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Appendix 1

Examples of items: the CV Isolation Task (Jabbour-Danial et al., 2018)

Example	Word	Syllable structure	Correct Answers	Lexical Status
1.	<i>bala:t^g</i> /flooring/	CV.CVC	ba / ?ib / b	identical
2.	<i>dulfi:n</i> /a dolphin/	CVC.CVC	du / ?id / d	identical
3.	<i>ya:z</i> /a gas/	CVC	ya / ?iy / y	identical
4.	<i>lo:h</i> /a board/	CVC	lo: / ?il / l	SA cognate

Appendix 2

Examples of items: the Final Sound Isolation Task (Abu-Ahmad et al., 2018a)

Item	Word	Syllable structure	Correct Answers	Lexical Status
1.	<i>na:s</i> /people/	CVC	s / ?is	SA cognate
2.	<i>fo:k</i> /thorns/	CVC	k / ?ik	SA cognate
3.	<i>ze:t</i> /oil/	CVC	t / ?it	SA cognate
4.	<i>se:f</i> /a sword /	CVC	f / ?if	SA cognate

Appendix 3

Examples of items: the First Sound Isolation Task (Abu-Ahmad et al., 2018b)

Item	Word	Syllable structure	Correct Answers	Lexical Status
1.	<i>mra:y</i> /a mirror/	CCVC	m / ?im	SA cognate
2.	<i>s^ghu:n</i> /plates/	CCVC	s ^g / ?is ^g	SA cognate
3.	<i>bri:q</i> /a kettle/	CCVC	b / ?ib	SA cognate
4.	<i>roz</i> /rice/	CVC	r / ?ir	SA cognate

Appendix 4

Examples of items: the (Expressive) Vocabulary Task

Item	Target Word	Examples for Dialectical Adjustment and Other Acceptable Answers
1.	<i>mfak</i> (a screwdriver) ^N	<i>mefak</i>
2.	<i>ȝiser</i> (a bridge) ^N	
3.	<i>yadˤba:n</i> (angry) ^A	<i>mitˤasˤben / tˤafra:n / hamqa:n / mˤasˤsˤeb / mkaffer / yadˤeb / mnarfez / hases bil-yadˤab / hases yadˤeb</i>
4.	<i>qam-biduq</i> (knock) ^V	<i>biduq / buxbotˤ / bidaqdeq / byuxbotˤ</i>

Note. X^N = Noun. X^V = Verb. X^A = Adjective.

Appendix 5

Examples of items: the Noun Pluralization Task (Joubran-Awwadia et al., 2018a)

Item	Singular Form	Correct answers (examples) The Target Inflectional Morpheme	Lexical Status of The Singular Form
1.	<i>tuffa:ħa</i> (an apple)	<i>tuffa:ħa:t</i> feminine plural	identical
2.	<i>ki:s</i> (a small bag)	<i>kyā:s</i> broken plural	identical
3.	<i>mharreż/ muharreż</i> (a clown)	<i>mharżi:n/ muharżi:n</i> masculine plural	SA cognate
4.	<i>qasˤfu:r</i> (a bird)	<i>qasˤfu:re:n/ qusˤfu:re:n</i> dual	SA cognate

Appendix 6

Examples of items: the Verb Derivation Task (Mansour-Adwan et al., 2018a)

Item	Sentence	Examples of Correct Target Verb/s	Verb Pattern
1.	<i>fil-mahlaqa</i> (in the barber shop)	<i>mniħleq / biħilqu: / btiħleq</i>	faħal
2.	<i>bil-mikense</i> (by the broom)	<i>minkannes / bikannes / bitkannes</i>	faħħal
3.	<i>?il-xabba:z</i> (the baker)	<i>bixbez / byixbez / byoxboz / yaxboz</i> <i>(MSA)</i>	faħal
4.	<i>?i-s's'ayya:d</i> (the fisherman)	<i>bis'i:d / bis't'a:d / bits'ayyad</i> ^(DA)	faħal tfaħħal

Notes. Correct answers included grammatical verb inflections (according to the appropriate personal pronoun/s) across different dialects and lexical modalities (SA and MSA). ^{MSA} = item 3 presents an example of a correct MSA verb. ^{DA} = item 4 includes three different correct answers based on dialectical adjustment in the scoring process.

Appendix 7

Examples of items: the Sentence Repetition Task (Mansour-Adwan et al., 2018b)

Item	Sentence (number of words)	Translation to English	Syntactic Component
1.	<i>liwla:d ?akalu: mo:z <u>2u</u>sirbu: ɻas'i:r</i> (5)	The children ate bananas and drank juice	compound sentence
3.	<i>?il-walad bado: yet'laf yilhab fi-ssaħa</i> (5)	The boy wants to go out and play in the yard	a sequence of three verbs
4.	<i>?il-bent raffat ?il-lufbe ?illi weqħat ɻan ?il-tħawle</i> (7)	The girl picked up the toy that fell off the table	subordinate clause
7.	<i>?il-walad ziħel la?inno weqeħ ɻan ?il-busukle:t</i> (6)	The boy was sad because he has felt on the bike	complex sentence (causality)

Appendix 8

Examples of items: the Receptive Syntax Task (Mansour-Adwan et al., 2018c)

