

## Question D: Malteaser

20 points

D1. Give the appropriate form of the definite article:

il lura    il qamar    l ors    in nar    ix xahar    id demm    l hena  
li mniher    in nifs    ir ras    il forn    il geddum    it tama    il patata  
li bliet    il ħadid    il bejt    il kafè    li gżira    ix xkora    id dlam  
l ilsna    iż żarbun    l għajn    il beraq    l azzar    il wiċċ    is suq  
iz zokor    il missier    l ilma

D2. What would you expect the form of the definite article to be in the two (\*) cases?

li ktieb

iġ ġobon

D3. (Bonus marks) Briefly summarize the rules for the Maltese definite article seen in these examples (excluding the two examples marked \*). Continue overleaf if necessary.

1. i+C if C is one of {ċ,d,l,n,r,s,t,x,z,ż} ie dental/alveolar sound
2. l before vowel (incl. j) or silent letter
3. li before consonant cluster unless first consonant is one of those in rule 1.
4. otherwise il