

TEXT 1

For the first time ever, an Iraqi University has been listed among the best universities in the world. The University of Baghdad has made it onto the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This is an annual list of the world's top 1,250 universities for research and development. The University of Baghdad has been ranked in the range from 801 to a thousand on the list of best universities. Phil Baty, the editorial director of the Times, stated that the university had "distinguished" itself for having a "very strong international cooperation". He said the University of Baghdad had played an integral role in the reconstruction of Iraq after its recent conflicts and internal strife. The University of Baghdad (also called Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the second largest in the Arab world, behind the University of Cairo. Its roots go as far back as the year 1067, when it was known as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was founded in 1908. It was formally established as the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to stay open throughout the invasions and occupations of Iraq during this century. The ranking on the Times list is seen as a prestigious accolade by many of its academics and students. One student said: "I am so proud of Baghdad University. It means the world to us to be held in such high esteem."

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| 1. listed appearance or manner. | a. Shown dignity or authority in one's |
| 2. annual fundamental issues. | b. An angry or bitter disagreement over |
| 3. ranked items in order. | c. Put or printed a number of connected |
| 4. distinguished or place within a | d. Gave someone or something a position grading system. |
| 5. cooperation | e. Happening once every year. |
| 6. integral reach the same end. | f. The process of working together to the |

7. strife
essential or fundamental.

g. Necessary to make a whole complete;

TRUE / FALS

- a. Baghdad University is the second Iraqi university to get on the list.
- b. Baghdad University got in the top 500 universities in the world.
- c. The Times said praised the university for its international cooperation.
- d. The Times said the university should have done more to rebuild Iraq.
- e. Baghdad University is the largest university in Iraq.
- f. The origins of Baghdad University start in 1067.
- g. The University of Baghdad was established in 1956.
- h. A student said the University of Baghdad was held in low esteem.

Choose the right answer

- 1) How many times have Iraqi universities now been in these rankings?
a) 4 b) 3 c) 2 d) 1
- 2) How many universities are on the Times list?
a) 801 b) 1,250 c) 1,000 d) 1,067
- 3) In what range is the University of Baghdad?
a) 401-500 b) 701-900 c) 801-1,000 d) 601-700
- 4) What is the position of Phil Baty in the Times?
a) editorial director b) CEO c) education correspondent d) lawyer
- 5) What did Mr Baty say the university had played a big role in?
a) global politics b) the local community c) Iraq's reconstruction d) education
- 6) What is the largest university in the Arab world?
a) Amman University b) Cairo University c) Dubai University d) Kuwait University
- 7) What year does the origins of the university go back to?
a) 1670 b) 1760 c) 1076 d) 1067