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Level 1 – 23rd June, 2018

Algeria turns off Internet to stop exam cheats

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180623-exam-security-1.html>

Algeria has turned off its Internet to stop students cheating in exams. Many students secretly go online during tests. The Internet stops for an hour after the start of each exam. The government will shut the Internet down during the exam season, which ends June 25. Also, devices with Internet access are banned from 2,000 exam centers. Even teachers cannot have their phones. There were many problems in 2016. Test questions were leaked online.

Algeria's Education Minister said Facebook would be blocked for the days of the exams. She said she needed to do something to stop cheating. For extra security, metal detectors are now in all exam halls. Security cameras and mobile-phone blockers are now at the companies where exams are printed. Many students like the government's actions. One said it was unfair that students who didn't study could cheat by using their mobile phone in tests.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-44557028>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/21/algeria-shuts-internet-prevent-cheating-school-exams>
<http://time.com/5318096/algeria-internet-cheating-exams/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. stop students | a. many problems |
| 2. secretly go | b. season |
| 3. after the start | c. leaked online |
| 4. during the exam | d. online |
| 5. devices with Internet | e. their phones |
| 6. teachers cannot have | f. of each exam |
| 7. There were | g. cheating in exams |
| 8. Test questions were | h. access are banned |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. be blocked | a. do something |
| 2. she needed to | b. didn't study |
| 3. metal | c. government's actions |
| 4. the companies where exams | d. in tests |
| 5. Many students like the | e. detectors |
| 6. One said it was | f. are printed |
| 7. students who | g. for the days |
| 8. using their mobile phone | h. unfair |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Algeria (1) _____ its Internet to stop students cheating in exams. Many students secretly (2) _____ tests. The Internet stops for an hour after the (3) _____ exam. The government will shut the Internet down during (4) _____, which ends June 25. Also, devices with Internet access (5) _____ 2,000 exam centers. Even teachers cannot have their phones. There were many problems in 2016. Test questions (6) _____.

Algeria's Education Minister said Facebook (7) _____ for the days of the exams. She said she needed (8) _____ to stop cheating. For extra security, metal detectors are (9) _____ exam halls. Security cameras and mobile-phone blockers are now at the companies (10) _____ printed. Many students like the government's actions. One said (11) _____ that students who didn't study could (12) _____ their mobile phone in tests.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EXAMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about exams in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

