Practice paper 3 · English Modelled on the Examen du Diplôme de Fin de l'Enseignement de Base Général · 1 hour · /20			Scolaire.tn Practice paper written by Scolaire.tn (not an official paper)
Subject: **English**	Time: **1 hour**	Coefficient: **1**	

The text: The Plastic Hunters

1. Every Saturday morning, a group of teenagers from Monastir put on gloves, take big bags and walk along the beach near their town. They call themselves "the Plastic Hunters". The group was started two years ago by Ines Trabelsi, a fifteen-year-old pupil who was shocked when she saw a sea turtle with a plastic bag in its mouth. "I realised that our waste was a real threat to the creatures which live in the sea," she says.

2. Since then, the Plastic Hunters have collected more than four tonnes of rubbish: bottles, cans, old fishing nets and thousands of cigarette ends. They sort everything into different bins and send the bottles and cans to a recycling centre. The rest goes to a landfill outside the town. Ines explains that plastic never really disappears. "It breaks into tiny particles. Fish eat them, and then we eat the fish," she warns.

3. The group's work has changed some local habits. Several cafés on the beach have stopped using plastic straws, and the town council has put new bins near the sea. However, Ines thinks that cleaning is not enough. "We must produce less rubbish in the first place," she says. "If everyone carries a reusable bag and a water bottle, our beaches will stay clean." Next summer, the Plastic Hunters are going to visit primary schools to teach young children how to protect the environment.

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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 teenagers who

a. sell plastic bottles to earn money. ☐

b. clean the beach and fight against pollution. ☐

c. catch fish to feed sea turtles. ☐

Q2 · True or false (2 marks)

Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the right box.

Statements	True	False
a. Ines started the group after she saw an animal in danger. **(paragraph 1)**		
b. All the rubbish collected by the group is recycled. **(paragraph 2)**		

Q3 · Pick out a word (1 mark)

Pick out a word from paragraph 3 meaning nearly the same as:

that can be used again and again: .....

Q4 · Reference (1 mark)

What does the underlined word in the text refer to?

them (paragraph 2) refers to .....

Q5 · Personal justified answer (1 mark)

Give a personal justified answer to the following question.

Would you like to join a group like the Plastic Hunters? 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.

addicted / although / harmful / give up / therefore / because / should / damage

Smoking is one of the most (1) ..... habits in the world. Cigarettes can (2) ..... the lungs and the heart. Many smokers want to (3) ..... , but it is very hard for them (4) ..... they are (5) ..... to nicotine. That is why doctors say that young people (6) ..... never try their first cigarette.

Language 2 · Circle the right option (3 marks)

Circle the right option.

Air **(pollute / polluted / pollution)** is a serious problem in big cities. Cars and factories release fumes **(who / which / where)** contain dangerous gases. **(Therefore / However / Although)**, many people suffer from breathing problems. Scientists say that the situation **(might / was / has)** get worse in the coming years. Trees are **(importanter / more**

important / most important) than ever because they clean the air. That is why we should use public transport more **(frequent / frequency / frequently)**.

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. If we want to stay healthy,	a. plenty of water every day.
2. We shouldn't eat too much fatty	b. because the ozone layer is getting thinner.
3. Fresh vegetables and legumes are	c. we must change our eating habits.
4. Don't forget to drink	d. full of vitamins which protect our body.
	e. and sugary food like crisps and cakes.

1 + ... 2 + ... 3 + ... 4 + ...

III. Writing (6 marks)

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The streets and the green spaces of your town are full of rubbish, and many people do not seem to care.

Write a **10-line article** for your school magazine in which you describe the problem and suggest at least **three solutions** to keep your town clean.

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