

BTS SESSION 2016

I LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE

A: GRAMMAR (10 pts)

i- Put the words in correct order and make questions.

1. She did why her forget key
2. Governor's does the a lot travel secretary.
3. And his wife the arrived boy have.

ii- Add a tag question to the following statements.

1. The 7:30 train for London leaves from here.
2. You don't speak Arabic.

B: VOCABULARY (10pts)

From the pairs of words, chose the word that best completes the sentences.

1. We had a brief/ luxury look at his nose.
2. The children were bride/ bright in their school days.
3. While in their youth/young they played football with much energy.
4. In his hasty decisions, he was bound/bond to fail.
5. The pour/ poor are not to sit together no matter what.
6. Please keep close/near to the leader, it's easy to get lost.
7. He wants to say/tell you a story.
8. We received the meet/meat you sent last month.
9. They broke the pane/ pain out of carelessness.
10. It was lunch brake /break but we had nothing in our bags.

I- Reading comprehension (10pts)

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW

Economic recession, debt and inefficiency are forcing government to sell some of their companies to private investors. The State may start a firm or nationalize an existing one to counter monopoly and high consumer prices in a strategic sector of production. It may also wish to protect and create jobs especially when there are rich local investors as in developing countries.

Capitalist creditors such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank believe that the social objectives and State management generate deficits, waste and recession. They advise debtor countries to restrict public expenditure by cutting subsidies to companies. Loans are then used as ideological weapons and blackmail. Thus, many States are forced to listen and return to individuals some companies.

Privatization is not a solution. Personal interest is indeed a motivation for good management and profit making, but competition and glut on the world market can bring deficits. Privatization is dangerous if there are no local rich investors to purchase the companies. In such a case, the economy is dominated by foreigners who repatriate profits, make redundant local workers, and impose high prices on local consumers. A better approach may be temporary privatization known as franchise financing or even the “build transfer” formula which ultimately protects national interest.

- 1) Why must government sell some of their companies to private investors?
- 2) What is the full meaning of IMF and what is its advice to debtor countries?
- 3) What is privatization?
- 4) How bad is privatization?
- 5) What generates economic recession according to the world bank and other financial institutions?

III TRANSLATION(10pts)

Translate the following to French

One day, I noticed a small black snake which was slowly heading towards the workshop. I ran to inform my mother, who on seeing the small black snake gently told me:

Translate to English.

“...celui-ci, mon enfant, il ne faut pas le tuer : ce serpent n'est pas comme les autres, il ne te fera aucun mal”.

IV. COMPOSITON (10pts)

a) In not less than 250 words write an essay on one of the following topics: (10pts)

- 1) War.
- 2) The government has contributed to the falling standards of education in our country.