

## I. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (10 pts.)

### A) Choose the correct letter a, b, or c to complete the sentences (1x10=10 pts.)

1. Moussa.....when his friends arrived.  
a) studying                      b) is studying                      c) was studying
2. He ..... the money as soon as he receives it.  
a) is spending                      b) will spend                      c) spend
3. My mother ..... very good meals every day.  
a) is cooking                      b) cooks                      c) has cooked
4. Ali is ..... his older brother.  
a) taller than                      b) so tall than                      c) more tall than
5. Would you like .....water to drink?  
a) some                      b) a few                      c) fewer
6. I ..... with my friends in a restaurant three days ago.  
a) eat                      b) have eaten                      c) ate
7. Parents should not let their small children ..... to the market alone.  
a) going                      b) go                      c) are going
8. I ..... in this office for more than three years.  
a) work                      b) am working                      c) have worked
9. You did not pass your exam last year, .....you?  
a) didn't                      b) did                      c) weren't
10. The man is ..... tall that he can touch the ceiling.  
a) as                      b) so                      c) more

## II. READING (5 pts.)

### Read the following text and answer the following questions

#### Driver's licence test in Egypt

It was examination time at the traffic department office in Cairo. License applicants waited nervously to demonstrate their proficiency by driving forward, then backing up and parking alongside a white line.

As spectators watched, a middle-aged woman parked her car cautiously ahead. Not knowing how to shift the gear to reverse, she had hired a small boy to push her car backward. The police inspector advised her to return after a week and try again.

A confident young man suddenly came to a stop, pushed his vehicle backward in a cloud of dust, and parked perpendicular to the white line. He failed too.

The only obligation for an Egyptian driver's license used to be knowing how to put the car in gear. A resident who took his test several years ago remembered taking a group of friends with him to the driver's licence office and they were also given licences by the friendly inspectors.

Standards are harder now. In the traffic office of central Cairo, applicants must perform a series of turns. Until recently, they had to back up between two plastic traffic cones. Apparently because cones are rare now, this was changed to the painted white lines.

Future divers must also present doctors' certificates attesting to their good health and vision, though the applicants have been known to have other people do these papers for them. Finally, divers must also identify traffic symbols from a plastic-laminated diagram.

However, future drivers are not tested on how to behave on the road, and there is little discouragement to irresponsible driving, poor discipline and ineffectual law enforcement, which contribute to some notorious traffic jams.

**A. Write True or False for each sentence about the text (0.5x5=2.5pts)**

- 1) It is harder now than it used to be to get a driver's license in Cairo.
- 2) One woman hired a small boy to take the test for her.
- 3) Parking the car used to be the only thing you had to do to pass the driving test.
- 4) Several years ago, a Cairo resident brought many of his friends to take the driving test and they all passed.
- 5) The driver's test is harder but traffic in Cairo is still very bad.

**B. Answer the following questions from the text (0.5x5=2.5pts.)**

- 1) What did the middle-aged woman do to the small boy?
- 2) What used to be the only obligation to get a driver's licence in Cairo?
- 3) What did the friendly inspectors do to the man and his friends?
- 4) What other papers should future drivers also present to take the test?
- 5) What is the last thing that drivers must also do?

**III. WRITING (5 points)**

In two paragraphs, write about traffic and driving in your country. Use these questions to guide you.

- Are driver's licenses easy to get?
- How do drivers drive?
- How is the traffic in your country?
- Is traffic well controlled? What is done if someone does not respect the traffic rules?
- What solutions to irresponsible driving do you propose?