

**EXERCISE 1** Fill in the chart below with the missing word form.

| Words         | Nouns |              |       |
|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1. educated   | _____ | 8. partner   | _____ |
| 2. illiterate | _____ | 9. financial | _____ |
| 3. poor       | _____ | 10. ignore   | _____ |
| 4. assist     | _____ | 11. attend   | _____ |
| 5. important  | _____ | 12. know     | _____ |
| 6. graduate   | _____ | 13. succeed  | _____ |
| 7. active     | _____ | 14. fail     | _____ |
|               |       | 15. clarify  | _____ |

**EXERCISE 2** Give the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. A great number of students leave school because of (finance) \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
2. Ahmed is an (illiteracy) \_\_\_\_\_ villager; he doesn't know how to write or read.
3. (Ignore) \_\_\_\_\_ and (illiterate) \_\_\_\_\_ are serious issues these days.
4. Students should (attendance) \_\_\_\_\_ all classes if they want to (success) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Learners are advised to work in groups to exchange ideas and (know) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Reading Text

[1] Najat Belkacem was born on October 4th, 1977, in a farmhouse in Bni Chiker, a village near Nador. Her father, Ahmed, had emigrated to France before she was born. She lived with her grandfather and she still remembers gathering water and helping him with the farm work.

[2] When Najat was five, her father found a permanent job and sent for his wife and daughters to join him in 1982. Najat grew up in the suburbs of Amiens, France. **The little girl** felt the shock of the new culture. She didn't speak a word of French. "Leaving your country, your roots, can be painful. My father had already found his place, but for us, it was really hard," she says.

[3] Her father set strict rules: she was forbidden to hang out with friends or to go out to cafés before the age of eighteen. As a result, Najat devoted all her time and energy to her studies. By the end of her first year, she could read and speak French fluently.

[4] She received French citizenship shortly before joining university as a law student. It was there that she discovered the prestigious Paris Institute of Political Studies. She took the entrance exam and passed. At the institute library, she met Boris Vallaud whom she married later. The couple has followed similar paths into government. "It's very nice to have a husband who moves in the same world as I do," she says.

[5] In March 2008, she was elected 'Conseillère Générale' of the Rhône department. On May 16th, 2012, she was appointed to French President François Hollande's cabinet as Minister of Women's Rights and Spokesperson for the government. On August 25th, 2014, she became the first woman to be appointed Minister of Education and Research in France.

[6] Najat has proved that there are no boundaries to what you can achieve if you work hard. Her story reminds us that immigrants are valuable human capital. If we believe in them and invest in **them** with the right education, there are no limits to what they can achieve.

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## COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT.

### A ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (2 pts)

1. When she first came to France, Najat Belkacem found it difficult to adapt to the French culture.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Najat got French citizenship when she was a university student.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### B ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 pts)

1. How did Najat help her grandfather?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When did Najat know about the Paris Institute of Political Studies?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Najat first meet her husband?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### C COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (2 pts)

1. Because Najat devoted all her time and energy to her studies, she \_\_\_\_\_ in just one year.
2. The writer thinks that immigrants can achieve a lot if \_\_\_\_\_.

### D WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (1 pt)

1. The little girl (paragraph 2) : \_\_\_\_\_
2. them (paragraph 6) : \_\_\_\_\_

### E PICK OUT FROM THE TEXT SENTENCES OR PHRASES WHICH SHOW THAT. (2 pts)

1. Najat's father was not flexible :  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Najat and her husband share the same interests :  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### F CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER. (2 pts)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "your roots" (paragraph 2) means:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. your origins.</li> <li>b. your emotions.</li> <li>c. your attitudes. <i>The right answer is : .....</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. "to hang out with friends" (paragraph 3) means:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. to live with friends.</li> <li>b. to spend time out with friends.</li> <li>c. to study with friends. <i>The right answer is : .....</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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### G COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHART. (3 pts)

| Information in the text                                   | Paragraph Number |
|---|------------------|
| a. Najat Belkacem's first contact with the French culture | 2                |
| b. Najat Belkacem's higher education .....                | .....            |
| c. Najat Belkacem's life in Morocco .....                 | .....            |
| d. Najat Belkacem's political career                      | .....            |