

Anglais

Probatoire

Série E

Session de 2001

Section I Grammar and Vocabulary

(20marks)

I. Grammar . (10mrks)

1. *Complete these sentences so that they make sense* (5marks)

- a) He worked so hard in the workshop although
- b) I will connect the cables tomorrow unless
- e) The managerstrongly the necessity to increase productivity.
- d) Many people were invited for the exhibition but
- e) I withdraw my offer..... Ayissi wants to help.

Match list A with list B so that the parts make sense. Write the correct answers in the spaces provided.

(5 marks)

List A	List B
a) Cameroonians should process their wood before exporting it.	1) We used to do it once a year.
b) Manda switched off all the light before leaving the house.	2) I should have finished building my table.
c) How often did you exhibit your finished products?	3) He won the first prize.
d) If Nchinda had not broken my hammar,	4) She didn't want him to use the electricity.
e) Dinda worked hard in the workshop for six years.	5) I agree with that.

- a.
- b.

- c.
- d.
- e.

II. Vocabulary

(10marks)

1. Complete the passage with these words: **champions, can't, accidents, question, the, and, world, are, robots, bombs**

There are more and more robots in the modern.....(1). The robots can work and play and explore some planets. (2) can do dangerous jobs. They can change nuclear (3) so that they do not explode and cause nuclear (4). 'Robodoc' can assist doctors in very precise operations. And of course (5) robot vehicle, 'Sojourner' explored the planet Mars in 1997. Other robots can play games and become world (6). For instance, 'Deep Blue' is now the world chess champion (7) 'Saccos' plays Ping pong with human beings.

But the big (8) is; can robots replace humans? Probably not. Robots..... (9) stronger, faster and more precise than people. People are however more complex. All babies can learn to walk but robots (10) for now.

2. Choose the most suitable word or phrase in each sentence. Circle it.

- The building workers were paid their income/salary/wages every Friday.
- Apparently shed earns/gains/wins over 2,000,000 FCFA a year.
- Always turn the power off/of/on at the mains before you start.
- The fire was caused by either an electrical/electric/electrified fault or a lit cigarette.
- If they don't give us a better price, we'll turn down/call off/draw their offer...

Section III: Comprehension

(10 marks)

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

Logging on

Show a Cambodian politician a forest and it seems he cannot see the trees for the wood, and the money it will generate. Two decades ago, forests covered 70% of the country. Roughly half have since been felled. The government says it is serious about slowing down deforestation, before the forests vanish altogether. Since the beginning of the year it has been trying to enforce its ban on the export of logs and rough-sawn timber. But politicians and soldiers alike have grown to rely on income from illegal trade in timber. In Canada, it is still not safe to be a tree.

During Cambodia's long civil war, the government and various guerilla factions felled timber to raise money. Since the end of the war, the government has sold logging rights to foreigners from Southeast Asia. Conservationists, aid donors, and even the King have lamented the consequences. Deforestation has been blamed for the worsening floods afflicting Cambodia in the raining season. And the logging is not sustainable. One of the country's greatest natural resources is being sold off, cheaply and for ever.

Cambodia is heavily dependent on foreign aid, and other lenders and donors have likewise been linking their assistance to the government's willingness to control the timber trade. So the government's hand has been forced. It is now looking for a credible organisation to help it to monitor the ban. Although the government claims that the export of timber through neighbouring countries has been stopped, it is common to see many trucks piled with timber on the roads of Cambodia. Trucks piled high with freshly felled timber still ply the roads in many parts of Cambodia. Much is probably smuggled-out of the country by sea or through Vietnam.

The fate of Cambodia's alleged stockpiles has kept the issue in the public eye in Thailand. So too have allegations that politicians have profited from bribes to facilitate the trade. Logging was banned in Thailand itself in 1989 after bad floods the year before. Thai companies have therefore turned with gusto to cutting down trees in Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos.

A worry in Cambodia is that the politicians there have acquired another Thai practice: the spending of large amounts of cash in elections. With general elections due in Cambodia next year many still believe that money grows in trees.

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Questions

What has happened to the forest in Cambodia in the last twenty years? (2 marks)

1. List 4 things the government has done to try and control the destruction of forests in Cambodia. (2 marks)

2. Do you think that the writer of the text is optimistic about the future of forests in Cambodia? Justify your answer. (2marks)
3. Why was logging banned in Thailand? (2marks)
4. Do you think that logging in Cameroon is different from that in Cambodia? Justify your answer (2marks)

Section IV Essay

(10 marks)

1. Write a dialogue between a client who wants to have the electric installations in his house done by you the electrician. He does not know what to do so you have to imagine his questions and your responses. You are Noubisse.
2. Imagine that you have been asked to give a talk during youth week to some young people about the importance of being an electrician. Write the speech that you will make. You will try to tell the young people about the importance of hard work and the benefits that an electrician can have from his profession.
3. Write about 'A day when everything went wrong in the workshop in your college, State what happened, why it was a sad experience, who suffered and the consequences for your college. In this essay, your name should be Noubisse and your college, Lycée Technique de Koumassi.