

BREVET DE FIN D'ÉTUDES MOYENNES (B.F.E.M.)
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Durée : 2 heures - coefficient : 2

Teaching Moral Values

Parents are vital in the moral development of their children because they are the first teachers and models. The moral education of schoolchildren starts at home with parents talking to their kids, telling them what is good and bad behavior while offering various examples. Very often, however, social problems keep moms and dads so busy with their everyday activities that some of them delegate their responsibilities to the schooling system.

At an early age, children may be exposed to many dangers including violent or obscene movies and other negative phenomena. To avoid young minds being confronted with such bad influence, parents and relatives should spend quality time with children and promote the life-building ideas of respectable personalities. No teaching can be delivered effectively without the support of families. Therefore, teachers should discuss home and school issues with parents, on a regular basis.

Teachers need to help young people realize that they are the future of their nation. In a society marked by excessive interest in materialistic life, children need to be taught moral values to inspire positive social change. Teaching these in schools can promote individual and social well-being, peace, friendliness, love, and mutual understanding.

Teachers should raise awareness about rights and responsibilities, about what it means to be a good citizen. That is why they have to reflect on values such as honesty, patriotism, compassion, sincerity, and respect. Therefore, they have to show positive thinking and justice in their relationships with learners.

Adapted from S.K. Shrivastava, (2017, p. 106)

I. COMPREHENSION: 08 marks

A) Choose option a), b), or c) to answer questions 1., 2., 3., and 4.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

1. According to paragraph 1, the moral education of students starts with...

- a) giving them advice b) social problems c) the schooling system

2. According to paragraph 1, some people delegate their responsibilities because...

- a) they can't talk to their kids b) they trust the schooling system c) they don't have time

3. "Young minds" (Line 7) refers to...

- a) children b) parents c) relatives

4. Based on the last two sentences of paragraph 2 (Lines 9-10), the best place for kids' education is:

- a) their homes b) their schools c) their homes and schools

B) Quote passages from paragraphs 3-4 to prove that statements 5 and 6 are TRUE.

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

5. Children can play a very important role in the construction of their country. **True...**

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6. Teachers should demonstrate that they have good moral values. **True...**

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C) Find in paragraphs 2 and 3 expressions corresponding to situations 7, 8, and 9. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

Situations in Text	Passages from the Text	Parag.
7. A pastime or hobby menacing children		2
8. Famous people who are much esteemed		2
9. A negative mentality or manner of living		3

D) Indicate **WHO** and **WHAT** the following pronouns refer to in the text. (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

10. "them" (Line 4) refers to _____

11. "these" (Line 13) refers to _____

II. LINGUISTIC and COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE: 06 marks

E) Choose the correct option in parentheses to complete this paragraph. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Moral values are an important part of any person's character and they should be taught right from (12) _____ (childbirth ⊗ childhood ⊗ children). The importance of teaching values to kids is that it helps them (13) _____ (choose ⊗ chose ⊗ chosen) the right way. Moral values give a child the right direction, which helps (14) _____ (him ⊗ her ⊗ them) get accepted and respected by society. Moral values vary from person to person depending on the environment (15) _____ (on ⊗ in ⊗ at) which they have been raised. Adapted from <https://tokyo.globalindianschool.org/>

F) Complete this extract of a talk that a teacher had with students on moral values. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Teacher: Good morning, class! Today, we're going to discuss the importance of moral values, okay?

Here's my first question for you: Can (16) _____ what moral values are?

Amina: Well, I think they're like rules we have to follow, (17) _____ they?

Teacher: Great start, Amina. They're not exactly like rules, but they define how we act with others.

Examples of moral values are honesty, (18) _____, _____, and integrity.

Ben: Wow! Now I understand why my dad (19) _____

G) Indicate the notion in the box below that corresponds to each statement in the table. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Purpose ⊗ Necessity ⊗ Advice ⊗ Cause ⊗ Possibility

Illustrative Statements	Corresponding Notions
Parents and relatives should spend quality time with their children.	20.
Kids need to be taught moral values to inspire social change.	21.
Teaching these in schools can promote social well-being.	22.
Lack of solidarity is due to excessive interest in materialistic life.	23.

III. **WRITING**: Choose **ONE** topic only and write 80-120 words about it. 06 marks

Topic 1: Violence has become banal in the Senegalese society. In your opinion, what are the causes and consequences of this phenomenon? How can moral education help solve the violence problem in our communities?

Topic 2: The math teacher refused to accept Sally in class because she didn't have her uniform. Then he convoked her mother to discuss the problem. Write their conversation.

Topic 3: Fatou was shocked by the rude language that she heard when listening to her friends' vocal messages on WhatsApp. She writes a post to their group to sensitize them about moral values. Imagine her message and reproduce it.