Practice paper 4 · 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: A Guesthouse in the Oasis

1. Ten years ago, Hedi Mansour was a taxi driver in Tozeur. Every day, he drove tourists from the airport to the big hotels and listened to their questions about the oasis, the desert and local life. “Most of them wanted to experience the real Tunisia, not just a swimming pool,” he remembers. So in 2017, he and his wife Zohra decided to turn their old family house into a small guesthouse.

2. Today, “Dar Zohra” has six rooms decorated with traditional carpets and palm wood. Guests eat home-made bread and dates from the family’s garden, and Zohra teaches them how to cook local dishes. The guesthouse has its own website, so visitors from Japan, Canada or Germany can book their rooms online. Hedi also takes them on camel rides at sunset and shows them the old part of the town.

3. The project has brought progress to the whole neighbourhood. Hedi has employed four young people from the area, and local craftsmen sell their baskets and pottery to the guests. “Tourism is not only about big hotels,” Zohra says. “When visitors stay with families, they understand our culture better, and the money stays in the region.” Last year, the couple received a national prize for responsible tourism, and they are now planning to open a second house in Nefta.

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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 couple who

a. work as guides in a big hotel in Tozeur. ☐

b. opened a traditional guesthouse for tourists. ☐

c. sell carpets and pottery online. ☐

Q2 · True or false (2 marks)

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

Statements	True	False
a. Hedi used to drive tourists before he opened the guesthouse. **(paragraph 1)**		
b. Visitors can only book their rooms by phone. **(paragraph 2)**		

Q3 · Pick out a word (1 mark)

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

people who make useful or beautiful things by hand: .....

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.

On holiday, would you prefer to stay in a big hotel or in a guesthouse like Dar Zohra? Why?

I would prefer ..... 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.

boarding pass / customs / Could / aisle / flight / railway / fasten / mind

Amel is flying to London for the first time. At the check-in desk, the employee says: "(1) ..... I see your passport, please?" Then he gives her a (2) ..... and tells her that her (3) ..... leaves at 10:30. Amel asks him: "Would you (4) ..... giving me a seat near the window? I don't like (5) ..... seats." On the plane, a flight attendant asks the passengers to (6) ..... their seat belts because the plane is ready to leave.

Language 2 · Circle the right option (3 marks)

Circle the right option.

In recent years, online shopping **(has become / become / becoming)** very popular in Tunisia. Many people buy clothes and books from websites **(who / which / whom)** deliver goods to their homes. It is a **(convenience / convenient / conveniently)** way of shopping,

(but / so / because) it can also be risky. Hackers **(can / must / should)** steal your bank details if a website is not secure. So, before you order anything, always **(check / checks / checked)** that the website is safe.

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 you take the metro,	a. but it is slower and often crowded.
2. If it rains tomorrow,	b. if you leave home ten minutes earlier.
3. The bus is cheaper than a taxi,	c. which took off three hours ago.
4. You won't miss the train	d. you will avoid the traffic jams.
	e. we will stay at home and play board games.

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

III. Writing (6 marks)

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Your English e-friend Emma is going to visit your town with her parents next summer. She has asked you for information.

Write a **10-line email** to Emma in which you tell her about the **means of transport**, the **places to visit** and the **local food**, and give her some useful advice.

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