

**01** Dropping out of school

These days, dropping out of school becomes a problematic issue.



**Causes :**

1. poverty. Some parents can't pay the school fees
2. distance. Many schools are located very far
3. ignorance of illiterate parents

**Consequences :** illiteracy, crimes, taking drugs, unemployment, family problems, early marriage for girls,.....

**Solutions:**

- 1- the government should help poor parents financially, build more new schools, boarding schools besides means of transportation.
- 2- Associations should sensitize these parents of the importance of schooling.

**04** Rural-urban immigration

Today, rural urban immigration becomes an alarming issue.



**Causes :**

- 1- employment. Unemployed villagers look for a job in cities.
- 2- availability of schools and high institutions, hospitals, transport, running water, electricity .....

**Consequences :** over population, slums, diseases, crimes....

**Solutions:**

- the government should fight poverty in villages, offer more job opportunities to farmers and build roads and bridges..... besides helping them in their agricultural activities.

**02** Poverty

Many countries suffer from poverty namely the African ones.



**Causes :**

- 1- diseases caused by drinking unsafe water and bad food
- 2- civil wars, political affiliations and social conflicts
- 3- unemployment, overpopulation and natural disasters

**Consequences :** illiteracy, crimes, taking drugs, unemployment, family problems, divorce, suicide, mass emigration....

**Solutions:**

- 1- the government should offer more job opportunities
- 2- they should encourage the local natural resources besides independent small businesses.

**05** Foreign languages

Learning foreign languages is of paramount importance recently.



**Advantages:**

- 1- to find a good job with high salary
- 2- to communicate easily with foreigners
- 3- to work in tourism as a tourist guide
- 4- to know more about other cultures
- 5- to travel around the world easily

**06** Experimenting on animals

Doing scientific tests on animals is a controversial issue lately.



**Some people are for:**

- 1- to find medication and cure to human diseases
- 2- to develop the scientific medical research
- 3- to help doctors make breakthrough in the treatment of some deadly diseases

**Some other people are against:**

- 1- some animals will be extinct.
- 2- animals suffer much from these tests
- 3- humans are cruel towards animals

**03** Air pollution

Nowadays, air pollution becomes a serious ecological problem in Morocco.



**Causes :**

- 1- means of transportation like cars, buses, trucks, etc.
- 2- industrial factories.
- 3- throwing rubbish in public places.

**Consequences :** health diseases, breathing difficulties, global warming, and extinction of some animals.....

**Solutions:**

- 1- people should use bikes or public vehicles especially at the weekend.
- 2- factories should be built outside the cities
- 3- Associations should sensitize all citizens of the danger of air pollution in the future.

**07** Advertizing

Every day, we watch advertizing on TV, road boards or even books.



**Advantages:**

- 1- it makes consumers aware of new products
- 2- due to commercial competition, clients benefit from discount
- 3- it offers more job opportunities for jobless people

### Disadvantages :

- 1- it creates false needs
- 2- it makes clients fall in debts and credits
- 3- companies spend much money on advertising
- 4- it deceives consumers using false information
- 5- kids may be easily seduced by unneeded products.

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### Aid Al fiter & Aid Al Adha

Countries around the world celebrate different events national, international, or religious. The Arab world celebrates two principal religious feasts : Aid Alfiter and Aid Al adha.



- Muslims wear their new clothes for this occasion.
- they exchange visits and gifts.
- they prepare delicious cakes, cookies, crepes, etc.
- they go to the mosque to pray.
- they give money to the poor and the children.
- and for Aid Al adha, they slaughter sheep.

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### House maids

House maids are those young girls whose job is to do housework for a little money.



#### Causes :

- 1- poverty. Some parents can't pay all the house expenses
- 2- dropping out of school.
- 3- lack of money : the family needs another income.

Consequences : illiteracy, rape, low payment, physically beaten by host families, prostitution.....

#### Solutions :

- 1- The government should punish the host families that don't respect these young girls.
- 2- Parents should send their daughters to school and not to work as maids in rich people's houses
- 3- Associations should sensitize poor parents of the reality of being a house maid and rich families of the maids' rights like good payment, fair treatment and good education.

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### Child labour/ working children

Working children are those children who are forced to work at an early age for a variety of reasons.



#### Reasons:

- 1- poverty. Some parents are poor and therefore they can't pay all the house expenditure.
- 2- dropping out of school

**Consequences :** exploitation, low pay, physical injuries, exhaustion, malnutrition, .....

#### Solutions :

- 1- the government should punish those bosses who hire children for a few coins and ban the employment of children until they become adults
- 2- Associations should raise parents' awareness that kids should be sent to school to study and have fun because they still have the right to enjoy their childhood.

