صعوبات الحياة الحديثة، السبب الثاني هو تعليمهم الإخلاص لمصر والسبب الثالث هو تشجيعهم على النهوض بالبلد. أهدف أيضا لتقليل نسبة البطالة و حل مشاكل الدروس الخصوصية.

عملية التقييم/Evaluation process

We consider fairness and transparency of the evaluation process is a key for the essay competition's success.

This time we adopted a two-stage selection process. The first evaluators selected the 20 best essays out of around 1,000 applicant's essays. Then, an evaluation committee composed of six members: three from the Ministry of Education (Mr. Sayed, Dr. Samira and Mr. Mahmoud), one from a Japanese newspaper (Mr. Ouchi) and two from JICA (Dr. Kudo and Ms. Menna) selected award winners, using the combined relative & absolute evaluation methods.

المشاركين في الشاشة الأولى/Contributors for the 1st screening

Name	اللقب	الإسم
Soheir Shenouda	مديرة إدارة التبريد والتعليم الجيزة	سهير شنودة
Marcel Ayad	موجه عام المديرية/ مديرية الجيزة	مارسيل عياد
Moshir Mohamed Ahmed Kassem	موجه أول في إدارة التبريد في الجيزة	مشير محمد أحمد كاسم
Mahmoud Mahmoud Mahmoud	موجه لغة الإنجليزية بإدارة التبريد بالجيزة	محمود محمود محمود
Ashraf Tawfik, Mohamed Labna	معلم أول لغة الإنجليزية	أشرف توفيق محمد لبنانة
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Samira Sayed Bakr	مستشارة اللغة الإنجليزية	سميرة محمد بكر

Feature



A evaluator (right) visits Nesreen (central)'s family

Bright students win contest prizes

It was an ordinary day for Nesreen, until she received an unexpected call. JICA was calling her to announce she had won the first prize in the essay contest. Not knowing that the deadline was extended, and thus the ceremony, she felt it was a prank by one of her friends. It was only after the second phone call that she became more certain, but she still asked repeatedly "Did I really win the first prize?"

Nesreen flaunts a large number of award certificates in her room. "I raised them in an atmosphere of democracy and gave them freedom in their choices," her father proudly explained. In her essay about her dream for the future, Nesreen wrote she wanted to become the president of Egypt; not for her own fame or money, but in order to help all Egyptians and improve the country. She summarized Egypt's problems in different fields and wrote how she would battle them as a president.

She found out about the competition four days before the deadline, and started vigorously scribbling down her thoughts, writing many drafts, until she finished her end product. Her father said that she finished the essay at 2 a.m. at night and insisted that he goes out to get it printed. "I am looking forward to university, so I could be more involved in politics and could join a political party," she told JICA.

When it comes to the case of Ahmed Ismail, the winner of the second prize, it was his mother who first received the call that her son got the prize. She was very happy for her son, said that he was at a private lesson, when she received the news. "I wanted him to get home so badly," she said "it was his birthday that day. Ahmed wrote a number of dreams in the essay he submitted. He wants to study Engineering and become a writer. He also wrote a paragraph describing a utopian world using good language and interesting imagery. Passionate about writing, he wrote many short stories that he gave his teachers to correct. He showed JICA reporters one of his stories titled "Love and Blame". He looks up to Charles Dickens and Shakespeare and hopes he could be writer like them one day. He also likes watching movies with his brothers; one of their favourites is Lord of the Rings. When asked if he has read the book, he said he did not and that such books are not available or difficult to get in Tanta, where he resides. He wishes that the education system would be further developed in Egypt. "There are no opportunities for people to achieve what they want," he said hoping that the education standards would one day be like the European and Asian schools. To our surprize, he actually wanted to win the second prize because, his mother remarked, "when he receives the tablet, Ahmed wants to write more stories on it."



