

Anglais

Probatoire

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR

I. Complete each sentence with the appropriate word or expression chosen from the brackets.

- a) Had they taken appropriate measures, their sonsurvived.
(should, should have, should Not have)
- b) Children from poor homes hardly go to school10% finish secondary school. (ail, less than, the least)
- c) The night watchman was sacked..... he slept while on duty. (because, however, therefore)
- d) Nobody should embezzle public funds..... ? (shouldn't they, isn't it, should they)
- e) The fighters knew..... before they came for training.
(themselves, himself, each other)

II. Match the phrases in section A to those in section B so that the sentence makes sense.

Column A	Column B
1. I advised him to stop	a) and open the Principal's office
2. Where is the boy	b) building the house in a marshy zone.
3 My mother never	c) the PM's new car?
4. Have you seen	d) who scored three goals during the match?
L Take these keys	e) eats eggs at breakfast

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III. Using the Prompts given, rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

- a) Don't touch the fruits if you don't want to buy them.

Unless

- b) **He** was very ill but he managed to come to school to write the test.

Unless

- c) Don't try to profile him. His phone is out of order.

His

- d) My uncle does not speak French. He does not speak English too. *

My uncle speaks

- e) Tell him the truth. He will forgive you.

Unless

SECTION B: VOCABULARY

I. Choose the synonym of the underlined words or phrases from the brackets and write in the space provided.

- a) He can't walk very well. He has a fracture on his left leg. (wound, broken bone, sore)

- b) The Principal said the guests will put up in Hop Hotel for two days during the conference (stay, stop, visit)_____

- c) This machine carries out multiple operations, mixing, drying and cutting. (all, many, few)

- d) President Mandela stepped down from his office: a thing most presidents won't do. (went down, resigned, fell)_____

- e) Do you mind having dinner with me tonight? (staying the night, eating with me, going home with me) _____

II. Pick the odd word out and write it in the space provided

1. car, airplane, bicycle, tractor
2. chair, carpet, wardrobe, table
3. player, referee, linesman, spectator
4. rainy season, dry season, winter, draught
5. leprosy, headache, diarrhea, quinine

III. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of underlined word.

- a) Mr. Ngobo won the elections with flying colours. That shows his popular

- b) His father died six years ago. The die of his father greatly affected his success. _____
- c) It is his responsibility to lock the door. He has always been _____ for locking the door after school.
- d) He totally ignore father's instructions. He watched the television instead of studying.
- e) When is the install of your father taking place; I will like to attend _____

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION

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

Although the question of women fighting for equal rights and advantages is still being debated, it should be noted that in the special domain of employment, the solution lies largely in the hands of the *women* themselves. They are to a large extent responsible for the seriousness they put in their education and the type of jobs or specialization they choose in their career. The 1995 Beijing World Conference on women eloquently confirms this fact.

It is true that in our society, equal educational opportunities exist for both girls and boys at the primary school level. In several regions, statistics have proven that the number of girls greatly

overshadows that of boys. It is also true that as one moves further towards secondary education and eventually towards higher education, the university situation is the reverse. Unfortunately, it favours mostly the masculine sex.

This phenomenon could be justified by diverse factors that may include early marriages. This is especially true of young Muslim girls who are considered by culture to be ready for marital duties at the age of fourteen. Also some parents feel that their daughters might get pregnant in the course of their education.

Others “sell” out these girls to solve financial problems that might include getting money to educate their male offspring.

To say the least, for these girls who are fortunate enough to continue with studies, employment problems are not at the same level as those of their male counterparts. Surely, it is very obvious that professions like those of secretaries, receptionists, nursery school monitors and nurses, have come out clearly to be jobs held by the women folk. And rightly so, because women form a majority in these fields. The only problem is that in these fields it is becoming more and more difficult to cope with the ever rising number of female job seekers. The school system is sending out more and more children while the number of vacancies keeps decreasing. Traditional marriages, forced marriages or just marriages in general have become rare, giving way to all kinds of free relationships where there is little or no commitment between partners. This situation can be justified, no doubt by the generalized context for socio-economic morosity, but which paradoxically in certain situations, makes it possible for girls to have enough time to pursue further studies and therefore aspire to more diverse job opportunities.

Unfortunately though, in a world that is becoming more arid more technological and therefore technical, the feminine gender can still afford to be satisfied with jobs which offer them nothing but a display of the latest and biggest brand name clothes and nail polish. How many female engineers, electricians, cameramen, sound technicians and labourers just to mention a few are ready for employment?

The equality of rights and advantages for women in society implies for them equality in ambition and especially, a rupture or break of this psychological barrier which continues to make certain fields to be considered shameful for them.

Questions

1. What did the Beijing Conference conclude about women unemployment problem?

2. Identify two major causes of female school dropout.
3. At which level are there more girls in school than boys?
4. A modern woman can spend the same number of years in school as a man but she can not get a good job. Why?
5. Give one result of female students staying long in school.
6. If you were to advise your junior sister about her choosing a job. What two things will you tell her?

SECTION D: ESSAY

Write an essay of between 200-250 words on any one of the following topics.

1. The post of a bilingual secretary has been advertised in Cameroon Tribune for SONARA Limbe. Write an application to occupy this post. Your name is TABA and your address is DANACO Mbalmayo.
2. It is better to marry early than to stay without marrying. Do you agree? Discuss your point of view with your sister.

You are the head of a road safety campaign team and you have been asked to educate road users on the possible causes of road accidents and ways of reducing them. Make a speech to a meeting of Drivers' Union.