

1 Teachers and parents have welcomed the Tunisian education ministry's decision to install cameras at baccalaureate 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.



2 On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Nouira 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.



6 Makrem Hawat, a student preparing for the baccalaureate 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 (16 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 Baccaalaureate Exams
- 2 Cameras To Entertain Students In Baccaalaureate Exams
- 3 Cameras To Monitor Baccaalaureate Exams

...
...
...

**B What is the writer's attitude towards the installation of cameras? Justify your answer. (2 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 careless (p. 3): ..... 2 suspect (p. 4):..... 3 used (p. 5): .....

**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 (14 POINTS)**

**A Fill in each blank with the right word. (3 pts)**

- 1 A carpenter is a person ..... makes wooden furniture.  
whose                                      whom                                      who
- 2 Young children enjoy ..... around the house.  
to help                                      helping                                      help
- 3 You should ..... my advice then. Your own decision had a disastrous outcome.  
have taken                                      take                                      had taken

**B Rewrite the following sentences as suggested. (3 pts)**

- 1 "The film has attracted a lot of viewers," the film director said.  
The film director said that .....
- 2 I couldn't get in touch with you because I didn't have your phone number.  
If .....
- 3 Sociologists are conducting research studies about immigrants in France nowadays.  
Research studies .....

**C Complete the gaps with the most appropriate words from the list. (3 pts)**

phenomenon          part                                      place                                      term                                      disaster                                      care

- 1 Immediately after the natural ....., the government provided the victims with shelter, food and medicines.
- 2 Such a development seems unlikely, at least in the short .....
- 3 The meeting will take ..... tomorrow at 3.00 p.m.

**D Put the verbs between brackets into the correct tense. (3 pts)**

Last month, I (drive) ..... South to Agadir when my car (break) ..... down. I'm fed up with this old car. I'm trying to collect money. By 2016, I (buy) ..... a new one.

**E Match the sentences on the left with the functions on the right. (2 pts)**

<b>Sentences</b>	<b>Functions</b>
1      Souad did not come to the show due to her sickness.	a      Expressing Purpose
2      The weather was bad. Yet we went camping.	b      Expressing Effect
3      They often play games at night to entertain themselves.	c      Expressing Cause
4      He was unable to get financial support. So, he had to abandon the project.	d      Expressing Addition
	e      Expressing Concession

