

**Level : TCST****February 2021****First Term English Exam**

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 Re: Secretary  
 Dear Mr. Nobel,

I have seen your advertisement for secretaries in *El-Khabar newspaper* and would like to apply for the job.

My name is Redha Meziani and I am 33 years old. I have graduated from the faculty of computer sciences at "Bab Ezzouar University" in 2009. In addition to my diploma of informatics, I studied English for other 3 years at "the University of Algiers 2", so I think that my level in English is fairly good for the job. At the same time, I was taking training courses of communication in order to improve my social skills in dealing with people.

My friends call me a "books worm" because I always read books in my free time. I was a member in the books club in "the university of Algiers 2" where I met lot of people and enjoyed exchanging ideas with them. I am very passionate of learning languages, for the moment I am taking courses of German. I would like to inform you as well that I am a well-organized person who prefers to do his tasks at time.

I had occupied the post of secretary-assistant in a public office for 18 months from March 2010 to August 2011. At the present time, I am working in a private cyber-café where I deal with administrative documents, business like papers, researches and other services.

I attached two letters of reference which approve my good conduct, my resume and my 2 diplomas.

Regarding the experience I have in using computers and speaking English; I believe I would have a great chance to be accepted as your secretary. Looking forward your positive reply soon.

Yours sincerely,  
 Redha Meziani

**Part one : Reading comprehension (8pts)****1) What is the type of this letter? (1pt)**

a) Application

b) Invitation

c) Apology

**2) Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text: (1,5pts)**

- a) The sender can speak English and German .
- b) The sender got the diploma of informatics in 2009.
- c) Redha Meziani worked in a private office for one year and half.

**4) Answer the following questions according to the text: (4pts)**

- a) Why does the sender write this letter ?
- b) What are the diplomas of the sender?
- c) Where did he work before?
- d) Do you think the sender will be accepted for the post? If yes say why?

**5) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1,5pts)**

- a) My ( §2) ..... b) Where ( §3) ..... c) You ( §3 ) .....

**B/ Text Exploration: ( 7 pts)**

**1) Find in the text synonyms of the following: (0,5pt)**

- a) Announcement ( §1) = ..... b) Position ( §4) = .....

**2) Find in the text opposites of the following: (0,5pt)**

- a) Private (4§) ≠ ..... b) Refused (6§) ≠ .....

**3) Join each pair of sentences using the right connector in brackets ( Either ..or / Neither ..nor / Both..and) (3pts)**

- 1) a- Redha is a punctual person . b- Redha is a reliable person.
- 2) a- Ali is not accepted for the job . b- Ahmed is not accepted for the job.
- 3) a- You can send an e-mail or you can call the company .

**4) Fill in the gaps with the right reflexive pronoun: (2pts)**

- a) Mr Meziani prepares ..... for work every morning.
- b) The computer cleans ..... from viruses by anti-virus.

**5) Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable: (1pt)**

*Apply - level - member - believe*

On the 1 <sup>st</sup> syllable	On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> syllable

**Part two : Written expression:**

**Choose one of the following topics. ( 5pts)**

**TOPIC 1:** It is the end of the school year and you have read in **El Watan newspaper** that a new private school is looking after a **good teacher of English** to children between 6 and 7 years old .Write an **application letter** in which you apply for the post.

**The following notes may help you :**

**Application & contact :** The language school

**Contact name:** Recruitment Service.

**Address:** Cité Boushaki Bab Ezzouar Algiers, Algeria.

**Experience:** worked in private schools / Good marks in English / good relationship with children

**Topic 2:** Write a short paragraph about the advantages and the drawbacks of the internet and social media..

**Good luck ☺**

### Answers

#### Reading comprehension (8pts)

The letter is application letter

#### Say whether the statements are true or false

True true false

#### Answer the questions

a)The sender writes the letter in order to apply for the job

b)The diplomas are diploma of informatics

Diploma of English

c )He worked in public office .

d)I think the sender will be accepted because he gets the required capacities to work as a secretary.

#### What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text

My :Redha Meziani

You : Andrew Nobel

Where : University of Algiers 2

#### Text Exploration (7pts)

##### Synonyms

a)Announcement = advertisement      b) position= post

##### Opposites

a) Private ≠public      b) refused ≠accepted

#### 3) Join each pair of sentences using the connectors in brackets ( either ..or / neither ..nor / Both..and)

1)Redha is both a punctual and a reliable person.

2) Neither Ali nor Ahmed are accepted for the job.

3)You can either send an e-mail or call the company .

#### 4)Fill in the gaps with the right reflexive pronoun:

a) Mr Meziani prepares **himself** for work every morning.

b) The computer cleans **itself** from viruses by anti-virus.

#### 5) Classify the following words according to their stressed syllable:

Apply - level - member - believe

On the 1 <sup>st</sup> syllable	On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> syllable
Member level	Apply believe

#### Written expression (5pts)