

## End-of-term test N°1

### I/ Reading Comprehension: (6marks)

**Read the text below and answer the questions**

Sixteen-year-old Melissa arrives at “boot camp”, but she doesn’t want to be here. Boot camp is not for holidays. Teenagers come to stay here when they have got problems. And Melissa has got serious problems. She doesn’t do any work at school. She just wants to go out with her friends all night. She’s very difficult at home, too. She argues with her mum all the time and shouts at her. Her mother can’t help her but she hopes that boot camp can help her improve her behaviour and become a better person.

Boot camp is a difficult place to be. There are lots of rules. This boot camp is in the middle of the Arizona desert. It’s a ranch, and there are lots of animals. The young people have to get up early every morning. They have to help on the ranch for two hours. Then, they have a good breakfast. At least the food here is nice. After breakfast, they usually do their schoolwork until lunchtime. After lunch, they have to do more work on the ranch. In the evenings, they do their homework and write letters home. It’s boring and hard work at boot camp. Melissa hates everything and is rude and difficult.

But every afternoon, after the farm work, they learn to ride a horse. At first, Melissa is scared, but later, she begins to enjoy it. After two months, Melissa feels happier. She loves her horse and her schoolwork is much better. She thinks about her mum a lot, and feels sorry for being so horrible to her. She wants to go home and go back to school. For Melissa and hundreds of teenagers like her, boot camp works.



**1/ Fill in the table with the appropriate information from the text: (2marks)**

Place	Location (where)	Purpose (why)
Boot camp	.....	.....

**2/ Give a justified answer to the following question: (1mark)**

Did Melissa get on well with her mother?

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**3/ Answer the following questions: (2 marks)**

How long did Melissa stay in the camp?

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What is “boot camp” like?

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**4/ Do you think we should have boot camps for badly-behaved teenagers in Tunisia? Why? (1mark)**

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**II/ Language: (8marks)**

**1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box: (3marks)**

memories / worst / mine/university / memorable / failed / worse / while / besides

**Good News -Bad News**

One of the best days of my life was the day when one of my professors called to say that the Sorbonne<sup>1</sup>-----in Paris accepted me to study there for a year. Just before the call, a friend of <sup>2</sup>-----came into my room, threw herself into a chair and burst into tears because she <sup>3</sup>-----her exams. At that very moment, the phone rang. So, there I was listening to the best news of my life,<sup>4</sup>-----my friend was crying over the <sup>5</sup>-----news in hers.

My professor said, “What’s the matter? Aren’t you excited?” I said, “Yes, I am, but I’ll tell you about it later.” I did my best to comfort my friend and by the time she left she felt much better. I went to France and had a wonderful year. When I came back I ran into my friend and found out she was having a good year at school. We laughed together over that famous <sup>6</sup>-----day in my room, possibly the best and the worst day of our lives.

## 2) Circle the correct option: (3marks)

Dear Rob,

How are you? Sorry, I haven't written to for ages. Next week, I'll sit **(in / for/ at)** a Maths exam. You know what it is like.

Guess what? I'm in hospital! Don't panic. I'm not seriously hit. I **(slipped/ bite/ burned)** over when I was mopping the floor and broke my arm.

Anyway, I'm only in for a day or two. Luckily, my **(robbery/ injury/ safety)** won't stop me singing in the show. The family are all fine. Mum is usually **(tiring/ interested/ exhausted)** as she doesn't get home till late. Chris has got a new computer and spends most of his time playing computer games. That's why, his **(gadgets / grades/ stationeries)** got worse. Mum is as worried **(then / than/ as)** my father. That's all for now. I'd better go.

Emily

3) put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form: (2marks)**Bethany, the surfer who lost an arm**

Bethany Hamilton was the best girl surfer of her age when she lost an arm in a shark attack. She was only 13 years old and was surfing in Hawaii when a tiger shark **(attack)** -----her and tore off her left arm. It happened so fast that she didn't scream.

But Bethany was determined to get back on a surfboard as soon as possible. She began **(practise)**----- her surfing exercises on the beach as soon as she left hospital. Everyone was amazed to see her surfing so soon after her **(danger)** ----- accident.

"The first time I went into water I was so happy I cried," she said "It was easier than I thought. But obviously it's much **(difficult)**-----than with both arms. Bethany wrote a book about her experience which was made into a movie. "I always dream of the ocean," She says, "when you surf a wave, it's like walking on water, when you are in the air, it's like flying."

**III/ Writing: (6marks)**

**A worried mother posted the following e-mail on her blog**

Hello !

I'm really worried about my son Bob. He is stubborn and never follows the rules we have set down. Recently, his school results got worse and worse. We tried to talk to him but he refuses to listen and shouts at us. Can you help?

E -mail her back to give her pieces of advice to improve her relationship with her son.

Hello worried mother,

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