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### Education of girls

Many girls in countryside are not allowed to go to school .



#### Advantages of girls' education :

- they help their kids do homework assignments
- they can easily get a job and therefore help their family financially
- they reduce the risk of child mortality thanks to their regular doctor visits
- they won't be victims of domestic or sexual abuse
- they finally contribute to the development of their community.

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### A surprise birthday party

It's a always fun to surprise a friend or a dear person with a surprise birthday party.



- keeping it secret is what matters most
- decorating the place with balloons
- inviting his best friends
- buying gifts that he much likes
- buying delicious food and drinks
- choosing his favourite music to listen to
- lighting up candles and fireworks

And of course, taking pictures is the best part in any party because photos make that unforgettable and life lasting.

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### Home tutoring (home extra hours)

#### Advantages :

- 1- parents closely control their children's performance in schooling
- 2- studying alone or in a small group is more exciting and effective
- 3- students become excellent in grading
- 4- students feel comfortable when studying at home



#### Disadvantages:

- 1- besides usual school fees, parents should pay more.
- 2- students may miss their official classes at school
- 3- tutoring may make students uninterested in concentrating in their official classes.

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## War

### Causes :

- 1- poverty, starvation and harsh living conditions
- 2- greediness to have other people's properties like petrol and other natural resources
- 3- political affiliations and fortune
- 4- no other alternative to solve conflicts



**Consequences :** dead people, injured, handicapped, widow, widower, homeless, orphan, food shortage, violence, phobia, diseases,.....

### Solutions :

Countries should settle their problems peacefully.

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## Role of Associations & NGOs

Associations and non-governmental organizations play an important role socially, economically, ideologically and educationally.



- they help people who are in need or danger regardless of their nationalities.
- they maintain peace all over the world.
- they Promote global understanding and humanitarian principles.
- they run small projects to help unemployed people.
- they help poor students continue their studies.
- they fight against wars, terrorism, civil wars,...
- they help when natural disasters happen like volcano, earthquake, and drought.
- they sensitize people of the importance of schooling, of keeping the environment clean, and last but not least of sustainable development
- they sensitize people of the danger of taking drugs, health diseases like AIDs, etc.

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## Cheating in the Exams

*Cheating in the exams becomes increasingly spread recently.*



### Causes :

- 1- lack of regular revision of lessons
- 2- lack of enough time to prepare before exams
- 3- carelessness to take some courses
- 4- absence of some teachers

**Consequences :** poor knowledge, failing the exam, jailed or expelled, dropping out of school

### Solutions :

- 1- students should revise their lessons regularly
- 2- they shouldn't miss any class
- 3- she should be hardworking, honest and unreliable
- 4- the school staff should punish severely cheaters
- 5- Associations should sensitize students of the importance of education in their future job

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## Obesity

### Causes :

- 1- eating junk food all the time : fast food/ snacks
- 2- lack of sleep
- 3- lack of physical activities : sport
- 4- drinking alcohol



**Consequences :** psychological effects: depression, low self esteem. Physical : diseases, blood pressure and social : few friends, more bullying, lower employment....

### Solutions :

- obese people should visit doctors now and then
- they should go on a strict diet
- they should play sport very often
- they have to eat home-made food.

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## Divorce

*Divorce is a common issue these days not only among poor couples but also the rich ones.*



### Causes :

- 1- unemployment and domestic violence
- 2- lack of experience polygamy or big difference in age
- 3- infidelity and misunderstanding or taking drugs

**Consequences :** children are the victims, rejection by step mother or father, family problems, psychological problems, marital instability....

### Solutions:

- 1- couples should be mature enough to get married
- 2- they should communicate before marriage
- 3- they should be both financially stable

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## Unemployment

*Unemployment becomes a problematic issue in Morocco.*



### Causes :

- 1- the economic crisis and lack of experience
- 2- new technology like robots and computers
- 3- over population : there are so many diplomats.

**Consequences :** poverty, financial troubles, credits, stress, family problems, suicide, theft, crimes, delinquency, divorce....

### Solutions :

The government should offer more job opportunities, encourage foreign investments and lastly encourage the recruitment of the private sector.

## 20 Committing crimes

Crimes happen everywhere these days.

### Causes :

- 1- taking drugs and poverty
- 2- family problems and TV violence
- 3- depression and other social mental disorders...