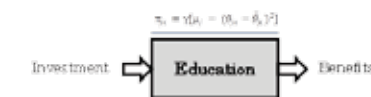
Wall of her room, filled with notes for memorization, symbolizes her diligence



COLUMN Is education really important? Development studies (1)

Francis Bacon, a great thinker in the 17th century, once said 'crafty man cont[ra]d[ic]em[n] studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them.' The same goes for education; It must be useful in some way. But what benefits does education have?

Indeed, several studies has shown the positive result. For instance, M.R. Rosenzweig (1995) defines the benefits of education as (i) information acquisition, and (ii) ability to learn, introducing examples such as that schooled-farmers get more profitability than the non-schooled when they use high-yielding varieties of seeds. Another statistical evidence, for instance, Psacharopoulos & Patrinos (2004) shows the positive outcome at least at the micro case level and on a correlational basis, rather than causal one. In sum, education is worth to invest in, if we wisely 'use' it.



المفكر العظيم فرانسيس باكون (القرن السابع عشر) قال: " الرجل الماكر يدين العلم، الرجل البسيط يعجب به، أما الرجل الحكيم فيستخدمه". التعليم بالتأكيد له فوائده. لكن السؤال هو ما هذه الفوائد؟ أظهرت عدة دراسات النتائج الإيجابية للتعليم. فمثلا، م.ر. روزنزيغ (١٩٩٥) يعرف التعليم بالآتي: (أ) إكتساب المعرفة (ب) المقدرة على التعليم، و يقدم الموضوع بأمانة تظهر الفارق ما بين ربح المزارع المتعلم و المزارع الغير المتعلم عند استخدام انواع مختلفة من المحاصيل. هناك أدلة إحصائية اخرى بشاروبولوس و بترينوس (٢٠٠٤) تظهر العلاقة بين التعليم و النتائج الإيجابية من منظور المستوى الجزئي و الترابط و لكنها لا تؤكد الأسباب. باختصار، التعليم يستحق الإستثمار فيه لو تم إستخدامه بحكمة.

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COUNTRY

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SECTOR

CROSS CUTTING

1st winner

President for All by Nesreen Sobhy Mohamed Ali



Having dreams means that you are alive. I believe that no one can live without a dream that he seeks to achieve. Everyone is thought to be the master of his dreams, so my life-long dream is to be "the president of the Arab Republic of Egypt". I know that is strange, I believe that there are no limits for my dreams and nothing is impossible.



When I first told people around me about my dream, their reactions were irony and laughter. "You are one of the public, who are you to be the president?" "What a silly thing" and that what I heard from them. At first, I was impressed and depressed I tried to hide it and not talking much about it, but at the same time I insisted on achieving it. Suddenly and out of the blue everything changed because of our white revolution. It is a turning point in my life. Suddenly my ambition renews and strengthens. Now, there are freedom, democracy, opinion freedom and active political life. So now I can cry out loud announcing my dream to the whole world I want to be the president of Egypt.

I believe that one must start with himself. So now I'm in my final year at high school, I'm studying hard to get high marks that can help me join the faculty of economics and political sciences. I believe that it will help me to take part in the political life. After graduating, I have plans to have Ph.D. and masters. I want to take part in apolitical party to know more about politics. Although many people may see that I am not suitable for such job as I'm a woman and according to our tradition it is unthinkable to find woman holding the leadership of a country, but why not women are half of society and give birth to the other half or they just see that I seek fame or money. Being a president isn't for me, but for all the people I love, for the country I adore. I will never forget that I'm a member of a very big family containing all the people around me. I will be for them and all what I will do is for their sake.

