| Practice paper 6 · English<br>Modelled on the Examen du Diplôme de Fin de l'Enseignement de Base Technique · 1 hour · /20 | Scolaire.tn<br>Practice paper written by Scolaire.tn (not an official paper) |
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| Subject: **English** Time: **1 hour** Coefficient: **1** | |

## The text: A Teenager Who Gives a Hand

**1.** "Two winters ago, I was walking home from school when I saw an old man who was sleeping in the street near the bus station," says Mariem Khemiri, a sixteen-year-old girl from Sfax. "It was raining and he didn't have a coat. I couldn't stop thinking about him." The next day, she joined a local charity which helps homeless and needy people.

**2.** Every Saturday, Mariem and about twenty other volunteers collect clothes, blankets and food from shops and families. They sort the donations and take them to people who live alone or cannot afford basic things. During Ramadan, the group also prepares hot meals for students and workers who are far from their families. Last winter, they gave more than three hundred blankets to families in the poorest neighbourhoods of the city. "We don't have much money, but we have time and energy," Mariem explains.

**3.** Volunteering has changed Mariem's life. She has become more patient and more confident, and she has learnt to work in a team. In 2025, she created a homework club for children from poor families, where older pupils help younger ones in maths and French. "Helping others is the best way to help yourself," she says. "I hope that more teenagers will join us."

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## I. Reading comprehension (8 marks)

Q1 · Tick the most appropriate option (1 mark)

**Tick (✓) the right option.**

A suitable title for the text can be:

a. A Rich Girl from Sfax ☐

b. A Teenager Who Gives a Hand ☐

c. Life in a Bus Station ☐

Q2 · True or false (2 marks)

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

| Statements | True | False |
|---|---|---|
| a. Mariem saw the old man on her way to school. **(paragraph 1)** | | |
| b. The volunteers get donations from shops and families. **(paragraph 2)** | | |

Q3 · Complete the table (3 marks)

**Focus on paragraphs 1 and 3 and fill in the table with the right information.**

| Time | Events |
|---|---|
| a. Two winters ago | ..... |
| b. ..... | Mariem joined a local charity. |
| c. ..... | Mariem created a homework club for children from poor families. |

Q4 · What does the sentence express? (1 mark)

**What does the following sentence in paragraph 1 express? Tick the right box.**

"I couldn't stop thinking about him." expresses:

a. an obligation ☐

b. an inability ☐

c. a suggestion ☐

Q5 · Pick out a word (1 mark)

**Pick out a word from paragraph 1 which means nearly the same as:**

very poor, in need of help: .....

## II. Language (7,0 marks)

Language 1 · Fill in the blanks with five words from the box (2,5 marks)

**Fill in the blanks with five (5) words from the box.**

| **volunteers / opportunity / income / disabled / cruel / mission / donate** |
|---|

The Hope Association was created in Bizerte in 2015. Its (1) ..... is to help families with a low (2) ..... . Every year, more than a hundred (3) ..... give their free time to the association. People can (4) ..... money, clothes or school things. The association also organises sports activities for (5) ..... children who use wheelchairs.

Language 2 · Circle the right option (2,5 marks)

**Circle the right option.**

Yesterday, while I **(was waiting / wait / am waiting)** for the bus, I saw a boy who was laughing at a foreign student because of her accent. Today, I **(think / thinking / to think)** that we should all respect people who are different from us. In my opinion, tolerance is the **(more important / most important / importantest)** value in a peaceful society. That is why I went to the boy and spoke to him **(calm / calmly / calmness)**. I hope that one day everyone **(will learn / learning / learnt)** to live together in peace.

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. Kids can volunteer in many ways, | a. to trust and respect your peers. |
| 2. To get started, | b. a group of children came to give us a hand. |
| 3. Working in a team teaches you | c. who were sleeping in the street. |
| 4. While we were cleaning the park, | d. like reading stories to old people. |
| | e. you only need to join a local club. |

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

## III. Writing (5 marks)

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Your school is creating a volunteering club, but only a few pupils have joined it.

Write an **eight-line paragraph** for your school magazine to encourage your schoolmates to join the club. Say what the members can do and why volunteering is important.

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