

Answer key · 2nd term exam · English · 9th year · paper 2

Reading comprehension (10 marks)

1. **b) Monastir** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 1.
2. **c) because they were much cheaper** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 1.
3. **d) nervous** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 2.
4. **b) the Blue Mosque** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.
5. **c) a souvenir for his sister** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 3.
6. **c) he sent photos and made video calls** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 4.
7. **a) to learn Turkish** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 4.
8. **b) video calls help him feel close to his family** (1.25 marks) — Paragraph 4.

Reading: (1) Monastir. (2) cheaper online. (3) nervous. (4) the Blue Mosque. (5) a souvenir for his sister. (6) photos and video calls. (7) to learn Turkish. (8) he feels close to them.

Language (10 marks)

1. **a) a polite request** (1.25 marks) — Could you + verb = a polite request.
2. **b) putting** (1.25 marks) — Would you mind + verb-ing.
3. **a) a condition and its future result** (1.25 marks) — If + present → will.
4. **a) will make** (1.25 marks) — If + present simple, will + verb.
5. **c) present perfect** (1.25 marks) — have / has + past participle.
6. **b) a shopkeeper giving the price** (1.25 marks) — A way of saying the price.
7. **c) a noun + a gerund** (1.25 marks) — video (noun) + calling (gerund).
8. **a) Be careful of the step!** (1.25 marks) — Mind + noun phrase = be careful of.

Language: (1) polite request. (2) putting. (3) condition + future result. (4) will make. (5) present perfect. (6) a shopkeeper. (7) noun + gerund. (8) Be careful of the step!

Writing: an email about a trip: a model to compare with

Hi Emma,

I have just come back from Tozeur, in the south of Tunisia, and I want to tell you everything! We travelled by train from Tunis: it took seven hours, but the desert landscape was amazing. We visited the old medina, with its beautiful brick walls, and we walked in the palm grove. I have never seen so many palm trees in my life! In the market, I bought a small carpet for my room and dates for my grandmother. The best moment was the sunset on the dunes. If I go there again, I will take a balloon flight over the oasis. Have you ever been to a desert?

Write soon,
Nour

One possible model among many.