

# Anglais

## Probatoire

## Série E

## Session de 2004

### Section A- Grammar (10 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with your own words so that the sentence makes sense. (5 marks)

- a) Auto-electricians make a lot of money .....
- b) Someone .....into our house! The doors are wide open.
- c) A car engine does not start..... there is no petrol in the car.
- d) The students weren't in their class when the Principal came.....was the teacher.
- e) The teacher hasn't given us..... work to do.

2) Match the parts in column B with their beginnings in column A so that the completed sentence makes sense. Write the completed sentence in the space provided. (5 marks).

Column A	Column B
1) The car was so badly damaged	a) so we have to go back.
2) If a stone is dropped over a cliff	b) when suddenly a tyre burst
3) The bridge is broken	c) that it could not be repaired
4) Be careful	d) the back of the car is very near a hole in the road.
5) Shiela was driving along the road	e) it accelerates as it falls.

### Section B: Vocabulary 10 marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate word or phrase from the brackets. (5 marks)

- a) The doctor said I have an infection on my right leg. He .....a lot of antibiotics for me to take. (described, prescribed, controlled, diagnosed) (1 mark)

- b) There was a bitter argument .....Alan and his friend Douda.  
(between, among, about, behind) (1 mark)
- c) Many youths are dying from AIDS, unfortunately there is neither a cure nor ..... (prevention, control, vaccination) against AIDS (1 mark)
- d) Mr Andin his children well. They behave very well in social gatherings (raises, rises, grows) (1 mark)
- e) A new born baby .....joy to the family (takes, shows, brings) (1 mark)

2. Here is a telephone message. Find the words or phrases that mean the same as those underlined in the passage. Write the answer in the space provided. (5 marks)

Cahier: Good morning. Could I speak with the manager, please.

Receiver: I'm afraid he's engaged at the moment. How can I help you?

..... (1 mark)

Caller: My machine is broken down. I need some quotations for a new installation

..... (1 mark)

Receiver: Could you go ahead and place the order of what you need?

Caller: I'm afraid, I don't know the strength of the machine, so I need some advice from your Service.

..... (1 mark)

Receiver: That's OK. We'll dispatch one of our technicians to see what you need

..... (1 mark)

Caller: Thanks a lot for the assistance.

..... (1 mark)

## Section C: Comprehension

(10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it. Use your own words as much as possible.

## How Mobile Phones can help to alleviate Poverty

The Grameen bank, the pioneer of micro-credit, is using its vast network of village banks to establish a network of village telephone service businesses around Bangladesh. Using digital, wireless telephone technology, it is targeting poor village women to become village phone operators. A study of the programme has been made by the Telecommons Developing Group. Operating a telephone service in their own village has become an important way for women in rural areas to increase their family income. The study found that 1000 village phones are now being operated, and these are giving over 70.000 people access to telephones for the first time. The aim is to have 40.000 village phone operators, with a net income of \$24 million.

Once a village is selected as being satisfactory to provide a village phone service, the Grameen Bank manager selects, from existing Bank members, the ones who are suitable to become the operators. Selected candidates must have a good track record for repaying bans. They should be literate or have children who can read and write; and should be living in the centre of the village. Each woman, or VP operator, is trained and supplied with the necessary hardware, which includes a transceiver and a battery fast charger. This costs 15,000 Taka, and is repaid through weekly ban payment instalments of TK.220.

The VP operator pays Grameen Telecom TK.2 per minute for local call at peak hours to another mobile phone, but charges her customers TK.5. There are different charges to fixed lines and more competition is coming in, so VP operators are becoming aware of competitive pricing. All the payments made by the VP operator are made through the local Grameen Bank branch, which is responsible for collecting the money. The process solves the problem of revenue collection that sometimes plagues the operators of rural telephone systems. Most of the VP operators told this study that the income they earned from the phone was about one-fifth of their total income. On the average, the phones produce a net profit of TK. 1100 per month, though much higher earnings of TK.2000 per month have been reported. This compares to the average monthly income of TK.1150.

Another benefit for the women operators is that their status is improved, especially within the household. They become, for instance, more involved in decision making. Another benefit stems from the fact that phone users tend to congregate at the house or store of the VP operator, and this means added income to their sales and status.

### Questions

*Tick the right statement and justify your choice.*

1. According to the author, the aim of training mobile phone operators in the villages is to:

- a) sell many mobile phones in the rural areas.
- b) use modern digital wireless communication systems
- c) provide a means for women operators to earn some extra money.
- d) all of the above

Justify..... (2 marks)

2. To become a village phone operator, a woman has to:

- a) have a good record for paying bills
- b) to be able to read and write
- c) be unemployed
- d) a and b
- e) b and c.

Justify..... (2 marks)

3. How does the W operator pay for the cost of installation? (1 mark)

4. What profit does the VP operator make for a local call from one mobile phone to another at peak hours? (1 mark)

5. In your opinion, do you think the author of this study is satisfied with the introduction of mobile phones in the rural areas? Explain. (2 marks)

6. Give two advantages of the new status of the VP operators. (2 marks)

### Section D: Essay

*Write an essay of between 200 and 250 words on any one of the following topics*

- 1. You need a phone for your business transactions but you have not decided on whether to buy a mobile phone or install a fixed phone. State some arguments on the advantages and disadvantages of each type of phone that will help you make your decision.
- 2. An International Organisation has some money to employ two workers to carry out development projects in your area. Write to the organisation stating the type of people they should employ and how they will be useful in the community. Your name is Marcel Nang of G.B.H.S. Tikar.

Your father wants to send your junior brother to a secondary school. Explain to your father why you think he should instead be sent to a technical school. Remember your brother's capabilities, the advantages of the type of course you think he should do

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