

Answer key · 1st term exam · English · 9th year · paper 1

Reading comprehension (10 marks)

1. **b) in a small flat in Bizerte** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 1.
2. **d) because he is the best cook in the family** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
3. **d) Grandma Zohra** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
4. **a) she feeds the cat and sets the table** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
5. **b) because he is taller and stronger than his sister** (1.25 marks) — His father's answer in paragraph 3.
6. **d) the family is happier and argues less** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.
7. **a) the Sunday evening meeting** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 4.
8. **c) Everyone Helps at Home** (1.25 marks) — The text is about sharing the housework.

Reading: (1) a small flat in Bizerte. (2) he is the best cook. (3) Grandma Zohra. (4) feeds the cat and sets the table. (5) he is taller and stronger. (6) happier, fewer arguments. (7) the Sunday evening meeting. (8) Everyone Helps at Home.

Language (10 marks)

1. **a) best** (1.25 marks) — good → better → the best.
2. **b) younger** (1.25 marks) — Short adjective: young + -er + than.
3. **a) our home is quieter now** (1.25 marks) — not as ... as = less ... than.
4. **b) a contrast** (1.25 marks) — while / whereas = contrast between two facts.
5. **b) Why** (1.25 marks) — Why? → Because...
6. **c) fifteen-year-old** (1.25 marks) — In a compound adjective, the noun stays singular: a fifteen-year-old boy.
7. **a) more relaxing** (1.25 marks) — Long adjective: more + adjective + than.
8. **c) obligation** (1.25 marks) — have to / must = obligation.

Language: (1) best. (2) younger. (3) quieter now. (4) contrast. (5) Why. (6) fifteen-year-old. (7) more relaxing. (8) obligation.

Writing: housework in my family: a model to compare with

In my family, everybody helps at home. My mother works in a bank, so she comes home late, while my father is a farmer and starts work very early. That is why we decided to share the housework. My father makes breakfast because he gets up first. My elder sister Ines is the best cook in the family, so she prepares lunch at the weekend. I am younger than her,

but I am stronger, so I carry the shopping and water the plants. My little brother is too young to cook, but he tidies his toys and feeds the birds. In my opinion, sharing the housework is fair and useful. Our home is cleaner than before, and my mother is not as tired as she used to be. We are a real team!

One possible model among many.