

Practice paper on the model of the 6th-year concours (pilot middle schools) Model paper 6			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: « A Present for Amine »

Next Friday is Amine's birthday. He will be ten. Last Saturday, his big sister Salma and their father went to the medina of Sousse to buy him a present. The narrow streets were full of people, and the shops were full of colourful things.

First, they went into a toy shop opposite the big mosque. Salma liked a remote-control car, but it was very expensive: one hundred and twenty dinars! Then they visited a sports shop next to the bakery. There, Salma found a blue football shirt. Amine is a big fan of the national team. 'How much is it?' asked Dad. 'Forty dinars,' said the shopkeeper.

The shirt was too big, so the shopkeeper gave them a smaller one. Dad paid, and they went home happy. Salma hid the present in her wardrobe, so Amine couldn't find it.

1) True or false? The remote-control car was cheap. (1 mk)

☐ False ☐ True ☐ We don't know

2) True or false? Amine likes football. (1 mk)

☐ False ☐ We don't know ☐ True

3) Complete with ONE word from paragraph 2: The sports shop is next to the ... (1 mk)

☐ bakery ☐ mosque ☐ medina

4) What does the underlined word "it" in paragraph 3 refer to? (1 mk)

☐ the wardrobe ☐ the football shirt (the present) ☐ the remote-control car

5) Find in paragraph 3 a word that means "put in a secret place". (1 mk)

☐ paid ☐ hid ☐ gave

6) Why did Salma and her father go to the medina? (1 mk)

☐ to buy a birthday present for Amine ☐ to visit the big mosque

☐ to buy bread at the bakery

II. Language (8 marks)

Read each sentence and choose the right answer.

1) Box: sale / cheap / try / customer / sell — These shoes are on (1) ... this week: (1 mk)
only thirty dinars! Which word goes in (1)?

☐ customer ☐ sale ☐ try

2) Box: sale / cheap / try / customer / sell — They are very (2) ... ! Which word (1 mk)
goes in (2)?

☐ sale ☐ sell ☐ cheap

3) Box: sale / cheap / try / customer / sell — ‘Can I (3) ... them on, please?’ Which (1 mk)
word goes in (3)?

☐ try ☐ customer ☐ sell

4) Circle the correct alternative: The jewellery shop is (between / next / opposite (1 mk)
to) the bank and the café.

☐ between ☐ opposite to ☐ next

5) Circle the correct alternative: ‘Do you want the red kite or the yellow one?’ ‘I (1 mk)
(prefer / prefers / preferring) the yellow kite.’

☐ preferring ☐ prefers ☐ prefer

6) Circle the correct alternative: Yesterday, Mum (bought / buys / will buy) a new (1 mk)
tie for Dad.

☐ bought ☐ will buy ☐ buys

7) Put the word in the right tense or form: Last Sunday, we [go] ... to the mall with (1 mk)
our cousins.

☐ goes ☐ go ☐ went

8) Put the word in the right tense or form: Sami ran very fast, so he [win] ... the (1 mk)
race and got a prize.

☐ winning ☐ wins ☐ won

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

Ines and her brother Hamza are at the market. Their mother gave them twenty dinars.

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

- 1) How much are the strawberries?

2) My new shoes are too small.

3) Should we buy some croissants for breakfast too?

4) What shall we buy?

5) Let's take two kilos.

Hamza: Mum gave us twenty dinars to buy fruit.  1

Ines: Let's buy some strawberries and bananas.

Hamza:  2

Ines: Four dinars a kilo. They're cheap today.

Hamza: Good!  3

Ines: OK.  4

Hamza: Yes, Mum loves croissants!

1) Gap 1: Ines answers "Let's buy some strawberries and bananas.". So Hamza (0,5 mk)
asked:

- ☐ 1) How much are the strawberries? ☐ 2) My new shoes are too small.
- ☐ 4) What shall we buy?

2) Gap 2: Ines answers "Four dinars a kilo.". So Hamza asked: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 1) How much are the strawberries? ☐ 5) Let's take two kilos.
- ☐ 4) What shall we buy?

3) Gap 3: The strawberries are cheap. Hamza says "Good!" and: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 3) Should we buy some croissants for breakfast too?
- ☐ 2) My new shoes are too small. ☐ 5) Let's take two kilos.

4) Gap 4: Hamza answers "Yes, Mum loves croissants!". So Ines asked: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 1) How much are the strawberries? ☐ 2) My new shoes are too small.
- ☐ 3) Should we buy some croissants for breakfast too?

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

Last weekend, you went shopping to buy a present for your best friend's birthday. Write a paragraph (6 to 8 sentences) to say where and with whom you went, the shops you visited, what you bought and its price, and why you chose it. (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.			