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8^{ème} année de base

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Le sujet comporte 3 pages

Reading Comprehension. (8 marks)

The Text:



① For many people, Christmas means eating a lot and spending time with family and visiting relatives and friends. For children it often means getting many presents.

② In the past, people had winter festivals when days were short and the nights were very long .They believe that their ceremonies would make the Sun's power return. The Romans decorated their homes with green plants in December to request their God to return the following spring.

③ It is very common to send Christmas cards to friends, family members, colleagues and neighbours before December 25th or Christmas Day. People then help poor people and give money to charities. Every year children tell Father Christmas exactly what presents they would like to receive. Snow at Christmas is present all the time. You often see it on Christmas cards.

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A- Comprehension questions.

1- Are the statements True or False? Tick ✓ the right box. (3 marks)

Statement	True	False
People celebrate Christmas in summer		
It sometimes snows at Christmas.		
During Christmas, people visit friends only.		

2– Answer this question. (1 mark)

Why do the Romans decorate their houses in winter?

3 – Fill in the blanks with 2 words from the list. (2 marks)

presents / excited / sad

Every year, Christmas is an occasion that makes children feel because they receive many and visit Father Christmas.

4 - What does the underlined word in the text refer to? (1 mark)

it (paragraph1) refers to

5 - Find in the text a word that means: (1 mark)

think (paragraph 2)

B – Language: (8 marks)

1- Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the list in the box. (3 marks)

between / also / in / city / a / important / is / from

London is the capital of England and the capital of Great Britain. It is one of the greatest cities in the world. It iscenter of learning and culture. It is anbusiness center. London has four areas. The citythe oldest part of London. It stretchesFleet Street to the Tower Bridge. Many business buildings are in the Several important buildings arethere. London is very beautiful. .

2- Match the sentence parts in A with those in B to get a coherent dialogue between John and Monica .There is an extra-part in B. (2 marks)

A (John speaking)	B (Monica speaking)
<p>1) Hello Monica!</p> <p>2) Sorry, I didn't call you before you left to Italy. Well, how was it?</p> <p>3) And Florence? What do you think of Florence?</p> <p>4) Let me help you in carrying your suitcase. Oh! It is very heavy. What's in?</p>	<p>a) Wonderful! Milan is beautiful.</p> <p>b) Hi John! Nice to see you again.</p> <p>c) Just 20 pairs of shoes!</p> <p>d) They cost \$ 200. .</p> <p>e) Well, I think Florence is less beautiful than Milan.</p>

Answers:

1...+	2- +.....	3 +.....	4-...+.....
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3- Circle the correct alternative.(2 marks)

My brothers always want to do something special in my mother’s birthday. Mum likes flowers. My brother Tom **(has / to have / have)** an idea. He thinks that Mum would like some sweets and cakes. My sister Linda said “Let’s make her something that will last **(at / for / in)** a long time .She ran out to her room and came out with crayons ,papers ,ribbons, glue and scissors .Now they are **(cut / cutting / to cut)** and pasting, colouring and tying ribbons . When they finish, they will get a beautiful poster with **(colour / colourful /colouring)** flowers. They want to show how much they love their Mum.

C- Writing: (5 marks)

You want to make new friends from all over the world so you decide to write a letter to an international magazine to

- introduce yourself and your family: name, age, occupation...
- give information about your school
- talk about your personal hobbies: playing football/ cycling...
- Describe the weather and the people in Tunisia (hot and sunny weather/friendly people)

Dear readers.

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