

The Arab Open University (Difficult Version)

Unit 1 Thematic Listening

Listening 1

Note-taking outline

- I. The Arab Open University
 1. is a non-profit **private** university
 2. was founded in **2002** in **Kuwait**, **Jordan**, **Lebanon**
 3. is part of the **UK** Open University.
 4. main purpose is to provide a **flexible** university education.
 5. Students who apply must have a **high school** certificate or be a student at a community college.
- II. What is open learning?
 1. like distance **education** but different in some ways.
 2. unlike distance learning in that students follow a course of study **independently**, on their own.
 3. **Tutors** help students with their work, not teachers.
 4. They are trained to help the students with **various** courses.
 5. There are only **20** students for each session.
- III. Learning material and grading in an open university.
 1. a student who **pays** is registered in a course & receives a package.
 - a. package contains **readings** and a **schedule** of semester **assignments**.
 - b. also receives **video tapes**, audio cassettes and CD-Roms.
 2. students don't have to meet in the **classroom**.
 - a. don't have to worry about being **absent** from class or coming to class **late**.
 3. Final given at **the same time** at all university campuses and is a **large part** of the student's grade.
- IV. What does an "open education" mean?
 1. means doors are open for every student to **improve** his or her life.
 2. Gender, **age** and the date of the award of your high school certificate are not important.
 - a. students in the open university are often **older**, **married**, and have **children**.
 - b. students have difficulty balancing **home** lives, **work** and **university** studies.
 3. Arab Open University gives them chance to get education without having fixed **class times** and they don't attend class in a **facility**.
 4. These major **adjustments** to the traditional university system are changing the lives of students in the Arab world.
 5. This new kind of university education is getting them **involved** in the university system.