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The second Examination of English

Read the text carefully,then do the following activities:

Exams leaks are a threat to Morocco's education system

Morocco's Ministry of Education discovered that its Baccalaureate exams had been "leaked" on social networks just a few hours before the exams were to be administered last Wednesday. At the same time, media received a copy of the mathematics exam, which turned out to be the same exam that was posted online. The Ministry of Education has announced **its** decision to retest all students in the experimental and technological sciences department who took the mathematics exam

Pedagogical researchers affirmed that as the exams were leaked, "educational and national efforts were ineffective and failed to achieve the ultimate goals. Thus, we moved one step backward instead of forward, because of the unplanned and improvised policies and measures associated with the preparation and implementation of this exam.

The leak of the mathematics exam hours before it was to take place is a serious indicator of the weak moral standards in our society. Thus, the Ministry of Education must investigate, in collaboration with the police, those responsible for this scandal and bring them to justice. Those who leaked the exam do not want the best for our students or our society. Instead, **they** want to implant collapsed educational values in our students and future. Some parties promote Machiavelli's quote, "the end justifies the means," by consecrating inertia in society. The fake results that our students get because of the exam leak will bring to life generations that would follow the same path. Further, fraud and forgery will become a normal and legitimate social behavior as **this phenomenon** grows, and will produce a weak and dependent generation, who make no effort to succeed, who wait instead for someone to easily and unethically achieve success.

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1-Reading & interpreting:

Ex1/Isthe text above: a)a newspaper article. b)an extract from a book. c)a web article.

Ex2/Fill in the following table with information from the text:

Leaked exams

Which subject??	Which stream??	Where??	Ministry's decision??

Ex3/Answer these questions according to the text:

a)Is the author satisfied with preparation & implementation of the Bac exam?

b)What does the leak of exams indicate?

c)What was the intention of those who leaked the exams?

Ex4/What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:

a-Its(§1) b-They(§3) c-This phenomenon(§3)

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2-Text exploration:

Ex1/Match words with their definitions:

a-leak	1-giving away information that should be kept secret
b-scandal	2-action or situatopn or behaviour that shock people.
c-Forgery	3-The crime of copying a document,signature,painting in order to deceive people
d-Inertia	4-Feeling of laziness when you dont want to do anything

Ex2/Divide these words into roots and affixes:

Ineffective – unplanned – unethically – parties

prefix	root	suffix

Ex3/Ask questions that the underlined words answer:

Those who leaked the exams (1) implanted collapsed educational values (2) in our students and future (3)

Ex4/Underline the silent letters in the following words:

Wednesday – handkerchief – whistle - climb

Ex5/ Fill in the gaps with only four words from the list

(Ministry – the leaking – cheating – scientific – criticized – failure)

No one knows the real reason behind the Ministry of education's ……1…… to protect the Bac exams.Some students reportedly received the exam questions six hours before the exam.The Ministry has deplored the recent trend of ……2……. And strictly controls the entrance of students into the exam rooms.The students'parents ……3…… the ministry which is responsible for failing to safeguard the Bac tests,after……4…… of exams questions.

3-Written expression: **Choose either:**

Topic ONE : Cheating in exams is a bad practice that has become widespread among students today,using the notes below,write a composition of about 100 to 120 words in which you explain the causes and effects of this phenomenon.

Causes:

-lack of information –difficulty of citing
- a lot of information to revise –short time
-weakness in language skills
- student's ignorance and lack of morality

Effects:

- undermine the value of hard-work –hinder innovation
- damage student's career – cheater contribute nothing to the nation's production
- a dishonest generation -lacks morality

Topic TWO: Some people buy counterfeit products even though they know they are fake.Why do you think they do so??? Give arguments,then try to suggest solutions to stop counterfeiting.

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