Groupe scolaire

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**English Exam N°2**
**Duration: 2 hours**

**Level: 2nd Year Baccalaureate**
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**Class: …………………………..**

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1- For years ,Environmentalists have bleated on about imminent food shortages, spreading pollution, accelerating climate change and the early exhaustion of the world's oil and other minerals . **Their** forecasts have seldom come true. Yet, they have overlooked the most essential substance of all: water. Now, however, there are dire predictions of water shortages in many countries, and even claims that wars of the future will be fought over water, not oil.

2-In the years to come, water will rise further up the world's agenda .Accordingly, there will be more conferences to succeed the Johannesburg earth summit in 2014 and the Kyoto world water forum held in Japan. Governments will come to realize how hard it is to meet one of the main goals they set in Johannesburg: to cut by half ,by 2020, the number of people without clean water and adequate sanitation. A billion lack the first, and nearly 2.4 billion the second. A panel at the Kyoto forum reckoned that it could cost an extra $100 billion a year to meet the Johannesburg goals.

3-In fact, it could be done for a lot less: perhaps no more than $25 billion. But far more important, the real problem is neither a lack of money nor even a scarcity of water-there is plenty of both. The two main reasons why so many people in poor countries do not have clean water are: first , most of **it** is wasted in subsidised irrigation by farmers, who use over 70% of all water in developing countries.The second reason is that water utilities tend to be inefficient ,and they charge too little.

4-The chronic underpricing of water does not help the poor, as one might perhaps hope. Rather , the beneficiaries are the middle classes. Rich rural farmers can afford to pump out free ground water or to lobby for big dams that will bring irrigation benefits. Rich households have access to piped water from municipal utilities. The poorest have to pay door-to-door water vendors.

5-The solution to raising water prices, politically controversial as it is, does not have to hit the poor either. Chile and South Africa have both raised water prices substantially. They have acted to protect the poorest. In Chile they are given special water stamps to help them pay their utility bills.In South Africa the first 25 litres a day are given free, but the rest is charged at full cost. Both countries are entering this new decade well on the way to achieving universal coverage.

## I-Comprehsension (15pts)

### Base your answers on the text

**A - Tick one of the three explanations suggested below: (2pts)**

1-In which section of a newspaper or magazine would this passage appear?

a-Financial News. b-Literature and Art. c-Our Environment

2-While reading the text ,we feel that the writer is :

a-very optimistic about the future. b-worried about the future.

c-indifferent to the problem of water.

**B-Answer these questions : (3pts)**

1- Why do some people believe that future wars will be over water?
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2- How do rich people benefit from cheaper water prices?
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**C-Are these statements true or false?Justify: (3pts)**

1-Environmentalists 'first worry is not water.

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2-In 2020,everybody in the world will have clean water.

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3-Not all governments agree on putting up water prices.

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**D-Complete these sentences with information from the text: (3pts)**

1-The main reason why there will be more conferences in the future is……………………………….

2-Chile and South Africa raised water prices for the purpose of ……………………………………………..

**E-Find in the text words which mean the same as: (2pts)**

1-failed to see(paragraph1)…………………………………2-good enough(paragraph2)……………………

**F-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2pts)**

1-their(paragraph 1)………………………………………2-it(paragraph3)…………………………..

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## II-LANGUAGE (15 pts)

### A-Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list . (3 pts)

**stereotyped ,culture shock , citizenship ,segregation,cultural heritage, emancipated.**

1-My old brother underwent……………………………..when he first went to the U.K.to complete his studies .

2-People from Marrakech are ……………………………….as the jokers of Morocco.

3-Mass media play a vital role in fostering……………………….amongst young people.

### B-Put the words between brackets in the right form. (3 pts)

1-What I like about our teacher is his (encourage)…………………attitude.He always gives us support and confidence.

2-Young people are said to lack (wise)…………………………….

3-The prime minister's (confident)…………… ……..visit to France was leaked to the press yesterday.

### C-Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given. (4 pts)

1-My mother does not earn much, but she loves her job nevertheless.

Though my mother……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2-Leila was an inefficient secretary.That's why ,she was not promoted.

As……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

3- To date,Hassan 2 Foundation has funded numerous social projects in Morocco.

Several social projects……………………………………………………………………………………………….

4-It was not necessary for Ahmed to wear formal clothes.The party he went to was informal.

Ahmed needn't…………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

### D-Fill in the blanks with the right form of the phrasal verbs from the list. (3pts)

**bring about, figure out, break out ,make up,break into**

1-Brahim ……………………..a story so as to justify his absence from school.

2-Poverty is believed to ……………………..crimes.

3-World War II ……………………………….in 1939.

### E-Write appropriate responses to the following situations . (2pts)

1-(Your cousin is thinking of quitting his well paid job to immigrate to Canada)

You: (Offer advice)……………………………………………………………………………………………………….

2-(One of your neighbour's children has damaged your tablet.)

You:( Complain)………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

## III-WRITING (10pts)

Write a letter to your pen pal to tell him/her about an event we celebrate in Morocco (Eid Al fitr, Eid Al Adha, Achoura ,etc)
(approximately 250 words)

March 31st ,2016

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My best wishes