

Fifth Semester Exam Correction

## Text:

Algeria began constructing a market economy in 1994. However, progress toward liberalization has faltered. The government tends to intervene through regulatory measures, such as subsidies or price caps. Following the resurgence in oil and gas revenues, and increasing inflation, the government increased the list of subsidized commodities in 2010.

Faced with protests in early 2011, the government again announced temporary exemptions on import duties, value-added tax and corporate tax for everyday commodities. In the 2015 Index of Economic Freedom (IEF) produced by the Heritage Foundation, Algeria ranks 157 out of 178 countries. It hence remains very low in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and below regional and world averages.

Over the last two decades, Algeria's IEF score has declined overall. Seven of the ten economic freedoms, notably property rights, freedom from corruption, the management of government spending, and financial freedom, have declined. Reform measures have been neglected or reversed, and Algeria has become increasingly dependent on hydrocarbons. With increasing social discontent, the government has expanded public spending programs, with little progress in improving fiscal governance.

## Questions:

1/ Text comprehension:

1/ Algeria began constructing a market economy in 1994. **However**, progress toward liberalization has faltered.

**However:** means      1/ although      2/ so      3/ additionally (1pt)

Choose the correct **synonym**.

2/ "Following **the resurgence** in oil and gas revenues, and increasing inflation, the government increased the list of subsidized commodities in 2010."

**The resurgence** means: 1/ Growth    2/ power    3/ fall (1pt)

3/ words or expressions **synonymous** to:

upped = increased §1    /institution = Foundation §2

/ tax = fiscal §3    ( 1.5 pts)

4/ Find in the text words or expressions **opposite in meaning** to:

2/ Mastery of Language:

- Turn this sentence into **passive voice**:

The government has expanded public spending programs, with little progress in improving fiscal governance.

Public spending programs have been expanded by the government, with little progress in improving fiscal governance.  
(1.5pts)

- Turn this sentence into **active voice**:

Reform measures have been neglected by IMF.

IMF has neglected reform measures. ( 1.5pts)

- Fill in **the gaps**: ( 3pts)

verb	noun	adj
To announce	announcement	announced
To spend	spending	spent
To expand	Expansion	expanded

- Find in the text : **phrase/ clause / sentence / acronym**

**Phrase:** Faced with protests in early 2011 (1pt)

**Clause:** Algeria ranks 157 out of 178 countries ( 1pt)

**Sentence:** Algeria began constructing a market economy in 1994 ( 1pt)

**Acronym:** Index of Economic Freedom (IEF) (1pt)

3/ Translation:

A/ translate **from English into Arabic**: (2,5 pts)

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لقد وسعت الحكومة برامج الإنفاق العام مع عدم إحراز تقدم ملحوظ في تحسين الحوكمة الضريبية

B/ translate **from Arabic into English**: (2,5 pts)

يفشل التحول الديمقراطي في غياب إرادة سياسية قوية (النخبة والحكومة معا)

The democratic transition fails under an absence of a strong political will of the elite and the government together.

Good luck/ Your teacher. I/Benammar