

I. READING COMPREHENSION 6 marks

Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1- When Chelsea Wicking lost her mum and her sister in a car accident, her life was turned upside down. She had to care for her youngest sister Rhiannon, then 12. "The early years were hard on all of us," she admits. "We were still in shock and suddenly I had to become mum to my sister."
- 2- Chelsea, now 25, has been bringing up Rhiannon for five years. "There were times I didn't know what to do to cope with Rhiannon's needs. It was very frightening. We were both strong-willed", says Chelsea, "but I had to write the rules and Rhiannon found that difficult, which caused frequent quarrels."
- 3- "After the first few weeks, Rhiannon decided not to go back to school. So my first hurdle was getting her back into the classroom. Finally, after two months, she went back to school and that was a big relief."
- 4- Rhiannon achieved high enough grades to study at college. "I was so proud the day she finished her studies," says Chelsea. "I felt proud of myself, too. I wished mum was around."
- 5- After college, Rhiannon, now 19, had a job and moved into her own flat. "She's an adult now and it's important that she relies on herself."

*Adapted from the Mirror
October 28, 2010.*

REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE
MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION

Examen du Diplôme de Fin de l'Enseignement de Base Général
•Session 2011•

Epreuve : ANGLAIS

Durée : 1 HEURE

Coefficient : 1

Comprehension Questions:

1. Tick (✓) the right alternative. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about:

- a. two sisters who hated each other.
- b. two sisters who took care of each other.
- c. a girl who looked after her younger sister.

2. Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the proper box. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

Statements	True	False
a) Chelsea and Rhiannon never argued.		
b) Rhiannon didn't do well at school.		
c) Rhiannon leads an independent life now.		

3. Tick the right option. (1 mark)

hurdle (paragraph 3) means nearly the same as:

- a. respect
- b. difficulty
- c. success

4. Circle the adjective that best describes Chelsea. (1 mark)

supportive – discouraging – dependent – selfish.

II. LANGUAGE 8 marks

1. Complete the following paragraph with six words from the box. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

longer – those – underground – who – drive – easily – faster - ride

Every time you leave your car at home you reduce air pollution, improve your health and save money. Walk or (a)..... a bicycle for short trips, or take public transport for (b)..... ones. In thirty minutes, most people can (c)..... walk long distances and can cover even more ground on a bicycle, bus, train or the (d)..... . Research has shown that people (e)..... use public transport are healthier than (f)..... who do not. Families can save enough money annually to cover their food costs for the year.

2. Match the sentence parts in Column A with those in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in Column B. The parts in Column A are in the correct order. Write your answers in the space provided. (0,5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Column A		Column B	
① Linda spends all her time at a club taking		Ⓐ for two years.	
② She has volunteered at the club		Ⓑ not showing any interest at all.	
③ She helps to organize social events and		Ⓒ care of elderly and disabled people.	
④ They can now use their own		Ⓓ wheelchairs or walking sticks.	
		Ⓔ provide the disabled with free equipment.	
1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +

3. Circle the right option. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

In my free time, I really like surfing the Internet. When I get home from work, I usually (checked – check – checking) my e-mail first. I sometimes scan the local news headlines at my favourite news website. This website often (contaminates – reduces – provides) video news clips that you can view on-line. I sometimes order products or (service – organisation – orphanage) on-line to save time and money instead (in – on – of) going to a store and buying what I'm looking for. Using the Internet can be (funnier – fun – funniest) and a convenient way of shopping and finding out information, but you just need to be (careful – carefully – care).

