

REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE MINISTERE DE L'EDUCATION ET DE LA FORMATION EXAMEN DU BACCALAUREAT SESSION DE JUIN 2008		NOUVEAU REGIME	
		SESSION PRINCIPALE	
SECTION :	L E T T R E S		
EPREUVE :	ANGLAIS	DUREE : 2 h	COEFFICIENT : 2

I - READING COMPREHENSION (15 marks)

1. Anna Sheppard can't stop a proud smile creeping across her face. After seven months of dedication, her efforts have paid off. Mary, 10, the little girl Anna has been mentoring, has just received glowing praise from her school. It is a testament to the success both of Anna and the mentoring programme organised by Chance UK. Established 11 years ago, the organisation has transformed the lives of vulnerable or disruptive children ever since. "They pair a volunteer like me with a child who's having trouble at home or school," explains Anna.

"Then, for a year, you meet for a few hours to go swimming or have days out."

2. The main focus of the programme is having fun, rather than doing homework. Chance wants to let children escape their routine to see beyond their usual boundaries. "I approached it wanting to share my world with Mary. I'm into art and visiting places, so I wanted her to realise what else was out there, too," says Anna, who is an archivist for an art college. "Instead of sitting around bored and getting into trouble, I've tried to show her other things to do."

3. They've come a long way since their first meeting in wintry London Park last November. Mary was wary," remembers Anna. "It's not surprising. I was a stranger, and she had just joined her foster family." And it wasn't only Mary finding her way; although Anna, who has no children of her own, was committed to mentoring, she was unsure what the programme would bring. "I was positive about the difference it made, but even so, I worried. It meant giving up every Saturday for a year." But after a few tentative meetings, their Saturday afternoon slot became a date she looked forward to. "I'm really glad I met Anna," says Mary.

4. But this November, when the year of mentoring is up, Anna and Mary will part company. It's policy that mentoring only lasts 12 months, before the child becomes attached or dependent. "I'll miss Mary. I never realised I'd feel so proud of her now. I began the programme wanting to teach Mary new things. But seeing how positive she's become and how well she's adapted, I think it's been her teaching me," says Anna.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1) Read the text and tick the correct alternative. (2 marks)

a – The text is : descriptive argumentative expository

b – The text is mainly about :

school life supporting children in need providing food and shelter for orphans.

2) Complete the table with information about the organisation. (5 marks)

Name	Objectives of the programme	Duration of the programme	Children who benefit from the programme
Chance UK	a – b –	c –	d – e –

3) Correct the following false statements with details from the text. (3 marks)

a – Mary lives with her real parents. (paragraph 3)

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b – Anna works full-time with the organisation. (paragraph 2)

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c – Mary and Anna meet daily. (paragraph 3)

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4) What does the underlined word in paragraph 3 refer to ? (1 mark)

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5) Find in the text words that approximately mean (3 marks)

a – rewarding (paragraph 1) :

b – prudent (paragraph 3) :

c – separate (paragraph 4) :

6) What would happen if the mentoring period were longer ? (1 mark)

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II – WRITING (15 marks)

1) Guided writing (5 marks)

Use the notes below to complete this section of an advertisement about a successful school : dynamic staff / professional teachers / technology / modern approach.

A GREAT SCHOOL. A GREAT PLACE TO SUCCEED.

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2) Free writing (10 marks)

Your teacher asked you to collect information about famous philosophers, writers and scientists who have contributed to universal culture. Write a 12-line report about some of those people.

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III – LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box. (3.5 marks)

highly – issue – from – educational – use – referred – for – raise – while

Perhaps the oldest question in economics is why some countries are rich while others are poor. Economic theory has emphasized that differences in the (a) levels of the population are an important part of the answer and that improved schooling opportunities should (b) incomes in developing countries. Yet, (c)..... there is little doubt that (d) educated workers in many developing countries are scarce, it is also true that many scientists, engineers, physicians and other professionals (e)..... developing countries work in industrialised countries. This phenomenon, often (f)..... to as the "brain drain", was noticed as early as the 1960's and has been a contentious (g)..... in the North-South debate ever since.

2) Supply the correct tense or form of the bracketed words. (3.5 marks)

Teachers are always saying pupils would do better in their schoolwork if they spent less time playing games. Now, one headmaster has proved it by (go) (a) to the homes of errant pupils and confiscating their electronic (equip) (b) "We go round and seize the devices until we've seen a (definitely) (c)..... improvement in the child," the headmaster (to say) (d) yesterday. He gets the parents' (to permit) (e)..... before (to make) (f)..... his surprise doorstep visits. He admitted some pupils were a little unhappy to see their (to possess) (g) disappearing out of the door.

3) Circle the correct alternative. (3 marks)

In most parts of the world, the conventional way of finding the best restaurant in town might be to consult food magazines or your friends. In South Korea, millions of people visit Naver, the country's (big / bigger / biggest) web portal, instead. Naver has developed a search engine that is designed (to answer / answered / answering) any question no matter how personal or trivial. The expertise comes from Naver's 28 million (employees / users / researchers). Since 2002, when the portal launched its knowledge – search service, it has collected a (book / database / website) of 70 million questions and answers, which it draws upon (whenever / whatever / wherever) a new query comes along. The early start has allowed Naver (grab / to grab / grabbing) 75 % of South Korea's portal market.