

<p style="text-align: center;">Practice paper 2 · 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 New Start

1. When Youssef's father found a new job in Tunis, the family had to move from their small town in the south. Youssef was thirteen and he had never changed school before. In his old school, he knew every teacher and every pupil. On his first day at the new school, he felt lost. The building was huge and the corridors were full of noisy students who did not even notice him.

2. The first weeks were the most difficult. Some boys in his class laughed at his accent and taunted him during the breaks. "I stopped speaking in class because I was afraid of their jokes," Youssef remembers. His marks fell and he sometimes pretended to be ill so that he could stay at home. One day, his English teacher, Mrs Gharbi, noticed that he was sitting alone in the playground. After a long talk, she invited him to join the school drama club, which met every Wednesday afternoon.

3. At the end of the year, the club performed a play in front of the whole school. Youssef played a funny old shopkeeper from the south, and the audience laughed and clapped for a long time. The boys who had taunted him came to congratulate him, and some of them even joined the club the following year. "Today, I'm proud of my accent," he says. "Next year, I'm going to help new pupils who feel as lonely as I felt."

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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 boy who

- a. left school because of violence. ☐
- b. overcame his problems at a new school thanks to a club. ☐
- c. became a famous actor in Tunis. ☐

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

Statements	True	False
a. Youssef felt comfortable on his first day at the new school. (paragraph 1)		
b. A teacher encouraged Youssef to join a school activity. (paragraph 2)		

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

made fun of / laughed at in an unkind way:

Q4 · Reference**(1 mark)****What does the underlined word in the text refer to?**them (paragraph 3) refers to**Q5 · Personal justified answer****(1 mark)****Give a personal justified answer to the following question.**

Do you think that school clubs can help pupils who feel lonely? Why or why not?

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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.****going to / proud / rules / herself / unless / expect / must / grade**

Next September, Salma is (1) start secondary school. She is very independent: she has already bought her schoolbag and her books by (2) Her new school has strict (3) For example, pupils (4) wear a uniform, and they cannot leave the school (5) their parents sign a paper. Salma wants to get a good (6) in every subject this year.

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

I still remember my first teacher, Mr Hedi. He was the **(kindest / kinder / kind)** teacher in our school. One day, I **(forget / forgot / forgotten)** my pencil case at home, so he lent me **(him / his / he)** own pen. My **(friends' / friend / friends)** parents liked him too, because he

spoke to every child (**polite / politeness / politely**). In ten years' time, I (**become / became / will become**) a teacher like him.

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. The exams are coming soon,	a. which shows the subjects you will revise each day.
2. Pupils who sleep well	b. because a tired brain forgets easily.
3. You should make a timetable	c. as cheap as a school uniform.
4. Don't stay up late before a test	d. so it is time to start revising seriously.
	e. usually concentrate better in class.

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III. Writing (6 marks)

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Your school is organising an “Anti-Violence Week”. The school magazine asks pupils to give their opinion.

Write a **10-line article** in which you talk about the forms of violence at school and suggest at least **three ways** to stop it.

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