



- 1 Teachers and parents have welcomed the Tunisian education ministry's decision to install cameras at baccaureate exam sites. But there are still questions about whether this can ensure transparency and prevent cheating. According to the ministry, as many as 143,000 students are expected to sit this year's exam. Last year saw 530 reported cases of cheating in the bac exam, said Abdelhafidh Abidi, the ministry's director general of examinations.
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- 2 On April 12th, the ministry took the decision to install surveillance cameras at examination centres in regional educational districts, as well as task regional representatives whose job is to oversee the distribution of the Tunisian bac exams at those testing sites, Abidi said. "Coordination will continue with the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of National Defence throughout the different stages of transporting exam papers," he said.
- 3 Mahmoud Jdidi, a secondary school teacher, reacted to the news by saying he would wait until after the cameras were installed to see if the new surveillance produced results. "Theoretically speaking, the installation of surveillance cameras on the days of exams will be a positive thing, especially as it will be a way to prevent violations that may take place and to ensure that students across the country have equal opportunities," he said. "In addition, cameras will be an important factor preventing teachers from being lax in monitoring, and intentionally or unintentionally misapplying the law."
- 4 Another teacher, Zeineb Dakhlaoui, welcomed the move. "I wouldn't consider it to be some sort of espionage in anyway because it's the time of work whether for students or teachers," she noted. "The measure will help us as monitors because students will realise they are monitored by all and in this way won't pay much attention to teachers and will only focus on their work." However, teacher Chafika Noura had mixed feelings about the measure. While she had no problem with cameras being installed to deter students from cheating, she said their presence cast doubt on the integrity of teachers who monitor exams, and was a professional interference.
- 5 "In principle, I'm against this measure because it can turn into a tool for dictatorship and enable the authority to monitor citizens and in this way the camera turns into a policeman," said Chiheb ben Chaouacha, who teaches psychology. "However, taking into consideration the state we are in after cheating has become so common in schools, it has become somewhat acceptable." According to laws now implemented in Tunisia, students caught cheating are sent before disciplinary boards and are denied the opportunity to take the bac for five consecutive years.
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- 6 Makrem Hawat, a student preparing for the baccaureate exams in the coming weeks, was among those who are in favour of having cameras survey students during tests and function as an extra pair of eyes in the room. "It will make all students equal and will limit cheating that now has several methods and types," she said. However, Makrem's friend Lamia Bennour mocked the measure, saying, "I know a number of friends who can escape from monitors' eyes even if they use satellites."

I **COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)** {BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT}

A **Tick (✓) the most appropriate title for the text. (2 pts)**

- 1 Cameras To Control Teachers In Baccalaureate Exams
- 2 Cameras To Entertain Students In Baccalaureate Exams
- 3 Cameras To Monitor Baccalaureate Exams

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B **What is the writer's attitude towards the installation of cameras? (1 pts)**

- 1 For 2 Against 3 Neutral

C **Answer these questions. (3 pts)**

1 Who is not sure what to think of the installation of cameras?

2 According to some interviewees, why should cameras be installed? (Give 2 reasons) (2 pts)

D **Say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE. JUSTIFY your answer. (2 pts)**

1 Only the Ministry of Education is responsible for the bac exam.

2 Some interviewees believe that not all examinees can be controlled using cameras.

E **Find in the text words or expressions which mean the same as the following. (3 pts)**

- 1 happen (p. 3) :
- 2 to prevent (p. 4) :
- 3 various (p. 6) :

F **What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 pts)**

- 1 their (para 4):
- 2 they (para 6):

G **Complete the following sentences with information from the text. (2 pts)**

1 But questions linger about whether this can ensure transparency and prevent cheating although

2 Students caught cheating are sent before disciplinary boards along with

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Fill in each blank with the right word. (2.5 pts)

be able to	could	have to	must	not have to
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I would like to (1) wear designer clothes, but I'm too fat. In the past, when I was thinner, I (2) wear them, but now I can't do that. I know that I will (3) do something about it though, because I want to wear designer clothes again. I (4) go on a diet. I (5) feel hungry, but I must be careful with what I eat. It'll be great when I can wear whatever I want again!

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the given word and write between two and five words. (3 pts)

- The model was so embarrassed when she fell over on the catwalk.
The model went when she fell over on the catwalk. (beetroot)
- The girl looked at him angrily when he said her hair wasn't very nice.
The girl gave him when he said her hair wasn't very nice. (black)
- The police caught the murderer with the murder weapon in his hands.
The police caught the murderer..... (red)

C For the questions 1-5, circle the correct answer, a, b, or c. (2.5 pts)

- I don'train tomorrow. The weather forecast was for good weather all week.
a- refuse b- recommend c- anticipate
- Do you think that this pink blousethis green skirt?
a- suits b- matches c- fits
- When you buy your new dress, make sure you get a
a- receipt b- recipe c- refreshment
- Many young people like rappers because theyabout poverty and other social problems.
a- turn down b- point out c- speak out
- Are there any tablesat the Sydney Tower restaurant tonight?
a- Pleasant b- available c- regular

D Put the verbs between brackets into the correct tense. (4 pts)

- The government has threatened that it(put) all hunters in prison.
- What.....(you, do) when I came in a moment ago?
- I feel exhausted. I(not, get) much sleep last night.
- The organisation has made a secret plans; it(set) the trapped animals free.

E Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the spaces. (3 pts)

- There is aview of the city from the top of the tower. **BREATH**
- Big Ben is one of the most importantin London. **LAND**
- I've bought a great new.....chair for my disk. It goes round and round. **REVOLVE**

