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Read the text and answer the questions: (6marks)

The text

(1) The United Kingdom's government is thinking about banning all food and drink on public transport. The UK's plan to ban people eating and drinking on trains and buses is not popular with people. They say the government should not control whether or not people can eat and drink on public transport. Many people said the plan was another example of the UK becoming a "nanny state". This is a country that wants to control everything people can and cannot do.

(2) The UK's Chief Medical Officer, professor Sally Davies, said the plan was necessary to help reduce obesity. She said it was part of a plan to halve obesity in children by 2030 and to help people make healthier lifestyle choices.

(3) Professor Davies reported that there are twice as many overweight schoolchildren today as there were 30 years ago. She said: "Today's children are drowning in a flood of unhealthy food and drink options." She said this is made worse because of "insufficient opportunities for being active". She said children do not get enough exercise.

(4) Many travellers are angry about the plan . A nurse, Nicky Paxton, said the transport ban would make her life worse. She said: "I often work 12 hours without a break and I need a sandwich on the train on my way home from work."

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- To halve:(v) reduce something by half
- To ban:(v) to refuse to allow

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Comprehension Questions (6marks)



1/ Tick (✓) the most appropriate option . (1mark)

the text is mainly about:

a- Reducing obesity among school children

b- Prohibiting food and drinks on public transport

b- Encouraging youngsters to have a healthier diet

2/ Say Yes or No, then justify your answer with a detail from paragraph 1 . (2marks)

Do British people approve of the Uk government's possible ban?

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3/ Answer the following question with reference to paragraph 3 . (1mark)

why is the number of obese kids rising significantly ?

4/ Find in paragraph 3 a word meaning nearly the same as : (1mark)

- Not enough in amount or quality, less than needed= -----

5/ Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1mark)

As a Tunisian citizen, do you think that banning food on public transport could be beneficial?
Why? Why not?



// LANGUAGE: (8 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with six (6) words from the list below : (0.5 , 6 = 3 marks)

which / reach / variety / board / heavy / by / efficiently / flying

Air-travel is the most modern form of public transport and it was developed in the 20th century. Millions of people use airplanes for a **(1)** ----- of reasons. Some travel for business, others go on holiday **(2)** ----- air and others use cargo planes to move their products from country to country very quickly. Some courier companies now have their own fleet of planes ready to carry parcels and post more **(3)** ----- . There are different types of passenger services – some are cheap and provide a 'no-frills' service **(4)** ----- is good for short journeys. Other airlines provide passengers with a luxurious **(5)** ----- experience. Airports are getting busier and it is evident that more passengers and businesses than ever are using airplanes to **(6)** ----- their destinations.

2. Supply the right tense/form of the bracketed words. (0.5 , 5 = 2.5 marks)

Gordon wanted to buy his wife a nice gift for her birthday but he couldn't find anything he liked in the shops in his town. **(1-luck)** ----- last Friday, the company he works for sent him to London for business. It was a great opportunity for him **(2-do)** ----- some shopping, too. His meeting finished early and Gordon was excited about shopping trip. However, finding a **(3-park)** -----space for his car was a complete nightmare; and after an hour of searching his attitude changed. Besides, it was a hot day and the air-conditioning in his car **(4- not/work)** ----- . After another hour of searching, he lost his enthusiasm completely. When he finally found a car park, it was too late; all the shops were closing. So, Gordon **(5-drive)** ----- home and got his wife some flowers from the local shop.

3. Circle the right option. (0.5 , 5 = 2.5 marks)

For most British children, Easter means chocolate Easter eggs. The shops are full of bright Easter displays decorated with chicks, rabbits and flowers, all with the objective of **(1-selling/buying/painting)** chocolate eggs in huge numbers. And it works! the eggs are sold in cardboard boxes and sometimes there's more packaging than chocolate! Also, some people believe that too much chocolate **(2- is / was / will be)** eaten and most doctors and dentists would advise people to eat Easter eggs in moderation. In the UK, chocolate is definitely the most **(3-crucial/popular/comfortable)** way to enjoy eggs at Easter. **(4- But/Thus/Then)** there are some less sugary traditions, too. Chickens' eggs are painted and decorated to give as presents, and eggs are also hidden for children to find as part of an 'egg hunt'. Some places even hold competitions to see **(5-whose/who/which)** can roll an egg down a hill without breaking it.



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III- Writing (6 marks)

You have recently noticed that the majority of your classmates and school staff often commute to school by car .

Being alarmed , you have decided to write a **12- line article** to be posted to your school Facebook group .Draw their attention to the **disadvantages of using the car** and **convince** them of the **benefits of public transportation** .

Write your article in the space provided.

a/ Adherence to task and content adequacy.	___ /2 marks
b/Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy.	___ /2 marks
c/Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling).	___ /2 marks

