

# Anglais

## Probatoire

## Session de 2008

### Série A-B-C-D-E

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: GRAMMAR

##### *I. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the brackets.*

1. Ella will not make that mistake again.....(will he, won't, will he not, wouldn't he)
2. I can't help .....you for this wonderful achievement. (congratulation, congrats, congratulating)
3. The referee..... the player not to touch the ball with his hand. (ask, asked, asking)
4. You can only travel abroad.....you have a passport. (unless, by, when, after).
5. Calvin is neither a criminal .....highway robber. (either, or, nor)

##### *II. Complete each sentence with the appropriate word from the box.*

despite, during, which, since, however would have, who, along, will, I have, due to
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1. This is the policeman .....found the dead man in the gutter.
2. Sandra and her friends visited London .....holidays.
3. .... the serious warning from his father that he should not swim in the river, Peter went to swim last night and he drowned.
4. Mathilda's poor performance in the exam is.....her ill health.
5. If Paul had known that it would rain, he..... taken an umbrella.

**II. Complete the following sentences with the appropriate words or phrases of yours.**

1. If I pass my Probatoire this year, my parents.....
2. You didn't like the coffee, .....
3. The prisoner was planning to.....
4. Peter and Helen.....
5. There's very little water .....

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY**

*I. complete the following sentences with an appropriate word from the list in brackets*

- a) The students are having their football .....(practise, practice, play)
- b) I always forget to lock the door. Can you please me each time? (remember, tell, remind)
- c) I can no longer .....the suffering I go through in my aunt's house. (support, put on, endure)
- d) We make bread from.....(flower, flour, floor)
- e) Eto'o is a wonderful player. He plays very.....(fine, good, well)

*2. Match the words in column A with, the meaning of the underlined word or phrase in column B.*

*Write out each chosen word in the space provided*

Column A		Column B
struggle	1.	The dead man was buried in a <u>box</u> .
carefully	2.	I <u>cannot believe</u> that this woman pushed her own son in to the well.
coffin	3.	My friend had to <u>make a great effort</u> to pay his school fees after the death of his parents.
incredible	4.	The doctor said this is a <u>bad case</u> , there's nothing he can do.
hopeless	5.	Please, try to move that glass cupboard <u>so that it does not break</u> .

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

- 3) .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....

**3. Fill in the blank spaces with suitable words of yours.**

- a) She gave me a nice..... of trousers last week.
- b) These boys are twins. Their mother gave birth to them on the same .....
- c) Money is the root.....of most problems.
- d) I did not go to the party .....I had no dress to wear.
- e) It is not very .....to walk in the park without a guide.

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION**

*Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use your own is far as possible.*

**DIABETES: TRUE SILENT KILLER.**

The world is full of changes and surprises. Diabetes is fast becoming a disease of the young. Ten years ago students were taught that this disease couldn't be found in people less than 40 years. Now it is being seen in people under 10. The increase of diabetes among youth could sometimes be as a result of genetic predisposition- Weight and environment may also play a role.

As people become busy and work out of home, so also do their eating habits change. There have been a number of changes in food habits and activity patterns over the last 20 years. These include increase reliance on foods consumed outside the home, increased consumption of soft drinks and fast foods and reduction of physical education in schools.

Diabetes cannot be reversed. Once you have got it, you only have to learn to live with it. Therefore, it is wise to follow the advice of one teenage sufferer, who simply states, "Stay away from junk foods and stay fit". It is estimated that all over the world, more than 140 million people have the disorder. According to the World Health Organization, that number could double by the year 2025. Experts say this could be the beginning of an epidemic.

Treatment for diabetes is made more difficult because a person can have the disease, a long time before it is diagnosed. Early symptoms are relatively mild and as such diabetes often goes unrecognized. Hence, diabetes has been dubbed ‘the silent killer’.

Diabetes has been called “a disorder of the very engine of life” and for good reason. This is simply because the body machine is unable to carry out its function. When the body cannot break down glucose, a number of vital mechanisms can break down, sometimes with life threatening consequences. Dr Harvey has observed that people don’t die directly from diabetes rather they die from its complications. A good job can be done in preventing the complications but a poor job of treating them when they occur. The complications could include heart disease, stroke, poor kidney function, peripheral arterial disease and nerve damage. Poor blood supply to the feet can lead to ulcers which in severe cases require amputation of the limbs. Diabetes is also the most frequent cause of blindness in adults.

Although type one diabetes cannot be prevented, scientists are studying the genetic risk factors. They are trying to find ways to suppress an immune attack. Type two has a much brighter picture. Many of those who may be genetically susceptible avoid showing any sign of this disease. Simply by eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly, thereby staying physically fit and keeping their weight within normal limits.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why is diabetes common among youths nowadays?

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2. Give two causes of diabetes mentioned in the passage?

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3. Why is diabetes considered a silent killer?

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4. List four complications that a diabetic patient is likely to have.

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5. How could a type *two* diabetic patient control the spread of this disease?

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6. Which diabetes is easier to prevent? Why?

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**SECTION D: ESSAY**

*Write an essay of about 200 - 250 words on any of the following topics.*

1. Mothers are more important in the family than fathers. Discuss this statement with your classmate.
2. You are a health worker and you have been sent to your village where early marriages are still a problem. Make a speech sensitizing the rural population on the dangers of this practice.
3. Write a report to the chief of your village on some negative happenings in your area. Why are they negative? What do you think should be done to ameliorate the situation?

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