

2nd term exam · 9th year Paper 1			Scolaire.tn practice paper written by Scolaire.tn, not an official exam
Subject : English	Time : 60 minutes	Mark : / 20	
Name :			Class :

Reading comprehension (10 marks).

Read the text carefully, then choose the one right answer for each question.

Our School Goes Green

Last year, the pupils of a preparatory school in Gabès decided to do something about pollution. Their town, which is famous for its oasis by the sea, suffers from smoke from factories and from plastic waste on the beach.

First, the pupils who belonged to the environment club cleaned the beach every Saturday morning. They collected more than two hundred kilos of rubbish in three months, so the town council decided to put new rubbish bins along the coast. Then they planted thirty palm trees in the schoolyard, because trees clean the air and give shade.

The club also organised an awareness campaign. “Smoking may cause heart disease, and it pollutes the air that your friends breathe,” explained Hamza, fifteen, during a talk in front of the whole school. The pupils made posters with simple rules: “You should switch off the lights when you leave a room. You must not throw plastic bags into the sea.”

On Earth Day, the club received a prize from the regional education office. “We have learnt that small actions can make a big difference,” said the club’s teacher, Mrs Jlassi. Next year, the pupils plan to start a recycling project for paper and bottles.

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1) Why did the pupils decide to act? (1.25 marks)

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| a) their town suffers from factory smoke and plastic waste | b) the beach was closed |
| c) they wanted to win a prize | d) their school was too small |

2) What did the club do every Saturday morning? (1.25 marks)

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| a) they planted trees | b) they visited factories |
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c) they made posters

d) they cleaned the beach

3) How much rubbish did they collect in three months? (1.25 marks)

a) more than two hundred kilos

b) thirty kilos

c) three hundred bins

d) two kilos

4) What was the result of the beach cleaning? (1.25 marks)

a) the beach became private

b) the tourists left

c) the town council put new bins along the coast

d) the factories closed

5) Why did they plant trees? (1.25 marks)

a) trees clean the air and give shade

b) to sell the fruit

c) to hide the factories

d) to win a competition

6) What did Hamza talk about? (1.25 marks)

a) the dangers of smoking

b) the history of Gabès

c) recycling paper

d) Earth Day

7) Who said “We have learnt that small actions can make a big difference”? (1.25 marks)

a) Hamza

b) the education office

c) Mrs Jlassi, the club’s teacher

d) the town council

8) What do the pupils plan to do next year? (1.25 marks)

a) plant thirty palm trees

b) close the factories

c) start a recycling project for paper and bottles

d) travel abroad

Language (10 marks)

Go back to the text and choose the one right answer for each question.

1) “They collected more than two hundred kilos of rubbish in three months, so the town council decided to put new rubbish bins along the coast.” Here “so” introduces: (1.25 marks)

a) a contrast

b) a cause

c) a result

d) an example

2) ... trees clean the air, the pupils planted thirty palm trees. (1.25 marks)

a) But

b) Because

c) Although

d) So

3) “Smoking may cause heart disease” — “may” expresses: (1.25 marks)

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| a) permission | b) possibility |
| c) past ability | d) obligation |

4) In “the pupils who belonged to the environment club”, “who” refers to: (1.25 marks)

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| a) Saturday | b) the beach |
| c) the club | d) the pupils |

5) Gabès is a town ... is famous for its oasis by the sea. (1.25 marks)

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| a) who | b) whom |
| c) whose | d) which |

6) “You must not throw plastic bags into the sea” expresses: (1.25 marks)

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| a) a possibility | b) a prohibition |
| c) a past habit | d) a piece of advice |

7) Which of these is a compound noun (noun + noun)? (1.25 marks)

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| a) very small | b) palm tree |
| c) clean air | d) quickly |

8) A person who recycles things is a ... (1.25 marks)

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| a) recycler | b) recyclist |
| c) recycling | d) recycled |

Writing: an article for the school magazine (not included in the mark out of 20).

Your school wants to start an environment club.

Task: write an article of 8 to 10 lines for the school magazine. Describe one pollution problem in your town, explain its causes and consequences, and say what pupils should and must do to protect the environment.

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