

(1) On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, Morocco was struck by an unexpected earthquake whose magnitude reached 6.8 tremor. Its epicentre was located in the High Atlas Mountains region, about 72 kilometres southwest of Marrakesh. The earthquake was strong and felt far wide, reaching other cities like Taroudant and even the capital, Rabat. It has brought back the horror of the one that hit Agadir in 1960 and has survived bad memories for Moroccan citizens.



(2) During this seismic event, a lot of damage and casualties took place in various regions including Marrakesh, El Haouz, Chichaoua and Taroudant. In Marrakesh, tens of houses and buildings were collapsed fully or partially including some historic sites; a small mosque at the heart of the Marrakesh old medina almost entire collapsed. A number of people died and some were badly injured because of this calamity and were transported to the Mohamed -VI hospital. According to the mass media, 2946 people have died in the province of El Haouz, where the earthquake was the most devastating. Meanwhile, 400 local residents perished in the southwestern Moroccan city of Taroudant.

(3) Because of this natural disaster, thousands of people left their houses and spent days and nights outdoors- in makeshift tents or in their vehicles because they were scared that the earthquake might hit again. A seismologist explained, "It is likely and normal to feel now and then frequent aftershocks which would decrease in the coming days, weeks or even months," he added, "Earthquakes of this size in the region are uncommon, geographically speaking, and foreseeing such a calamity is beyond the capacities of the scientists and geologists for the time being, but that might be possible in the near future."



(4) To address the crisis, emergency workers were deployed to affected regions despite the inaccessibility of some roads which were damaged or blocked by debris. Authorities, as well, used the helicopters to reach the worst-hit areas and machinery-and-equipment to remove the rubble from the impassable roads. Foreign assistance teams have landed in Marrakesh to give a hand, providing essential relief supplies. Alongside the international help, Moroccan people displayed a remarkable solidarity towards their fellow citizens. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023, the Marrakech council rewarded a simple man known as the bikesman after being shot by a camera riding his bike and handed a flour-bag to a charity association.

(5) At the same time and out of collaboration, a continuous flow of cars, lorries and trucks were heading the collapsed villages, loaded with clothes, blankets, and food. Not only that, but also a lot of money was collected and blood was donated for transfusion centres. When the Associations and Institutions issued an urgent appeal and called for blood donations, Moroccan inhabitants queued



immediately to give blood to save lives, and our King did, too, on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023. Football players, on their turn, did, as well. Their game against Liberia was scheduled on September the 9<sup>th</sup>, but it was postponed until a later time by the Football Confederation. Tourists, too, lined up to give blood because they feel like Morocco is their second home and willing to give some support. All this shows the power of selflessness in the aftermath of a natural disaster and also demonstrates how

compassionate, kind and sympathetic people are towards one another regardless of their origins and backgrounds.

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**I. COMPREHENSION: (15 POINTS) BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT**

**A. FILL IN THE CHART WITH INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT. (2Pts)**

Dates/ figures	What they refer to
400	.....
September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<i>The earthquake hit Marrakesh-El Haouz. region</i>
1960	.....
.....	<i>The king donated blood in Marrakesh.</i>
October 2nd, 2023	.....

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**B. ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (3Pts)**

- Morocco has never experienced earthquakes before.  
.....
- Earthquake experts cannot predict the occurrence of the earthquake for now.  
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- Moroccan people took some time to decide if they could donate blood.  
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**C. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (3Pts)**

- How far is Marrakech from the earthquake epicentre?  
.....
- What did the vehicles carry to the people who were affected by the earthquake?  
.....
- Why did the tourists give blood to the victims of the earthquake?  
.....

**D. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT. (2Pts)**

- To open the inaccessible roads, .....
- The Marrakesh council received the bikesman because.....

**E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (3Pts)**

- one (paragraph 1):.....
- he (paragraph 3):.....
- their (paragraph 5):.....

