[1] Najat Belkacem was born on October 4th, 1977, in a farmhouse in Bni Chiker, a village near Nador. Her father, Ahmed, had emigrated to France before she was born. She lived with her grandfather and she still remembers gathering water and helping him with the farm work.

[2] When Najat was five, her father found a permanent job and sent for his wife and daughters to join him in 1982. Najat grew up in the suburbs of Amiens, France. **The little girl** felt the shock of the new culture. She didn't speak a word of French. "Leaving your country, your roots, can be painful. My father had already found his place, but for us, it was really hard," she says.

[3] Her father set strict rules: she was forbidden to hang out with friends or to go out to cafés before the age of eighteen. As a result, Najat devoted all her time and energy to her studies. By the end of her first year, she could read and speak French fluently.

[4] She received French citizenship shortly before joining university as a law student. It was there that she discovered the prestigious Paris Institute of Political Studies. She took the entrance exam and passed. At the institute library, she met Boris Vallaud whom she married later. The couple has followed similar paths into government. "It's very nice to have a husband who moves in the same world as I do," she says.

[5] In March 2008, she was elected 'Conseillère Générale' of the Rhône department. On May 16th, 2012, she was appointed to French President François Hollande's cabinet as Minister of Women's Rights and Spokesperson for the government. On August 25th, 2014, she became the first woman to be appointed Minister of Education and Research in France.

[6] Najat has proved that there are no boundaries to what you can achieve if you work hard. Her story reminds us that immigrants are valuable human capital. If we believe in them and invest in **them** with the right education, there are no limits to what they can achieve.

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

A. ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (2 pts)

1. When she first came to France, Najat Belkacem found it difficult to adapt to the French culture.

.....

2. Najat got French citizenship when she was a university student.

.....

B. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 pts)

1. How did Najat help her grandfather?

.....

2. When did Najat know about the Paris Institute of Political Studies?

.....

3. Where did Najat first meet her husband?

.....

C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (2 pts)

1. Because Najat devoted all her time and energy to her studies, she .....
   ..... in just one year.

2. The writer thinks that immigrants can achieve a lot if .....

.....

D. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (1 pt)

1. **The little girl** (paragraph 2): .....
2. **them** (paragraph 6): .....

E. PICK OUT FROM THE TEXT SENTENCES OR PHRASES WHICH SHOW THAT (2 pts)

1. Najat's father was not flexible: .....

.....

2. Najat and her husband share the same interests: .....

.....

F. CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER. (2 pts)

1. "your roots" (paragraph 2) means:
   a. your origins.
   b. your emotions.
   c. your attitudes.
   The right answer is: .....
2. "to hang out with friends" (paragraph 3) means:
   a. to live with friends.
   b. to spend time out with friends.
   c. to study with friends.
   The right answer is: .....

G. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHART. (3 pts)

Information in the text	Paragraph Number
Najat Belkacem's first contact with the French culture	2
Najat Belkacem's higher education	.....
Najat Belkacem's life in Morocco	.....
Najat Belkacem's political career	.....

A. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM. (2 pts)

Karim (come) . . . . . back to Morocco in 2014 after (work) . . . . . as a journalist for six years in Canada. He (set/recently) . . . . . his own radio station. But he still needs money to develop his business. Now, he's looking for someone (help) . . . . . him with his project.

B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCES. (3 pts)

1. a. The test marks must be submitted to the administration next Monday.
   b. The test marks must submit to the administration next Monday.
   The correct sentence is: . . . . . .
2. a. Peter wouldn't left his job if he was offered a better salary.
   b. Peter wouldn't have left his job if he had been offered a better salary.
   The correct sentence is: . . . . . .
3. a. By the end of this year, a new generation of mobile phones will have appeared on the market.
   b. By the end of this year, a new generation of mobile phones will appeared on the market.
   The correct sentence is: . . . . . .

C. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE RIGHT WORDS FROM THE LISTS. (2 pts)

1. Countries . . . . . care for the environment encourage the use of clean energy.

whom - which - when

2. We could not connect to the internet last night . . . . . technical problems.

as - since - due to

D. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE RIGHT WORDS. (2 pts)

issues - festival - similarities - management - tourism - discrimination

1. During the last few years, Marrakesh has become famous for its laughter . . . . . .
2. Many human rights activists are committed to fighting all forms of . . . . . .
3. Addiction to video games is one of the most serious . . . . . in modern societies.
4. Time . . . . . is very useful in preparing for exams.

E. PUT THE WORDS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM. (2 pts)

1. (Vocation) . . . . . education helps students integrate in the job market easily.
2. Mehdi is an (experience) . . . . . driver. He has been driving for many years.

F. MATCH EACH EXPRESSION TO ITS APPROPRIATE FUNCTION. (2 pts)

Expressions	Functions
1. "Do you mind if I use your laptop for a few minutes?" 2. "I'm sorry I didn't mean to be rude to you." 3. "You'd better not travel today; the weather is terrible!" 4. "What do you think of the Moroccan football coach?"	a. asking for opinion b. giving advice c. expressing a wish d. asking for permission e. apologizing

Answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

G. WRITE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS. (2 pts)

1. Radia: I bought this digital camera from your store yesterday but it's not working!
   Shop assistant: (Respond to Radia's complaint) . . . . . .
2. Beth: I feel bored today. Any suggestions?
   Tim: (Suggest something to do) . . . . . .

III. WRITING (10 POINTS) DO TASKS 1 AND 2

TASK 1: (4 pts) Complete the following paragraph.

My hometown is nice, but I think it still needs some improvements to make it a better place. First, we need a cultural centre to .....

TASK 2: (6 pts) Write an email to your English speaking friend about the best holiday you have ever had.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE EMAIL.

Scoring criteria	Task 1	Task 2
Relevance of content to the task	2 pts	3 pts
Appropriateness and variety of vocabulary	1 pt	2 pts
Grammar and mechanics	1 pt	1 pt

KEY AND MARKING SCALE

Please accept any appropriate answer not mentioned in this key.

I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

Testees shouldn't be penalised for spelling or grammar mistakes in the comprehension section.

A. TRUE/FALSE: (2 pts, 1pt each: 0.5 pt for the right choice and 0.5 pt for the right justification. Consider the justification ONLY if the choice is correct. Quotes from the text are acceptable).

1. T. The little girl felt the shock of a new culture/Leaving your country...can be painful/...but for us it was very difficult...
2. F. She received French citizenship shortly before joining university.

B. WH- QUESTIONS: (3 pts; 1 pt each)

1. ... by gathering water and helping with the farm work...
2. ... when she was a law student at university.
3. ... at the institute library/at the Paris Institute of Political Studies.

C. SENTENCE COMPLETION: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

1. . . . , she could read and speak French fluently...
2. . . we believe in them and invest in them/if they work hard.

D. WORD REFERENCE: (1 pt; 0.5 each)

1. Najat Belkacem 2. immigrants

E. PICK OUT: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

1. Her father set strict rules / she was forbidden to hang out...
2. the couple has followed... into governments / "It's very nice ... as I do"

F. MULTIPLE CHOICE: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

1. a 2. b

G. CHART FILLING: (3 pts; 1 each)

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Najat Belkacem's political career	5

II. LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A. VERB FORM: (2 pts; 0.5 each)

came - working/having worked – (has) recently set – to help

B. CORRECT SENTENCES: (3 pts; 1 pt each)

1. a 2. b 3. a

C. GAP FILLING: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

1. which 2. due to

D. GAP FILLING: (2 pts; 0.5 each)

1. festival 2. discrimination 3. issues 4. management

E. WORD FORM: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

1. Vocational 2. experienced

F. MATCHING: (2 pts; 0.5 each)

1. d 2. e 3. b 4. a

G. RESPONDING TO SITUATIONS: (2 pts; 1 pt each)

Accept any correct and appropriate answer

III. WRITING (10 POINTS)

The following criteria should be respected while scoring the writing tasks.

Scoring criteria	Task 1	Task 2
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