**Consequences :** prison, death, injuries, handicap, fear, insecurity, rape, psychological problems, family problems.....

### Solutions :

- 1- the authorities should put criminals in jail
- 2- citizens should stay in safe places
- 3- Associations should sensitize young people of the danger and negative effects of this social phenomenon.
- 4- the government should improve education and offer more job opportunities.

## 23 Violence in stadiums (Hooliganism)

Violence in stadium becomes a phobia for each parent.

### Causes :

- 1- unawareness of the fans besides the final score of the match
- 2- unavailability of tickets
- 3- drugs and lack of money



**Consequences :** destruction of properties, injuries, death, road accidents, traffic jam, chairs damage, chaos, fear...

### Solutions :

1. The FIFA should punish severely hooligans and forbid minor children from accessing the stadium
2. real fans are peaceful, supporting their team when they win and when they lose.

## 21 Terrorism

These days, the world has the phobia of terrorism

### Causes :

- 1- educational and socio cultural thoughts: extreme wrong beliefs and values, social networks, ignorance.....
- 2- family problems, rebel, unemployment, self dissatisfaction, false ideas about religion....
- 3- low self esteem, starvation, psychological problems



**Consequences :** death of innocent citizens, injured, orphans, widow, widower, destruction of properties, phobia, insecurity,....

### Solutions :

- 1- the authorities should intensify their military forces to provide more security to citizens besides selling weapons must be banned.
- 2- people should be more open minded towards other cultures and religions.

## 24 2. Facebook

Millions of people use facebook world wide

### Advantages :

- Facebook is the best medium of communication
- it helps you chat with other people world-wide
- it helps you know more about other cultures and languages
- it helps you find old friends
- it helps you share your good and bad news
- it helps you post advertizing if you have any



## 25 Ramadan

Ramadan is one month fasting for all Muslim people all over the Arab world. Adult Muslims don't eat nor



drink from sunrise to sunset. Little kids don't fast. Ramadan is one of the pillars of our religion Islam. A variety of activities take place during this special occasion :

- Muslims don't drink any liquids (water, juice, tea...no food, no marital relations, no gossip, no offense...)
- they give money to the poor and children
- they exchange visits and gifts
- they wear their new clothes namely "Djallaba" and pray by night "Tarawih"

## 22 The bribery /corruption

### Causes :

- 1- incompetency: incompetent candidates pay bribe to get a job.
- 2- personal greed
- 3- fortune and ignorance besides lack of ethics



**Consequences :** no democracy, no justice, jail,.....

### Solutions :

- 1- authorities should punish severely the one who gets bribery
- 2- Associations should sensitize people about the risk of paying bribe .

## 26 Inter-racial marriage

Some Moroccan men prefer to marry foreign women for many reasons.



**Reasons :**

- 1- strong love for each other
- 2- for having a double nationality
- 3- for escaping from harsh poverty, wars, and from many other social problems

**Consequences :** difficulties in adapting to new culture, language, values, religion, standard of living, lifestyle, children identity loss...

**Solutions :**

The couples should discuss and think twice before getting married to a foreign woman and discuss certain problematic points like those of religion and culture.

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**Child early marriage**

*Child early marriage becomes widely spread recently.*



**Reasons :**

- 1- poverty. Parents' income is not sufficient to pay all the house and school expenses
- 2- security. Parents are afraid of any sexual or physical abuse
- 3- old traditions and culture

**Consequences :** divorce, suicide, family separation, psychological problems, family problems, rejection by society, kids are the victims, mother mortality, domestic violence.....

**Solutions :**

- 1. authorities should punish parents who force their daughter to marry at an early age
- 2. girls should be first qualified for marriage physically, and cognitively
- 3. associations should raise parents awareness that girls should be sent to school and not to marry early

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**Violence among students in school**

*Violence in schools is a prevalent phenomenon these days.*



**Reasons :**

- 1- carelessness , poverty and lack of counseling
- 2- taking drugs and effect of peer and classmates
- 3- bullying , family background, anxiety and depression

**Consequences :** poor grade : no good education, no good job, death, injuries, handicap, insecurity, chaos, fear....

**Solutions :**

- 1- the school staff should punish trouble makers severely
- 2- listening and counseling clubs should be set up to listen to their social problems
- 3- Associations should sensitize both parents and students of the importance of schooling in their future life....