**F. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS OR PHRASES THAT MEAN MUCH THE SAME AS: (2Pts)**

- violent (paragraph 1):.....
- died (paragraph 2):.....
- afraid (paragraph 3):.....
- residents (paragraph 5):.....



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## II. LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

### A. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM. (3Pts)

1. By the time the child wakes up, his mother (prepare).....a special brunch for him.
2. Emiley (start).....her training three weeks before she joined the army.
3. When I moved to this new neighbourhood in 2016, the council (already, plant).....trees.
4. Peter (not, to call).....yet. He might be sick.
5. Jamal (surf).....in the sea yesterday when he came across a dead body.
6. The football coach (to leave).....the club in two weeks' time.

### B. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS SUGGESTED. (3,5 Pts)

1. Nancy couldn't lose weight. She exercised regularly.  
Despite.....
2. "The earthquake destroyed a lot of houses in the neighbourhood," an old man said.  
An old man told the president.....
3. Some Youtubers created fake stories to influence the adolescents.  
Fake stories.....
4. Catherine walks to school every day because she doesn't have a bike.  
If.....
5. "Why don't you create a blog to share activities?" a college told me.  
A colleague advised me .....
6. They wanted to buy more medical supplies. The doctors have raised money.  
.....in order to.....
7. The Ministry of equipment and Housing helped the people. Their houses were destroyed by the earthquake.  
.....whose.....

### C. GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN BRACKETS. (1,5 Pts)

1. Doctors declare that meat and white sugar are unfit for human (consume).....
2. Airbnb company can (employment).....more than a hundred employee every year.
3. Moroccan supporters thanked the Ivorians for their warm welcome and (hospitable).....  
throughout the last CAN event.





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## D. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PHRASAL VERB. (1,5 Pts)

broke down - look up - look after - bring about - bring up - turn down - turn up

1. Could you.....the music? It's too loud and I need to focus on this homework.
2. It took just one hour of negotiations to .....a reconciliation between the two sides.
3. Sorry I couldn't come last night because my car .....

## E. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORD FROM THE LIST. (2,5 Pts)

1. You needn't .....the coat with you; it's sunny today. taking - to take - take
2. The female referee .....ran the last match is called Bouchra Karkoubi. whose - whom - who
3. Great efforts .....by the coach, Houcine Ammouta. were made - was made - have made
4. The authorities took high security measures.....receive the international conference. for - so that - to
5. Pedro is already overweight. ....; he keeps eating more chocolates. Although - Consequently - Yet

## F. MATCH EACH EXPRESSION WITH ITS APPROPRIATE FUNCTION. (1Pt)

1. I didn't quite get what you mean. Can you elaborate more?	a. Expressing opinion
2. As far as I am concerned, ChatGPT will make students lazy and passive.	b. Apologizing
	c. Asking for clarification
	d. Agreeing

## G. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATION? (1Pt)

**You:** (Your friend is always using your laptop without your permission. Complain about it)

**Your friend** (responds to the complaint):

## H. CHOOSE THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. (1Pt)

1. **Steve:** I think you should eat more vegetables and fruit; you are getting fatter.  
**Laura :**.....; I will try to avoid such greasy meat.

a. Yes, no problem      b. You are right      c. Yes, I can

2. **Walter:** I am sorry, Sir, I gave you the wrong order.

**You:**....., but next time be careful!

a. Of course, not      b. Yes, sure      c. No worries

## III. WRITING (10 POINTS)

### TASK 1 (4Pts) Complete the following paragraph.

In addition to the approach adopted by the government to overcome the challenge of water shortage in Morocco, we, as Moroccan citizens, should take some more procedures to use water wisely and efficiently. First, .....



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**TASK 2 (6Pts):** Morocco will host both the upcoming Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) 2025, and the FIFA World Cup 2030. These are two great sports events that we should make successful. **Write an e-mail to the Royal Moroccan Confederation president about the actions, procedures, and strategies that both Moroccan government and citizens should do to make it unique, memorable and successful.**