

Practice paper on the model of the 6th-year concours (pilot middle schools) Model paper 7			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: « Kenji Visits Tunisia »

Last spring, Kenji, a Japanese boy, came to Tunisia with his parents. He is Youssef's pen friend. They travelled from Tokyo to Tunis by plane. Then they took the train to Mahdia, a beautiful city on the east coast, where Youssef lives.

When Kenji met Youssef's family, he bowed. Youssef's father shook his hand, and his grandmother kissed him on both cheeks! Everyone laughed. The next day, the two boys visited the amphitheatre of El Jem. It is one of the most famous monuments in the world. Kenji said, 'It's bigger than I thought!'

In the evening, the family went to the old port and ate grilled fish. Before leaving, Kenji gave Youssef a little paper bird. Now the boys write e-mails every week, and Youssef wants to travel to Japan one day.

1) True or false? Kenji came to Tunisia by ship. (1 mk)

☐ False ☐ True ☐ We don't know

2) True or false? Youssef lives in Mahdia. (1 mk)

☐ False ☐ We don't know ☐ True

3) Complete with ONE word from paragraph 1: Mahdia is on the ... coast of Tunisia. (1 mk)

☐ east ☐ west ☐ north

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

☐ Kenji ☐ Youssef ☐ Youssef's father

5) Find in paragraph 2 a word that means "very well-known". (1 mk)

☐ next ☐ bigger ☐ famous

6) The text is mainly about:

(1 mk)

- ☐ a football match in El Jem ☐ a Tunisian family's trip to Japan
☐ a Japanese boy's visit to Tunisia

II. Language (8 marks)

Read each sentence and choose the right answer.

1) Box: bow / greet / north / travel / festival — In Japan, people (1) ... to say hello. (1 mk)

Which word goes in (1)?

- ☐ north ☐ bow ☐ festival

2) Box: bow / greet / north / travel / festival — In Tunisia, we often (2) ... our friends with a kiss on the cheek. Which word goes in (2)? (1 mk)

- ☐ festival ☐ greet ☐ north

3) Box: bow / greet / north / travel / festival — Bizerte is in the (3) ... of Tunisia. Which word goes in (3)? (1 mk)

- ☐ bow ☐ north ☐ travel

4) Circle the correct alternative: The plane is (faster / fast / fastest) than the train. (1 mk)

- ☐ faster ☐ fast ☐ fastest

5) Circle the correct alternative: The amphitheatre of El Jem is the (oldest / older / old) monument in the town. (1 mk)

- ☐ old ☐ oldest ☐ older

6) Circle the correct alternative: Last summer, we visited (an / a / the) old castle in Kelibia. (1 mk)

- ☐ the ☐ an ☐ a

7) Put the word in the right tense or form: My uncle [prefer] ... to travel by ship because he loves the sea. (1 mk)

- ☐ prefers ☐ prefer ☐ preferring

8) Put the word in the right tense or form: The Romans [build] ... this amphitheatre a very long time ago. (1 mk)

- ☐ builds ☐ build ☐ built

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

Aya meets her friend Bilel at the library after the summer holidays.

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

- 1) What did you see there?
- 2) I prefer winter to summer.
- 3) Yes, I went to Rome with my family.
- 4) Really? I'd love to go there one day.
- 5) How did you travel?

Aya: Hi Bilel! I heard you visited Italy last summer.

Bilel:  1

Aya:  2

Bilel: By ship from Tunis. It was slow but fun.

Aya:  3

Bilel: I saw the Colosseum. It looks like the amphitheatre of El Jem!

Aya:  4

Bilel: Maybe next summer!

1) Gap 1: Aya says Bilel visited Italy. Bilel answers: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 1) What did you see there? ☐ 3) Yes, I went to Rome with my family.
☐ 2) I prefer winter to summer.

2) Gap 2: Bilel answers “By ship from Tunis.”. So Aya asked: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 1) What did you see there? ☐ 5) How did you travel?
☐ 4) Really? I'd love to go there one day.

3) Gap 3: Bilel answers “I saw the Colosseum.”. So Aya asked: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 2) I prefer winter to summer. ☐ 5) How did you travel?
☐ 1) What did you see there?

4) Gap 4: Bilel answers “Maybe next summer!”. So Aya said: (0,5 mk)

- ☐ 3) Yes, I went to Rome with my family. ☐ 2) I prefer winter to summer.
☐ 4) Really? I'd love to go there one day.

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

Your pen friend from another country will visit you in Tunisia next summer. Write a paragraph (6 to 8 sentences) to present a Tunisian town you want to show him / her: say where it is, how you will travel there, what you will visit (a monument or a place) and what you will eat. (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.			