

Answer key · 1st term exam · English · 9th year · paper 3

Reading comprehension (10 marks)

1. **a) twenty dinars a month** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 1.
2. **b) his bus tickets, his phone credit and his school extras** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 1.
3. **a) he spent all his money in two weeks** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
4. **b) she bought it with her savings** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
5. **c) he writes down what he buys and saves five dinars a month** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.
6. **d) to add ten dinars if he saves all year** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.
7. **b) responsible** (1.25 marks) — “I feel more responsible.”
8. **b) Karim’s grandmother** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.

Reading: (1) twenty dinars a month. (2) bus tickets, phone credit, school extras. (3) he spent everything in two weeks. (4) with her savings. (5) notebook + five dinars a month. (6) add ten dinars. (7) responsible. (8) his grandmother.

Language (10 marks)

1. **a) a bike that someone used before** (1.25 marks) — Compound adjective: second-hand = not new.
2. **a) while** (1.25 marks) — while / whereas show a contrast.
3. **c) at the same speed as you get it** (1.25 marks) — as + adjective/adverb + as = the same.
4. **c) hard** (1.25 marks) — hard → harder → the hardest.
5. **a) heavier and slower** (1.25 marks) — The opposite comparison.
6. **d) Nour’s bike** (1.25 marks) — The genitive: the noun (bike) is not repeated.
7. **c) himself** (1.25 marks) — Reflexive pronoun for he: himself.
8. **a) How much** (1.25 marks) — How much + uncountable noun (money).

Language: (1) used before. (2) while. (3) at the same speed. (4) hard. (5) heavier and slower. (6) Nour’s bike. (7) himself. (8) How much.

Writing: advice about pocket money: a model to compare with

Dear Sami,

Aunt Mouna told me that you often borrow money from your friends. I want to help you, because I had the same problem last year. First, you should write down everything you buy, so you can see where your money goes. Then, you must decide how much you want to save

before you spend anything. I put a quarter of my money in a box on the first day of the month. You mustn't borrow money any more: it is more difficult to pay it back than to wait a few days. Finally, try to find cheaper ways to have fun, like playing football with friends instead of buying new games. Saving is not as hard as you think, and you will feel prouder and freer.

Love,
Malek

One possible model among many.