Practice paper on the model of the 6th-year concours (pilot middle schools) Model paper 8	Scolaire.tn Practice paper written by Scolaire.tn, not an official paper
Subject: **English** Time: **45 minutes** Mark: ..... / 20	
Name: ..... Class:	

I. Reading comprehension (6 marks)

Read the text, then answer: « Sports Day in Gafsa »

Every year, in May, our school in Gafsa organises a sports day. This year, the weather was sunny and warm. All the pupils wore white T-shirts and caps, and many parents came to watch.

In the morning, there was a running race. My best friend Ahmed was the fastest runner, but near the end, Walid fell down and hurt his knee. Ahmed stopped and helped him to get up. They crossed the finish line together, and everyone clapped loudly. After that, we played football, rope skipping and a sack race.

At noon, our teachers gave us fresh orange juice, bananas and sandwiches. Our headmaster said, 'Sport keeps you fit, but kindness makes you strong.' At the end of the day, Ahmed and Walid won a special prize: two medals for friendship. I was tired but very happy.

1) True or false? On sports day, the weather was rainy. (1 mk)

☐ False ☐ True ☐ We don't know

2) True or false? Walid hurt his knee during the race. (1 mk)

☐ True ☐ We don't know ☐ False

3) Complete with ONE word from paragraph 3: At noon, the pupils ate bananas and ... (1 mk)

☐ sandwiches ☐ caps ☐ medals

4) What does the underlined word "him" in paragraph 2 refer to? (1 mk)

☐ the headmaster ☐ Walid ☐ Ahmed

5) Find in paragraph 2 a word that means "the quickest". (1 mk)

☐ together ☐ loudly ☐ fastest

6) What is the main message of the text? (1 mk)

☐ Helping others is more important than winning. ☐ Running races are dangerous.

☐ Only the fastest pupil gets a prize.

II. Language (8 marks)

Read each sentence and choose the right answer.

1) Box: team / kick / should / healthy / wish — Our football (1) ... won the match last Saturday. Which word goes in (1)? (1 mk)

☐ wish ☐ team ☐ kick

2) Box: team / kick / should / healthy / wish — The coach told me, 'You must (2) ... the ball harder!' Which word goes in (2)? (1 mk)

☐ healthy ☐ kick ☐ team

3) Box: team / kick / should / healthy / wish — 'You (3) ... drink water when you play sport,' he added. Which word goes in (3)? (1 mk)

☐ should ☐ wish ☐ team

4) Circle the correct alternative: Yesterday was the (hottest / hotter / hot) day of the week. (1 mk)

☐ hottest ☐ hot ☐ hotter

5) Circle the correct alternative: 'Would you like (some / any / a) orange juice?' 'Yes, please.' (1 mk)

☐ any ☐ a ☐ some

6) Circle the correct alternative: Next year, I (will run / ran / runs) faster! (1 mk)

☐ will run ☐ runs ☐ ran

7) Put the word in the right tense or form: It was a [sun] ... day, so we played outside. (1 mk)

☐ sun ☐ suns ☐ sunny

8) Put the word in the right tense or form: During the race, Walid [fall] ... down. (1 mk)

☐ fell ☐ falled ☐ falls

III. Writing · 1. The dialogue (2 marks)

Nesrine and Hana are walking home after school.

Complete the dialogue with sentences from the box (there is an extra one).

1) What time does it start?
2) OK, I'll ask my mum tonight.
3) I had a toothache last week.
4) What should I take with me?
5) I'm not sure. I can't swim very well.

Nesrine: Hana, are you coming to the swimming club on Saturday?

Hana: ▢ 1

Nesrine: Don't worry! The coach is very kind.

Hana: ▢ 2

Nesrine: At nine o'clock in the morning.

Hana: ▢ 3

Nesrine: A swimsuit, a towel and a bottle of water.

Hana: ▢ 4

Nesrine: Great! See you there.

1) Gap 1: Nesrine answers "Don't worry!". So Hana said: (0,5 mk)

☐ 2) OK, I'll ask my mum tonight. ☐ 3) I had a toothache last week.

☐ 5) I'm not sure. I can't swim very well.

2) Gap 2: Nesrine answers "At nine o'clock in the morning.". So Hana asked: (0,5 mk)

☐ 4) What should I take with me? ☐ 5) I'm not sure. I can't swim very well.

☐ 1) What time does it start?

3) Gap 3: Nesrine answers "A swimsuit, a towel and a bottle of water.". So Hana asked: (0,5 mk)

☐ 4) What should I take with me? ☐ 1) What time does it start?

☐ 3) I had a toothache last week.

4) Gap 4: Nesrine answers "Great! See you there.". So Hana said: (0,5 mk)

☐ 2) OK, I'll ask my mum tonight. ☐ 3) I had a toothache last week.

☐ 1) What time does it start?

III. Writing · 2. The paragraph (4 marks)

Last month, your school organised a sports day. Write a paragraph (6 to 8 sentences) to describe the weather, the activities you did (at least 3), what you ate and drank and how you felt at the end of the day. (4 marks)

Criterion	I check that…	Yes	Partly	No
I answer the task	My paragraph talks about every point asked (e.g. the weather, the description, the actions).			
I answer the task	It has 6 to 8 sentences.			
My paragraph is clear	My ideas are in a good order (first, then, after that, finally).			
My paragraph is clear	I use and, but, because to join my ideas.			
I write correctly	Capital letters, full stops and correct spelling of the words I know.			
I write correctly	The right tense: past for a story (went, found, took…), present for habits.			