

BACCALAUREAT « A-B »

SESSION 2000

Section A: Grammar (10 marks)

A. Rewrite the following sentences without altering the meaning. They have been started for you. (5marks)

1. Why force a child to eat?

It's no use

2. Kelly regrets not having written the entrance examination.

She wishes

3. We didn't have much money but we were quite happy together.

Although

4. She has lived in the village all her life.

She has lived in the village since

5. The Masons are building a new church.

A new church

B. Complete these sentences with appropriate link words (2.5marks)

1 .We got along well occasion differences.

2He comes back from work, I have to serve him a bottle of water.

3. I would have liked to travel with youor the means.

4he has rich brothers, he always puts on old things.

5. He has.....got a book.....a pen.

C. Use the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets to complete these sentences. (2.5 marks)

1. If Peter..... home, his familythe news. (go, get).
2. Before Carlosor Cameroon, hea slave in America for five years. (leave, be)
- 3.....I..... you within the next few weeks? (see)
- 4.Why..... shefor the video cassette die previous day? (do, not ask)
- 5.My mum keptto me: "Don't forget your respects to her!"(say, pay)

Section B Vocabulary (10marks)

1. Complete the following sentences by writing the appropriate word in each blank space (5marks)

- a. Anis a short tourist journey to a place of interest and back.
- b. The popular musicians know..... is the talk of the town.
- c..... is the study and treatment of mental disorders.
- d. A policeman is not supposed to arrest a suspect if he has noexcept he sees him committing the crime.
- e. He has been found guilty of a very serious crime, so he is kept in

2. Write the synonyms of the underlined words in the spaces provided (2.5marks)

- a. He wanted to give us a ride but we turned down his idea
- b. After the accident, the car had to be pulled along
- c. Deforestation ruins the soil. This is why we should plant more trees.....
- d. When forests vanish they take with them thousands of species
- e. What's wrong with his child? She looks so pale

3. Write the antonyms of the underlined words (2. 5marks)

- a. He looks so happy today despite the sad event
- b. They are always tense when the Maths teacher comes on
- c. It's very dangerous to play with a lion
- d. She has lived with her father for more than ten years now. She hardly sees her mother
- e-Those who live far away from the bakery hardly eat fresh bread

Section C Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it, Use complete English sentences and as far as possible, your own words.

Baltasar Garzon, the man for justice

The name Baltasar Garzon may not ring a bell in many minds - at least, not yet, but human right activists around the world these days are literally worshipping the ground on which this simple Spanish magistrate is treading. It is thanks to him that the British have clamped handcuffs on the 83 year old, former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet, the man who ruled Chile from 1973 to 1990 like his private property. He once boasted that "Not a loaf stirs in this country [i.e. Chile] unless I stir it", and thousands who dared simply "disappeared" under horrible conditions.

Recovering from surgery in a London hospital, Pinochet had what an American columnist, Richar Cohen, calls a "rude awakening" when he was told that not even the pompous title of Senator for life, which he had conferred on himself when he left power, could provide him immunity from prosecution in Britain.

His arrest is, no doubt sending alarm bells *ringing* in the minds of the still numerous tin-pot dictators in Latin America, Africa and elsewhere around the world. According to Chen, "Baltasar Garzon has set off a wonderful process - a pioneering effort to apply International law to tyrants." Accountability is now the word.

The Bishops of Cameroon instituted the First Friday of each month as a day of prayer for numerous victims of assassination in our land whose killers are, for the most part, still at large.

But with Pinochet's arrest, the writing is on the wall for all violators of human rights any where in the world. Those of them who, like Pinochet, like to make short, private visits abroad could, on the instructions of a mere magistrate, be whisked away in handcuffs right at the airport terminal, or from the luxury of their hotel rooms, to answer for their violation of the rights of their citizens. Baltasar Garzon has set the pace. We salute him on behalf of suffering humanity the world over.

(Culled from 'L 'Effort Camerounais' N° 142, 17-22 December 1998)

Questions

1. Why did some people disappear under horrible conditions in Chile? (2 marks)
2. Who made General Pinochet "Senator for life"? What special advantage did that title give him? (2marks)
3. Is the dictator Pinochet unique in the world? Justify your answer. (2 marks)
4. Explain in your own words: "The name may not ring a bell in many minds"... for numerous victims of assassination in our land whose killers are, for the most part, still at large" "Those of them who could be whisked away in handcuffs". "Baltazar Garzon has set the space" (2marks)
5. According to the writer, what is the significance of Pinochet's arrest?

Section D: Essay (10 marks)

Write an essay of not more than 300 words on anyone of the following topics:

1. Students in your school continue to neglect English. Write an article in your school magazine convincing them not to neglect English anymore, and to consider its importance.
2. The future of human rights.
3. Natural disasters are divine messages. Discuss.