

# The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

## Trial Exam of The B.E.M

Duration : 1h 30mn

English Exam

### A Road Accident

It was raining heavily as I was walking up the hill towards the station at six o'clock on a Saturday morning. At this early hour, there weren't many people in sight. Just as I was crossing the road near the top of the hill, a car came round the corner. It was travelling very fast and the driver was obviously having difficulty in controlling it. Suddenly, it swerved violently, skidded on the wet road, hit a lamp-post and turned over.

At once, I ran to the car to assist the driver, but he was unconscious and there was a lot of blood on his face. A young woman hurried into the station and phoned for an ambulance while I took care of the driver. A number of other people gathered round the car, but there wasn't great deal we could do. A policeman arrived a few minutes later and asked me a lot of questions about the accident. Shortly afterwards the man came round, and he was groaning quietly when the ambulance arrived at high speed and rushed him away to hospital.

On Monday morning, I went to the hospital to enquire about the man. They told me that his injuries were not serious after all and that he was rapidly getting over the effects of the accident.

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### I- Reading comprehension : (7pts)

#### 1/ Read the text and answer the questions : (3pts)

- a- When did the accident happen ?
- b- Was the man driving his car slowly ?

c- What does [it] refer to in the text ?

**2/ Read the text again and say ' true' or 'false'. Correct the false statement : (2pts)**

a- The text is a newspaper article.

b- The man wasn't injured at all.

**3/ Lexis : Match the words in column A and their equivalents in column B : (2pts)**

A	B
- looked after	- enquire
- fast	- rushed
- ask	- took care
- took	- quickly

**II- Mastery of the language: (7pts)**

**1/ Sort out from the text : (2pts)**

- Two irregular verbs and write their infinitives.

- An action in progress interrupted by another one.

**2/ Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets : (3pts)**

- John (to climb) the mountain while his friends (to practise) jogging.

- If the driver (to pay) attention, he wouldn't hurt himself.

- He (to organise) a big party if he (not to have) the accident.

**3/ In each list, cross out the word with a different vowel sound : (2pts)**

a- station – sight – great – later .

b- quietly – quite – round – while .

c- found – road – low – home .

d- hot – saw – walk – all .

**III- Written Expression : (6pts)**

You are a journalist. Write a report about an accident you witnessd. Here are some clues to help you.

- Yesterday at 10 a.m.
- The place of the accident.
- A car hit a boy on a bicycle.
- What happened after.
- What you did to help.
- Your feelings.

**Good Luck ;^**