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Algeria turns off Internet to stop exam cheats – 23rd June, 2018

Level 0

Algeria has turned off its Internet to stop students cheating in exams. The Internet stops after the exams start. This is happening during the exam season, which ends June 25. Also, devices with Internet access are banned from exam halls. Even teachers cannot have their phones. In 2016, test questions were leaked online.

Facebook has been blocked for the days of the exams. For extra security, metal detectors are now in all exam halls. Security cameras and mobile-phone blockers are in the companies where exams are printed. Students like the government's actions. One said it was unfair that students could cheat by using phones.

Level 1

Algeria has turned off its Internet to stop students cheating in exams. Many students secretly go online during tests. The Internet stops for an hour after the start of each exam. The government will shut the Internet down during the exam season, which ends June 25. Also, devices with Internet access are banned from 2,000 exam centers. Even teachers cannot have their phones. There were many problems in 2016. Test questions were leaked online.

Algeria's Education Minister said Facebook would be blocked for the days of the exams. She said she needed to something to stop cheating. For extra security, metal detectors are now in all exam halls. Security cameras and mobile-phone blockers are now at the companies where exams are printed. Many students like the government's actions. One said it was unfair that students who didn't study could cheat by using their mobile phone in tests.

Level 2

Algeria has turned off its Internet to stop students cheating in school exams. The government wants to stop students secretly going online during nationwide tests. The Internet stops for an hour after the start of each exam. The government will shut the Internet down during the exam season, from June 20 to June 25. In addition, all devices with Internet access have been banned from 2,000 exam centers. Even teachers cannot have their phones. There were many problems in 2016. Test questions were leaked online before and during exams.

Algeria's Education Minister told a newspaper that Facebook would also be blocked for the six days of the exams. She does not like doing this but needs to something to stop students cheating. For more security, metal detectors will be put in all exam halls. Also, security cameras and mobile-phone blockers are now at the companies where the exams are printed. Many students think the government is doing the right thing. Rania Salim, 16, said it was unfair that students who didn't study could get help in exams by using their mobile phone to cheat.

Level 3

Algeria has turned off its Internet all over the country to stop students cheating in high school exams. Algeria's government said it wanted to do something to stop students secretly going online during nationwide school tests. All Internet service was stopped for an hour after the start of each of the exams. The government will shut the Internet down during the whole exam season, between June 20 and June 25. In addition, all electronic devices with Internet access have been banned from the country's 2,000 exam centers. Even teachers cannot take phones into the exam halls. There were many problems in 2016 when test questions were leaked online both before and during exams.

Algeria's Education Minister Nouria Benghabrit told the Algerian newspaper Annahar that Facebook would also be blocked across the country for the six days the exams were taking place. She said she did not like doing this but she could not do nothing and give opportunities to students to cheat in tests. As an added security measure, metal detectors will be placed in all exam halls, and security cameras and mobile-phone blockers have been set up at the printing companies where the exams are printed. Many students thought the government was doing the right thing. Rania Salim, 16, said it wasn't fair that students who didn't study could get help in exams by using their mobile phone to cheat.