

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
ENGLISH 100
WRITING FINAL EXAM
ESSAY TOPICS
FALL 2005- 2006

TIME ALLOWED: 90 minutes

Directions: Develop one of the following topics into a well-organized essay of 4-5 paragraphs.

1. Compare and contrast Western families with Middle Eastern or Lebanese families. Give examples.
2. Illiteracy is still a major problem in our world today. Describe what your life would be like if you could not read or write. What is the impact of illiteracy on you and on society?
3. Why do people choose to do online shopping, and what are the effects of this method of buying goods and services on them and on others?
4. Consider two families with same-sex siblings (only brothers or only sisters). How would the two families be similar and how would they be different?