1st 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.

Sharing the Housework

The Trabelsi family live in a small flat in Bizerte. Mrs Trabelsi is a doctor and she often works late at the hospital, while her husband is a teacher who comes home at four. Last year, the family decided to share the housework.

Now everyone has a job. Mr Trabelsi cooks dinner on weekdays because he is the best cook in the family. Their son Amine, who is fifteen, does the shopping and takes out the rubbish. His sister Rim, who is younger than him, feeds the cat and sets the table. Grandma Zohra looks after little Yassine when nobody else is at home.

At first, Amine was not happy. “Why do I have to carry the heavy bags?” he asked. His father smiled and answered, “Because you are taller and stronger than your sister!” Today, Amine admits that the family is happier than before. “Our home is not as noisy as it was,” he says. “We don’t argue about who should wash the dishes any more.”

On Sunday evenings, the Trabelsis sit together and plan the week. It is the most relaxing moment of their week, and nobody wants to miss it.

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1) Where do the Trabelsis live? (1.25 marks)

a) in a big house in Tunis
b) in a small flat in Bizerte
c) in a flat in Sousse
d) in a village near Bizerte

2) Why does Mr Trabelsi cook dinner on weekdays? (1.25 marks)

a) because his wife hates cooking
b) because Grandma asked him
c) because he doesn’t work
d) because he is the best cook in the family

3) Who looks after little Yassine? (1.25 marks)

a) Rim
b) Mrs Trabelsi
c) Amine
d) Grandma Zohra

4) What does Rim do? (1.25 marks)

a) she feeds the cat and sets the table
b) she takes out the rubbish
c) she cooks dinner
d) she does the shopping

5) Why does Amine carry the heavy bags? (1.25 marks)

a) because his mother is a doctor
b) because he is taller and stronger than his sister
c) because he is the youngest
d) because he likes shopping

6) How has family life changed? (1.25 marks)

a) the family argues more than before
b) Amine does all the housework
c) nobody helps any more
d) the family is happier and argues less

7) In "It is the most relaxing moment of their week", "It" refers to: (1.25 marks)

a) the Sunday evening meeting
b) the housework
c) the shopping
d) dinner on weekdays

8) The best title for the text is: (1.25 marks)

a) Amine's New School
b) Grandma's Cat
c) Everyone Helps at Home
d) A Doctor's Busy Life

Language (10 marks)

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

1) Mr Trabelsi is the ... cook in the family. (good) (1.25 marks)

a) best
b) most good
c) goodest
d) better

2) Rim is ... than Amine. (young) (1.25 marks)

a) youngest
b) younger
c) more young
d) the younger

3) "Our home is not as noisy as it was" means: (1.25 marks)

a) our home is quieter now
b) our home is the noisiest
c) our home is noisier now
d) our home is as noisy as before

4) “she often works late at the hospital, while her husband is a teacher who comes home at four” Here “while” expresses: (1.25 marks)

a) a reason
b) a contrast
c) a result
d) a purpose

5) “... do I have to carry the heavy bags?” The question word that asks for a reason is: (1.25 marks)

a) When
b) Why
c) Who
d) Where

6) Amine is fifteen years old. He is a ... boy. (1.25 marks)

a) fifteen-year-olds
b) fifteen year olds
c) fifteen-year-old
d) fifteen-years-old

7) Sunday evening is ... than Monday morning. (relaxing) (1.25 marks)

a) more relaxing
b) relaxinger
c) the more relaxing
d) most relaxing

8) In “Why do I have to carry the heavy bags?”, “have to” expresses: (1.25 marks)

a) ability
b) permission
c) obligation
d) a future plan

Writing: housework in my family (not included in the mark out of 20)

Your English teacher wants to know how families share the housework.

Task: write a paragraph of 8 to 10 lines about your family. Say who does what at home, compare the members of your family (older, younger, the best at...) and give your opinion about sharing the housework.