1st term exam · 9th year Paper 3	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.

Saving for a Bike

Fourteen-year-old Karim gets twenty dinars of pocket money every month. His parents give him the money on the first day of the month, and he has to pay for his bus tickets, his phone credit and his school extras with it.

Last year, Karim spent all his money in the first two weeks. He bought video games and comics, whereas his sister Nour, who is two years older, saved half of hers every month. In June, Nour bought herself a second-hand bike with her savings. Karim was jealous. “Why can’t I have a bike too?” he asked his father. “Because you spend your money as fast as you get it,” his father answered.

This year, Karim has decided to change. He writes down everything he buys in a small notebook, and he puts five dinars in a money box every month. “It is harder than I thought,” he admits, “but I feel more responsible.” His grandmother is so proud of him that she has promised to add ten dinars if he saves all year.

Karim is going to buy his bike next summer. He has already chosen it: a blue mountain bike, lighter and faster than Nour’s!

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1) How much pocket money does Karim get? (1.25 marks)

a) twenty dinars a month
b) twenty dinars a week
c) ten dinars a week
d) five dinars a month

2) What must Karim pay for with his pocket money? (1.25 marks)

a) Nour’s bike
b) his bus tickets, his phone credit and his school extras

c) his clothes
d) his school fees

3) What was Karim's problem last year? (1.25 marks)

a) he spent all his money in two weeks
b) he lost his money box
c) he broke Nour's bike
d) his parents didn't give him any money

4) How did Nour get her bike? (1.25 marks)

a) her father gave it to her
b) she bought it with her savings
c) she won it in a competition
d) her grandmother bought it

5) What does Karim do this year? (1.25 marks)

a) he works in a shop
b) he borrows money from Nour
c) he writes down what he buys and saves five dinars a month
d) he has stopped buying anything

6) What has his grandmother promised? (1.25 marks)

a) to give him twenty dinars a month
b) to buy him a bike
c) to keep his notebook
d) to add ten dinars if he saves all year

7) Which word best describes Karim at the end of the text? (1.25 marks)

a) jealous
b) responsible
c) careless
d) lazy

8) In "she has promised to add ten dinars", "she" refers to: (1.25 marks)

a) Nour
b) Karim's grandmother
c) Karim's mother
d) a shop assistant

Language (10 marks)

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

1) "a second-hand bike" is: (1.25 marks)

a) a bike that someone used before
b) a bike for two people
c) a bike with two wheels
d) a very cheap new bike

2) Karim spent all his money, ... Nour saved half of hers. (1.25 marks)

a) while
b) when
c) so
d) because

3) "you spend your money as fast as you get it" means you spend it: (1.25 marks)

a) faster than you get it
b) never

c) at the same speed as you get it
d) more slowly than you get it

4) "It is harder than I thought" — "harder" is the comparative of: (1.25 marks)

a) hardly
b) harden
c) hard
d) hardy

5) Karim's new bike is lighter and faster than Nour's. So Nour's bike is ... (1.25 marks)

a) heavier and slower
b) the heaviest
c) as light as Karim's
d) lighter and faster

6) In "faster than Nour's", "Nour's" means: (1.25 marks)

a) Nour is
b) Nour has
c) Nours
d) Nour's bike

7) Nour bought herself a bike. → Karim is going to buy ... a bike. (1.25 marks)

a) hisself
b) themselves
c) himself
d) herself

8) Karim gets twenty dinars every month. → ... money does Karim get every month? (1.25 marks)

a) How much
b) How often
c) What time
d) How many

Writing: advice about pocket money (not included in the mark out of 20)

Your cousin Sami always spends his pocket money too quickly, and then he borrows money from his friends.

Task: write him a short letter of 8 to 10 lines. Give him advice on how to manage his pocket money (what he should do, what he must not do) and explain why.