I have always dream of independent modern unified homeland So, as a presidential candidate I have so many plans to save my country. I will tell them to you it in brief so as not to be stolen. No, no, it is just a joke. In fact we have so many problems in all I think I must start with the problem of education. Because the united civilization and progress can not be achieved without a good education so I will build schools and universities which enable students to be well educated and good citizens. I will encourage excellence in all areas. I will give due care to scientific research. I will try to increase scholarships. For the problems of security, I will restructure of the Ministry of Interior, provide the army with new modern technology and try to help them restore the confidence between them and the people. For the problem of poverty and hunger, I will encourage people to reclaim the desert to produce food and achieve self-sufficiency. I will help the poor to have jobs to do instead of begging. And who are too old to work I will help them by money and food. For the problem of health I will build more equipped hospitals provided with all medicines. For the problem of homeless and housing, I will build new cities and flats in low prices to help poor families and to get rid of slums. For the problems of unemployment I think we should help our economy first by attracting investment and building more industrial cities. So that more jobs will be offered to youth and easily we can solve unemployment. About my exterior politics, I want to strengthen the relationships between Egypt and other countries, give due care to the Arab problems. Inside my country I will always do my best to collect people around me even the opponents we will talk to solve our problems peacefully. I think I will try to do a survey about peoples opinion of the government performance. I know that there are so many problems and I promise that I will do my best to solve them. Finally, there are my sweet dreams for the future that I want to achieve them armed with faith and confidence. I believe in the wisdoms that say "dreams never stops," "if we stop dreaming we will die" and "don't give up as the beginning is always the hardest." Thanks a lot.

ملخص / Summary

حلمى هو أن أصبح رئيسة جمهورية مصر العربية. عندما أصفحت للناس عن حلمي تلقيت ردود أفعال تتراوح ما بين السخرية والضحك ورغم ذلك صممت عليه. وكانت الثورة التي اندلعت بطريقة مفاجئة نقطة تحول في حياتي لأنها جعلتني أتمسك أكثر بحلمي. أريد أن التحق بكلية السياسة والإقتصاد وأنضم لحزب سياسى حتى أزيد معرفتى بالسياسة. فلا أتطلع أن أصبح رئيسة مصر لأسباب ذاتية مثل الشهرة أو المال، بل أريد أن أكون رئيسة لكل المصريين. فمصر بها مشاكل كثيرة فى كافة المجالات مثل التعليم، الفقر، الأمن، السكن ومشاكل أخرى. وسأبدأ بالتعليم لأنه أساس التطور. وأخيراً، أنا أؤمن جداً بمقولة "لو توقفنا عن الحلم سنموت" و "لا تفقد الأمل لأن البداية أصعب مرحلة فى الطريق".

تعليق أوشي (أحد أعضاء لجنة التحكيم)

أعجبت جداً بمقال نسرين لسببين. الأول هو حجم حلمها. فهو حلم كبير ولكنه محدد و نوعاً ما واقعي، فهي لا تتطلع للمستحيل. السبب الثاني هو سرد تجربتها الشخصية بالمقال وهو شيء مهم جداً لجذب إنتباه القارئ. مبروك!

Comments of Evaluator (Mr. Ouchi)

I was impressed by her work mainly for two points. Firstly, the scale of her dream is big, yet specific and somehow realistic, and not 'crying for the moon.' Secondly, she incorporated her own specific experiences in her essay, which is quite important to attract reader's interests and attention in a professional writing. Congratulations!

2nd winner

Some People Dream of Success, Others Make It Happen by Ahmed Ismail

Dreams are vital to life of everyone. Without dreams, there is nothing to plan or look forward to; therefore, no reason to live. Everyone has dreams whether to become a scientist and discover new and amazing things or to become a football star and be the highest paid player in the team. People dream of their future and I have dreams for the future just like everyone else. Dreams for good life, with lots of money, fast cars and many other things that everyone in the world would like or wish.



In spite of these dreams, I only want to achieve a few of them for my own life, my country and the whole world. Firstly, for my own future life, college is my first step to achieve my dreams. Currently, I'm a student at high school and I do my best to keep my grades up as I want to join the faculty of engineering. As well as joining the faculty of engineering, I want to be a writer like Charles Dickens, Jules Verne or Shakespeare. I want to write things to relieve the sorrows of people, things to make them laugh and things to reflect their real lives. In addition to these points, I want to explore the world and see other civilizations, monuments and many other things. You can say that I want to have my own adventures. After finishing the college, I want to go to university to get a higher degree like PHD or diploma in engineering so that I could open my own office for engineering. I also want to marry a beautiful and kind woman and have lovely children. The last thing I hope to do for my future life is to have good friends. It doesn't matter how many they are but it matters how loyal they should be.

