

<p style="text-align: center;">Practice paper 1 · English</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Modelled on the Examen du Diplôme de Fin de l'Enseignement de Base Général · 1 hour · /20</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Scolaire.tn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Practice paper written by Scolaire.tn (not an official paper)</p>
Subject: English	Time: 1 hour	Coefficient: 1	

The text: A Home Where Everyone Helps

1. Every evening at seven, the Ben Salah family meet in the kitchen of their small flat in Sousse. Leila, the mother, is a nurse who often works night shifts at the regional hospital, so the family decided last year that the housework could no longer be her job alone. “At first, my husband thought that cooking was more difficult than repairing a car,” she laughs. “Now he makes the best couscous in the building.”

2. Each member of the family has a role. Karim, the father, does the shopping and prepares dinner twice a week. Fourteen-year-old Amira looks after her little brother Yassine after school and helps him with his homework. Yassine, who is eight, feeds the cat and lays the table. On Sundays, everyone cleans the flat together while their grandmother tells funny stories about her childhood in the village.

3. Amira admits that the new rules were not easy to accept. “In the beginning, I was angry because my friends had more free time than me,” she says. “But I have learnt to be more organised and responsible. Our home is calmer now, and we are closer than before.” Her mother agrees: “A family is like a team. When everyone gives a hand, nobody feels tired or alone.”

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I. Reading comprehension (6 marks)

Q1 · Tick the right option

(1 mark)

Tick (✓) the right option.

The text is mainly about a family who

- a. pay a woman to clean their flat. ☐
- b. share the housework among all its members. ☐
- c. moved to a village to live with the grandmother. ☐

Q2 · True or false**(2 marks)****Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the right box.**

Statements	True	False
a. At first, Leila's husband found cooking easy. (paragraph 1)		
b. Amira thinks that the new rules have brought the family together. (paragraph 3)		

Q3 · Pick out a word**(1 mark)****Pick out a word from paragraph 2 meaning nearly the same as:**

a part or a duty that someone has:

Q4 · Reference**(1 mark)****What does the underlined word in the text refer to?**him (paragraph 2) refers to**Q5 · Personal justified answer****(1 mark)****Give a personal justified answer to the following question.**

Do you think that children should help their parents with the housework? Why or why not?

....., I because

II. Language (8 marks)**Language 1 · Fill in the blanks with six words from the box****(3 marks)****Fill in the blanks with six (6) words from the box.****savings / than / purchase / who / spends / most / as / overspending**

Rami is thirteen and he gets twenty dinars of pocket money every month. Unlike many of his friends, he never (1) all of it in the first week. He keeps half of it in a money box because he wants to buy a bike, which is more expensive (2) a phone. His sister Nour, (3) is two years older, is not (4) careful as her brother. She buys sweets and magazines every day, and her parents are worried about her bad habit of (5) Last month, Rami used his (6) to buy a present for his mother's birthday.

Language 2 · Circle the right option**(3 marks)****Circle the right option.**

My grandfather was born in 1950 in a small village near Béja. When he was young, life was **(harder / hardest / hard)** than it is today. He **(walks / walked / has walked)** five kilometres

to school every morning. Today, we often disagree about music. **(While / Because / So)** my grandfather loves traditional songs, my brother and I prefer rap. However, we always listen to each other **(patient / patience / patiently)**. Grandfather says that he is the **(happy / happier / happiest)** man in the world when the whole family meets on Fridays. He is a **(kind-hearted / heart-kind / kind-heart)** person who never gets angry with us.

Language 3 · Match A and B (one extra part in B)

(2 marks)

Match the sentence parts in A with those in B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in B. Write your answers in the space provided.

A	B
1. Many young children get hurt at home every year,	a. in a high cupboard which children cannot reach.
2. Parents should keep medicines	b. because they always feel safe at school.
3. Children must never play	c. put the burn under cold water for ten minutes.
4. If a child gets burnt, quickly	d. so adults must supervise them all the time.
	e. with matches, knives or electric sockets.

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III. Writing (6 marks)

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Your cousin Sami has sent you an email. He says that he often argues with his parents because they do not let him go out with his friends and they think he spends too much time on his phone.

Write a **10-line email** to Sami in which you give him at least **three pieces of advice** to improve his relationship with his parents.

Do not write your name. Do not mention your school.
