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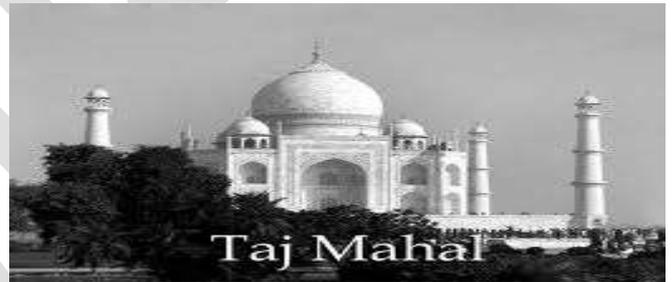
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**Reading Comprehension: 15 marks**

1 Tick (✓) the sentence that best states the main idea of the text: (1 mark)

- In this text Monica is ♣recounting her holidaying experiences.
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2 Correct the following false statements with details from the text: (4 marks)

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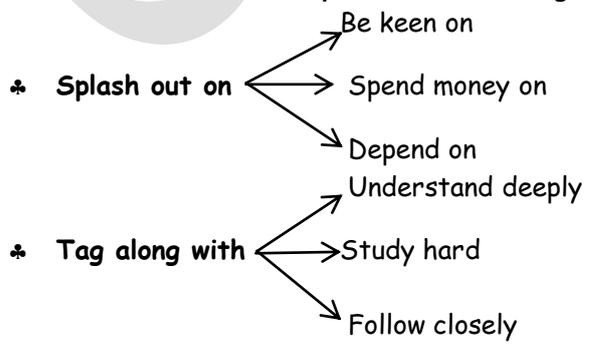
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Language: 10 marks



Put the bracketed words in the right tense and/or form: 4 marks

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Fill in the blanks with words from the list below, be careful there are two extra words: 4 marks

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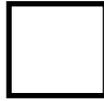
Match the sentence parts from "A" with those from "B" to get a coherent paragraph. Write your answers in the space provided: 3 marks

A	B
1- Celine Dion is the singer	a- Her parents' restaurant
2- Because she sang the theme	b- That Celine eventually married
3- Celine was born	c- Is famous all round the world
4- She sang for the first time in	d- On the 30 <sup>th</sup> of March
5- Rene Angelil was the man	e- To the film Titanic
6- Her song for the film Beauty and the Beast	f- Received an Academy award and a Grammy award

1	2	3	4	5	6



Writing: 15 marks:



1- Guided writing: Develop the following notes into full sentences to get a coherent paragraph about El Kef area: 5 marks

- El Kef / situate/ northwest /Tunisia
- First / know/ Sicca
- El Kef/ home /to / number /edifices / important buildings
- Museum/ popular arts and traditions/ retrace/social and cultural habit/region
- The city/ host / number of festival/ BouMakhlouf Festival/ Mayou Festival/ The Saliha Festival




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Adherence to content: 2 →  
 Language/ grammar : 2 →  
 Writing mechanics :1 →

2- Free Writing: 10 marks

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is one of the newest trends in tourism. What do you think of Write a 12 line argumentative essay in which you show your attitude, and support recommended. The use of linkers is highly



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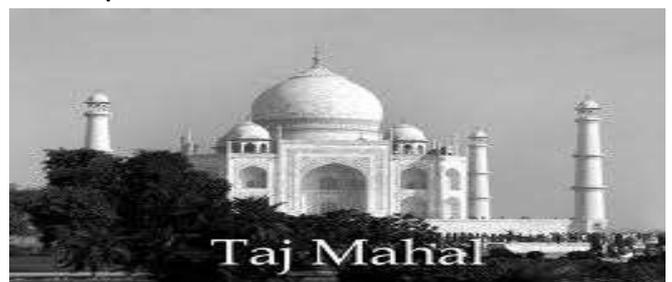
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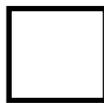
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Writing: 12 marks:



1- Guided writing: Complete the following conversation with the appropriate utterances to make it coherent: 4 marks

- Peter: Do you want to see the pictures of my holiday in Italy?
- Jane: Certainly. \_\_\_\_\_?
- Peter: Ah! The holiday was great! The food was great! But the traffic was terrible.
- Jane: \_\_\_\_\_?
- Peter: Those Italians are crazy drivers.
- Jane: Did you visit the leaning tower of Pisa?
- Peter: \_\_\_\_\_. We even climbed to the top.
- Jane: Incredible! That's a photo of the Arno River in Florence.
- Peter: \_\_\_\_\_. It is the Arno River, and these are some beautiful old medieval buildings.

2- Free Writing: 8 marks

You read an ad about a package holiday organized by Omega Tours, a Tunisian travel agency. You would like to travel to Paris and want further information about the holiday before taking a decision. Write a letter to the agency asking for clarifications.



Adherence to content: 3 →

Language/ grammar : 3 →

Writing mechanics :2 →

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