

Young Moroccans intend to emigrate

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- 1 A new study revealed that 42% of Moroccans would like to live abroad. And the intention to emigrate is greatest among young people. These are the findings of a study conducted by the Moroccan Migration Research Association.
- 2 According to the February 26th report, the tendency to migrate is higher among people with an average or higher than average level of education. "Unemployment encourages emigration to some extent," but migration does not involve only the poor or the unemployed, the survey said.
- 3 The survey revealed that the difficulty in finding a job is the most frequent reason for people with a poor level of education who want to leave. Hicham Bourebah, 28, graduated in accounting six years ago and has struggled to find stable employment. "I know Europe is in crisis. But I have no more hope for life here in Morocco. I want to explore other lands and start to get somewhere," he said.
- 4 Like Hicham, 25-year-old business management graduate Noura Cherrafi wants to try her chances abroad. "For three years I've done nothing but training courses and I've never had a job. I'm depressed. My family wants to marry me off," she said. "I've been unable to make my dreams come true in Morocco; so now I'm thinking of emigrating to France," she said.
- 5 This desire is evident just at a time when a number of expatriates are returning to Morocco because of the consequences of the economic crisis for them. The survey conducted for the European Training Foundation also looked at returning migrants. More than two-thirds of them put all their savings during their life abroad into buying property. One-third of returning migrants are thinking of emigrating again. Only 5% have decided to return and invest.
- 6 "The skills acquired during migration are not sufficiently exploited after returning home, which represents a loss of earnings for the migrant, Morocco and the host country," European Training Foundation Director Madlen Serban said. Aware of the difficulties encountered by Moroccan expatriates here, the government set up a programme on February 27th which aimed at encouraging these to invest by providing bank loans and state subsidies.
- 7 "This is a huge opportunity," expat Wafaa Farhat said. She returned to Morocco from France in 2010 to set up a school specialising in health engineering. "I was able to set up my project thanks to financial support by the state," she said. That investment back home could lead to the creation of jobs and wealth, an increase in the production of goods and services, and contribute to regional and national development.



I COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS) {BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT}

A Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? JUSTIFY. (3 pts)

- 1 All emigrants say that the main reason why they want to emigrate is the lack of job opportunities.
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- 2 Most immigrants have decided to settle in Morocco.
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- 3 Moroccan migrants make good use of their skills when they return.
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B Answer these questions with information from the text. (3 pts)

- 1 Which factors make Moroccan youths leave their home country?
- 2 Why are a lot of emigrants returning to their home country?
- 3 What is the ultimate goal that makes the government encourage expatriates to invest in their home country?

C Find in the text words and expressions that mean the same as the following. (3 pts)

- 1 partly / not completely (para 2)
- 2 emigrants (para 5)
- 3 faced (para 6)

D What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (3 pts)

- 1 she (parag 4)
- 2 them (parag 5)
- 3 these (parag 6)

E Complete the following sentences with information from the text. (3 pts)

- 1 Bouebbah wants to emigrate and start to get somewhere even though
- 2 Noura Cherrafi is thinking of emigrating to France now because
- 3 The government set up a programme on February 27th whose

II LANGUAGE (15 points)

A- Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense: (3 pts)

- Morocco (produce) _____ 40 % of its energy needs via solar energy by the year 2020.
- The tramway (leave / already) _____ when we arrived at the station yesterday.
- It's cloudy and windy, it _____ (rain) soon.

B- Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given: (3 pts)

- UNESCO awarded Morocco the Confucius Prize for Literacy in 2006.

Morocco

- 1- They have already checked their e-mails.

E-mails

3. They must take the victims to the hospital immediately.

The victims

C- Fill in each gaps with an appropriate word from the list: (3 pts)

Pay – show up - fulfill - sustain - improve – catch up

“We can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best schools in the world – and none of it will matter unless all of you _____ your responsibilities. Unless you _____ to those schools; _____ attention to those teachers; listen to your parents, grandparents and other adults; and put in the hard work it takes to succeed. “, said Barack Obama

D- Fill in the gaps with an appropriate word or expression from the list: (1pts)

Along with- although – in spite of – however – although – therefore – so as to –

- _____ Aicha Echchanna’s association has alleviated the situation of single mothers, they are still rejected by society.
- Skilled professionals emigrate to Canada _____ benefit from higher wages and better way of life.

E- Give the correct form of the words in brackets: (2 pts)

If the Moroccan (govern) wants to (power)..... women, it has to foster (literate) programs and cooperative (organize)

F- Match each expression with its appropriate function: (2 points)

I'm not sure I got your point.	a- Expressing lack of understanding
It's crystal clear that Morocco has developed recently.	b- Making a suggestion
I'm sorry to say this, but this camera doesn't work.	c- Expressing certainty.
What about going for a walk?	d- Making a complaint.

G- / Match the words with their definitions. (1point)

1-Cooperation:	a- disrespect, disobedience of refusal or comply with the law
2- Feminism :	b- An amusing imitation of a famous person
3- Impression :	c- Working and participating with others for the same purpose.
4-Violation	d- A movement supporting the rights of women.