Secondly, I have many dreams for my country to become a developed one. I hope to develop our education by providing schools with highly educated teachers, the needy equipment and a good management. I not only want the education to be developed but the hospitals as well. I hope that we'll have integrated hospitals that have doctors like Dr. Magdy Yacoub and the important equipment for any operation. I hope that all fields of life be developed because you don't know how happy I was when I found on the internet that the Egyptian released the first operating system, sphinx 0.1 Cheops RC2 for computers and laptops.

We're now in a hard time so I pray to Allah to relieve it and to spread his justice in our dear nation Egypt. I want the demands of our great revolution to be achieved. One last thing I hope is that I want all the Egyptians, Muslims and Christians, to cooperate with each other and to cooperate with the president and give him the space to do better things for our country. I want our country to cooperate with the other Arab countries and become one hand to regain our position in the world like we were before.

At last but not least, I have dreams for the whole world. I see the world from my own point of view. I want to change the whole world. I dream of inner and outer peace. I dream of a world, where there are no more wars, where nuclear power is part of the history books like starting fire with sticks, where health care is universal, where medicine is for helping people and for increasing companies' greed, where all children of the world are well-fed and educated, where women around the world are safe and free, where girls grow up with total confidence, where all people of all genders and races are equal and respected, where organic food is the main source and available for all, and chemicals sprayed and genetically modified foods don't exist, where governments and politics are really for the people, where the sun shines most of the time during the day and it rains at night while I'm sleeping, where rainbows appear over the ocean and whales and dolphins are free from slaughter, where jobs are what we do because we love to do it and the pay is equal to the standard of living, where water is pure and clean and we can drink it out of the spring or river instead of buying it. I dream that everyone soon realizes that we are all connected and we really are one with all living things. I dream of inner and outer peace and that all beings are free from suffering. Finally, I say to everyone, who has dreams or plans for their future that they have to do whatever it takes to achieve these dreams. I ask them not to be lazy and say: "Oh, my friend, I'll do it when I'm older." No I don't want to hear someone say that because some people dream of success. Others make it happen.

ملخص / Summary

الأحلام هي أساس حياة أى شخص، فيدون الأحلام تفقد حياتك الهدف والغاية. وأنا كمثل أى شخص لدى أحلام لحياتي الخاصة ومصر والعالم ككل. فأنا حالياً طالب بالثانوية عامة وأحاول جاهداً أن أحصل على درجات عالية حتى التحق بكلية الهندسة. وأريد أيضاً أن أصبح كاتباً مثل شارلز ديكنز و شايكسبير حتى أخفف الام الناس وأضحكهم. وأحلم أن تصبح مصر متقدمة فى كافة المجالات. وأخيراً أحلم أن يكف العالم عن الحرب، عالم تكون فيه الأسلحة النووية جزء من كتب التاريخ، عالم به أدوية لعلاج الناس وليس لجشع الشركات، عالم تسطع فيه الشمس معظم اليوم وتمطر ونحن نائمون. وأخيراً أرجو من كل شخص عنده حلم أن يعمل جاهداً له.

Comments of Evaluator (Ms. Menna Taher)

The thoughts and the language used in the essay are what distinguishes it from the other essays. One paragraph, describes his dream of a utopian world, capturing mankind's lofty desires in a simple but beautiful manner. It is this paragraph with its expressive imagery that made it stand out.

تعليق منة طاهر (أحد أعضاء لجنة التحكيم)

الأفكار واللغة المستخدمة بالمقال هي أسباب تميزه. فالجزء الأخير من المقال يسرد عالم مثالي يمثل ما نتطلع إليه البشرية بأسلوب بسيط ومبدع. هذا الجزء المليء بالمجازات المعبرة ميز المقال دوناً عن غيره.