

**UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE I**

**ECOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE**

**Entrance Examination into the 1st Year Second Cycle July 2009 Session**

**Series: Bilingual letters**

**Paper: Literature in English Time 03 hours**

General instructions

*Section I and II of this paper (1-40) are multiple choice questions and you are expected to write on your answer sheet against the number representing each item, the letter corresponding to the correct answer. Only section III is essay writing.*

**SECTION I: Reading comprehension**

The dream changed for hours, it seemed I had been wondering aimlessly through a forest of pine trees; now I was alone in a small boat which was drifting along lazily, past trees covered islands whose bare rocky edges rose abruptly from the transparent water. I was being carried between grassy banks where meadows sprinkled with buttercups sloped to the river. Soft fluffy clouds were reflected in the velvet surface of the water. The current must have been steady and strong, for the boat moving on smoothly, without meeting any obstacle, as though it were being steered by some invisible hands.

Soothed by the peace of my journey, I had lost all count of time but eventually I became aware that the boat was gliding

slowly towards the banks. At this point, where a narrow stretch of silver sand was banded on either sides heaped granite boulders, an old man was standing his hand shading his eyes. As the boat ran around he came up to me, held out his hand and greeted me courteously.

You reach us at last. We have been expecting you for so long. Will you follow me, please? I hesitated there for a moment. I had suddenly felt a chilled conviction of danger, a shiver that suggested overwhelming evil. Yet this old man with sensitive delicate features seems kindly and gracious. He has noticed my suspicion and he smiled at me reassuringly. You need not be afraid he murmured. You are deeply respected, indeed revered, by us all. Everything has been prepared for you. We have done everything in our power to honor you. Now please come with me to the place chosen for you. I dared not risk offending him. But for reason I cannot explain. I avoided touching his hand outstretched to assist me as I stepped out of the boat. And I followed him reluctantly.

Our feet sank into the yielding sand as we made our way towards a low flight of marbles steps which lead up from the beach. The steps had been polished so skillfully that they seemed to glow in soft shades of rows lilac and ivory at the top my guard paused and looked back at me. I gasped in amazement at the incredible beauty of the scene which lay before me at that

**SECTION II: Usage, Grammar & spoken English**

c) Select the letter (a-j) which corresponds to the right intensifier in the box to fill gaps below. (Deeply, far, actually, definitely, badly, bitterly, exceedingly, completely, extremely).

16. It was ..... Kind of you to help us.

17. I am ..... grateful to you.

18. We all feel ..... more certain of our position now.

19. The clerk's story was ... .....exaggerated.

20. Did you ..... hear him threaten the girl?

21. I am sure she must have been .....shaken.

22. You will ..... Regret this one day.

23. We were all ..... moved by his story.

24. The results of the elections are now..... confirmed.

25. The situation has ..... changed.

**SECTION III COMPREHENSION (40 pts).**

Write an essay of 500-550 words on ONE of the following topics:

1. To what extent the social and economic development of Cameroon depend on the quality of formal education?
2. The use and abuse of cell phone in Cameroon.
3. Has the H.I.V AIDS pandemic influenced people's sexual behavior in cities and villages in any way?

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