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**Cars**

*Cars are of paramount importance in our modern life.*



**Advantages :**

- 1- you can travel with your family anytime and anywhere
- 2- you can travel to distant places in a short time
- 3- you can take both people and goods in your car

**Disadvantages :**

- 1- cars produce too much dangerous gases in the air
- 2- cars cause disastrous road accidents
- 3- driving for a long time is uncomfortable for the driver

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**Sport**

*Playing sport is very important for both mind and body.*



**Advantages :**

- it helps us improve our team work skills.
- making more new friends
- having higher self-esteem and self confidence
- being excellent at school
- fighting obesity and other health diseases
- combating stress, routine and daily tension

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**Taking drugs/smoking**

*These days, taking drugs becomes a prevailing phenomenon among teenagers.*



**Causes :**

- 1- bad company : bad friends
- 2- imitation : teenagers imitate drug-takers or smokers
- 3- wrong thinking : adolescents think that taking drugs is a badge of courage and manhood

**Consequences :** addiction, health diseases, pennilessness, crimes, fights, death, injuries, theft, family and psychological problems....

**Solutions :**

- 1- teenagers should avoid the company of bad friends
- 2- they mustn't imitate those who take drugs even if they are their parents , teachers, film stars, or friends
- 3- Associations should sensitize adolescents of the danger of this bad habit on their education and health.

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**Homelessness (homeless/street children)**

*Homeless children are those children who don't have a house to live in.*



### Causes :

- 1- poverty. Some children run away from home because their parents are poor
- 2- parents' divorce and endless domestic problems.
- 3- illegitimate children. Those who are born in the street.
- 4- drugs addiction

**Consequences :** these children might grow up criminals, thieves, violent, murders, rebellious, physically sick, and prostitutes for girls....

### Solutions :

- 1- parents should be tolerant and send their children to schools, and not to streets
- 2- street children should be sheltered and adopted by families
- 3- Associations should raise people's awareness to respect and take care of these innocent kids
- 4- NGOs, associations and authorities should reintegrate these children back to their families if they have one, or to charitable centers.

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### Brain drain

*Brain drain is the immigration of genius people to other countries.*

### Reasons :

- 1- to search for better work
- 2- to make more money
- 3- to finish their studies for students
- 4- to have new experiences and further knowledge
- 5- to improve their standard of living
- 6- to boost their working and living conditions
- 7- to run away from wars, conflicts, diseases, poverty...

**Consequences :** lack of human resources, origin countries lose scientists and scholars, no progress for their homelands,...

### Solutions:

- 1- These brainy people should come back to their origin countries
- 2- The government should offer them good jobs with tempting salaries and they should reward those who come back.



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### Suicide

- Causes :**
- 1- Family problems like divorce, infidelity, family separation, domestic violence, crazy love...
  - 2- Financial problems like unemployment, unpaid credits, high cost of living...
  - 3- Psychological problems as depression, self dissatisfaction....

**Consequences :** phobia, insecurity, instability in society, death shock for the family...

**Solutions :** The government should offer more job opportunities to these depressed people, and associations should sensitize these people that suicide is never the solution.



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### Beggary

*Beggars are those people who beg for money.*

- Causes :**
- 1- poverty and difficult social circumstances
  - 2- unemployment and bankruptcy of their projects
  - 3- health problems like handicap and physical disability...

**Consequences :** negative image of the city or country, fear, spread of frauds, criminals, robbers, diseases....

**Solutions :** beggary should be banned everywhere and government should help these poor people



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### Women

*The situation of women has been improved thanks to the new family code.*

### The situation of women in the past :

- women were exploited in factories and farms
- women's principal role was looking after children and doing housework
- they were deprived of their rights like going to school, work, express their views, voting in elections.....

### The situation of women at the present :

- they can go to school
- they can work outside home just like men
- they can vote in elections



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### Humour

*A lot of people ignore the magic of humour. It is very important at work and school, too.*

- students can't concentrate all the time, so, they need humour now and then.
- Workers, employees, and even students can't be all the time serious
- to reduce the routine and boredom, humour and animation are badly needed, but not too much.
- being 'workaholic' makes you feel stressed, nervous and easily angry.
- people who have a sense of humour at work and school, too, are witty, more energetic and highly creative.



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### The internet

*The internet is the best means of communication worldwide.*

### Advantages :

- it is a source of information: students and researchers can surf for information.
- it's a source of education: students, teachers and even illiterate people can watch educative programs.
- it's a source of entertainment: internet users can watch funny shows, clips, sport or just play games.
- thanks to this innovation, we can chat and audio-chat with friends and family members around the world.

### Disadvantages :

- addiction
- bad for health, especially eyes and brain
- adolescents may have access to bad websites
- it makes students passive and lazy