Item	Sentence	Translation to English	Syntactic Component
1.	<i>haða: ?il-ʒed (?is-si:d) ?illi tˤifel ɻambibu:so</i>	This is the grandpa whom the baby kiss	relative clause, objective pronoun
2.	<i>?il-ɻasˤfu:r ɻi-zˤi:r ɻamyakol</i>	The little bird is eating	adjective
3.	<i>?isi: mif mdawwar</i>	Something not round	negation
4.	<i>?il-mara: ɻamtakol moze we-zzalame ɻamyifrab ɻasˤi:r</i>	The woman is eating a banana and the man is drinking juice	conjunctive coordination, compound sentence, biclausal sentence with coordination

Appendix 9

Examples of items: the Verb Inflection Using Pseudo Root (Joubran-Awwadia et al., 2018b)

Item	Sentence	Examples of Correct Answers (DA)	Morphological features
1.	<i>mba:reħ ɻana: <u>salazet</u>/<u>salazt</u>^(DA), mba:reħ ɻintu:</i>	<i>salaztu:/ salaztaw</i>	past tense agreement, verb pattern <i>faʃal</i>
3.	<i>hiyye ɻissa <u>ʃambitallez</u>/<u>qa:ʃde tallez</u>^(DA), huwwe ɻissa</i>	<i>ʃambisallez/ qa:ʃed yefallez</i>	subject pronoun 2 nd person, plural form
5.	<i>hunne/hinne^(DA) mba:reħ <u>tfallazu:</u>, ɻintu: mba:reħ</i>	<i>tfallaztu:/ tfallaztaw^(DA)</i>	present tense agreement, verb pattern <i>faʃʃal</i>
8.	<i>hiyye ɻissa <u>ʃamtniʃlez</u>/<u>ʃamtinilez</u>/<u>qa:ʃde tinilez</u>/<u>qa:ʃde tiniflez</u>^(DA), huwwe ɻissa.....</i>	<i>ʃambiniʃlez/ ʃamyinilez/ qa:ʃed yinilez</i>	subject pronoun 3 rd person, plural form
			masculine singular form
			past tense agreement, verb pattern <i>tfaʃʃal</i>
			masculine singular form
			present tense agreement,
			verb pattern <i>ɻinfaʃal</i>
			subject pronoun 3 rd person
			masculine singular form

Note. ^{DA} = Dialectical Adjustment

Appendix 10

Examples of items: the Derivation of Resultative Adjectives from Verbs (Mansour-Adwan et al., 2018d)

Item	Sentence	Examples of Correct Answers (DA)	Morphological Noun Patterns Options
1.	<i>qassamu: ttufa:ħa, sˤarat tituffa:ħa.....</i> <i>/they cut the apple, the apple became...../</i>	<i>mqassame/maqsu:me /cut/</i>	mCaCCaC (SA) muCaCCaC (MSA) maCCu:C
2.	<i>qasˤaru: l-burtuqa:l, sˤar ril-burtuqa:l.....</i> <i>/they squeezed the oranges and the oranges became...../</i>	<i>mafsˤu:r/ qasˤi:r /squeezed/</i>	maCCu:C CaCi:C
3.	<i>qafalu: sˤsˤando:q, sˤa:r isˤ-sˤando:q</i> <i>/they locked the box, the box became...../</i>	<i>maqfu:l/ mqaffal /locked/</i>	maCCu:C mCaCCaC (SA) muCaCCaC (MSA)
4.	<i>?ityatˤtˤat il-binet, sˤarat il- binet.....</i> <i>/the girl covered herself, the girl became...../</i>	<i>mityatˤtˤiyye/ mityatˤye/ myatˤtˤa:ye/ myatˤtˤaye/ myatˤtˤa:y /covered/</i>	mitCaCCi (SA) mutaCaCCiC (MSA) mCaCCa (SA) muCaCCaC (MSA)

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Appendix 11

Examples of items: Reading Task- CV Units (Abu-Ahmad et al., 2019)

Item	CV Unit
1.	<i>da:</i>
2.	<i>ma</i>
3.	<i>bu:</i>
4.	<i>ra:</i>

Appendix 12

Examples of items: Reading Task- Frequent word (Jabbour-Danial et al., 2019)

Item	Word	Syllable structure	Meaning in English
1.	<i>rasama</i>	CV.CV.CV	drew (masculine)
2.	<i>ba:b</i>	CVC	a door
3.	<i>samar</i>	CV.CVC	Samar (a name)
4.	<i>ma:ri:</i>	CV.CV	Mary (a name)

Appendix 13

Examples of items: Reading Task- Complex word (Mansour-Adwan et al., 2019)

Item	Word	Syllable structure	Meaning in English
1.	<i>rafa:</i>	CV.CV	Rasha (a name)
2.	<i>za:ra</i>	CV.CV	came (masculine)
3.	<i>lawz</i>	CVCC	almonds
4.	<i>banda:</i>	CVC.CV	a panda

Appendix 14

Examples of items: Reading Task- Pseudowords (Joubran-Awwadia et al.,2019)

Item	Word	Syllable structure
1.	<i>zatama</i>	CV.CV.CV
2.	<i>ta:t</i>	CVC
3.	<i>bamar</i>	CV.CVC
4.	<i>ta:di:</i>	CV.CV