

Test N°2
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The issue of single mothers is important in Morocco today. These women, who are largely young, poor and uneducated, become outcasts when they find out they are pregnant and let down by the child's father. They are often forced to leave their homes in fear of scandal and embarrassment. They think about getting rid of the child, which often seems to be the only way to be accepted back into her family home. This causes severe problems both for the mothers and their children. And groups which aim to address these problems are scarce.

Nabila Tber – the National Institution of Solidarity with Women in Distress (INSAF) director – spoke about the mentality of the single women who come to the association. “The majority of them are unenthusiastic about contacting the association for the first time. Our awareness of this problem makes us use all available capacities to support them.” INSAF's first task with a newly single mother is to establish a bond between the mother and the child. Tber says, "Enabling her to nurse him for a short time gives her the opportunity to become attached to her child."



Aicha Chenna, President of the Women's Solidarity Association, recalls seeing a mother nursing her child during his first days. She was weeping because she was going to give up her child to the family that was going to adopt him and carry him into the unknown. “The image of this crying mother and the child, who was screaming, was the reason for my commitment to the struggle for every single mother to keep her child,” said Chenna.

A source of income and a shelter are the most pressing needs supplied by INSAF. Then, the organisation helps them to register the children in a nursery school. It closely follows these women's progress and provides them with additional services when the children are around 2 years old. These include continued medical treatment and providing medicines and milk for the child in order to reduce the mother's financial burden. It helps in registering the child's birth. Through this process, he is given a family name. It also initiates contact with the single mother's family and the biological father in order to bring them closer. “We've brought 37% of families together with their daughters, and this percentage is rising,” said Tber.

The associations also provide emotional and psychological support for single mothers. When asked about her situation, Zahra said, “I want to talk to people, or more specifically, to those living the same tragedy.” Once they are older, serious problems can arise as they have been raised away from their parents and do not know their family or personal identity. “We've come across the problem of a man marrying his sister, or a father marrying his daughter without knowing. We thus endeavour to help this mother in her ordeal so that she can guarantee her child a part of his identity and origin by keeping him herself,” Chenna said.

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

A Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? JUSTIFY your answers. (3 pts)

- 1 There are a lot of associations in Morocco that deal with the problem of single mothers.
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- 2 A single mother is not fully informed about the destination of her child when adopted.
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- 3 The sole reason why Chenna opts for keeping the mother and the child together is that in this way she can provide him with love and care.
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B Answer these questions with information from the text. (4 pts)

- 1 Which girls are generally exposed to the problem of becoming single mothers?
- 2 List two of the most urgent services that INSAF provides single mothers with. (2 pts)
- 3 How do these associations help single mothers to have psychological assistance?

C Complete the following sentences with information from the text. (3 pts)

- 1 The association urges the single mother to nurse her baby so that
- 2 INSAF not only helps in registering the child's birth, but
- 3 Once these children are older, serious problems can arise due to

D Find in the text words which mean almost the same as: (2 pts)

- 1 relationship (para. 2):
- 2 try (para. 5):

E What does each of the underlined words refer to in the text? (3 pts)

- 1 them (para 2):
- 2 It (para 4):
- 3 they (para 5):

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Fill in each gap with an appropriate word from the list. (3 pts)

formal defend achievement prevent agreement global

- 1 We should do our best to people from employing children.
- 2 Many world leaders attended last year's conference on warming.
- 3 Hind's parents are satisfied with her at school.

B Give the correct form of the words between brackets. (2 pts)

- 1 It's (legal) to drive through a red light.
- 2 She brings to the job a rare combination of (young) and experience.

C Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list. (2 pts)

set up find out look after set off fall for

- 1 Due to bad weather conditions, the captain of the ship decided not to that day.
- 2 I was surprised to that I had left my car door unlocked for the whole day.

D Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given. (4 pts)

- 1 "I have already read that novel," Rebecca said.
Rebecca said
- 2 Mr Parker was poor; however, he managed to educate his kids well.
Despite
- 3 Emma didn't save enough money; she couldn't buy a computer.
If Emma
- 4 The local council will build a new school in our area.
A new school

E Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. (4 pts)

In a press conference, the president of El Amal Association said, "Last October, we launched a project to fight illiteracy after we (set) up our NGO. We (work) with the ministry of education on the same project since then. I guess, by the year 2016, we (achieve) our goals. If only we (begin) this project a little bit earlier."

III WRITING (10 POINTS)

One of the most crucial issues that is being tackled in your English school magazine is family life in Morocco. Write a letter to the editor in which you state the benefits and possible problems that can arise while living in a family. Then, try to suggest some solutions.

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Dear Mr Editor,

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