

BACCALAUREAT « A-B »

SESSION 2004

Section A: Grammar 10 Marks

1- Complete the following dialogue with appropriate responses of your own in the blank spaces provided (5 marks)

Zang: Abiba, You did not attend the rehearsals last week!

Abiba:

Zang: What were you suffering from?

Abiba:

Zang: What drugs did the doctor give you?

Abiba:

Zang: But aspirin tablets do not cure malaria.

Abiba:

Zang: I wish you a speedy recovery.

Abiba:

Zang: You're welcome.

2. Choose the correct word in the brackets below each sentence and write it in the space provided to complete each sentence. (2. 5 marks)

a) He asked me why Iattended the meeting two days ago. (hadn't, haven't, won't)

b) I hate..... the teacher when she is teaching. (interrupt, interrupting, interruption)

c) You take..... your umbrella. It won't ram. (needn't, shouldn't, mustn't)

d) Would he mind..... a pipe in his room? (mine smoking, me to smoke, my smoking)

e) He is quite shy, he is not used to..... in public. (dancing dance. have dance)

3. Make complete sentences by matching the correct phrases in column B with their appropriate beginnings in Column A. Write in the spaces provided. (2.5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. He was so badly injured at	i) carry her own baby.
2. He was such a powerful man that.....	ii) he had to be taken to a special ward
3. She was too frail and weak to	iii) but escaped without any injuries
4. Whenever lie ate some rice, he was sick.....	iv) he could lift very heavy loads
5. He skidded off the road	y) so lie knew he was allergic to it

Section II: Vocabulary 10 marks

1. Write the synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences. Write in the spaces provided. (5 marks)

- a) It's advisable to use natural manure to make your soil yield more foodstuffs.....
- b) Recent statistics have shown that the rate of fertility of the population in the third world is not falling.....
- c) There was a lot of conflict among the various ethnic groups in Rwanda

Write the opposites of the words underlined in the following sentences in the places provided.

- a) He is the youngest child in the family
- b) The car was going very slowly down the hill

2. Complete the following text below so that it should make sense. (5 marks)

Man dies in a Hotel

A man in his fifties was found dead in a hotel. It is said that the man was an..... (1) of an insurance company in Yaoundé. He had (2) into the hotel the (3) evening and asked for a quiet room. The cleaner who went into the room early the (4) morning to clean it was surprised that the door was locked at mid day. She banged on the door (5) but to no avail. Then she called the receptionist and , (6) they tried to push open the door. As they opened it they were..... (7) to see their customer lying in bed without any signs of (8)

They at once called the police. A doctor came round and said the man probably had a heart (9) His corpse was taken to a local hospital for a..... (10) mortem examination. There are wild rumours about the cause of the death. Some people say he was poisoned; others say he was the victim of a tug of love.

Section III: Comprehension 10 marks

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below in your own words. You are strongly advised to read the entire text before you start answering the questions.

To own a gun or not to own a gun?

Canadians have long prided themselves on living in a law-abiding society where violence is not a constant threat. Now they wonder. A series of fatal shootings over recent years has aroused the fears that Canada may be going America's way, not least America's ways with guns.

A coalition of Gun Control, backed by police, legal, educational; health, local government and women's groups, has campaigned strongly for tighter controls. But Canada has its own gun lobby. Over the past couple of months, the National Firearms Association, (NFA) has united hunters, target shooters and collectors in protest rallies. A demonstration by 5,000 outside parliament in Ottawa told the Minister of Justice to, target criminals, not gun - owners'. The gun lobby has bombarded rural members of parliament with letters, faxes and threats of ballot revenge.

Laws were strengthened after the massacre of 14 women students at the University of Montreal by a nutter with an assault rifle in 1989. New types of weapons were restricted or prohibited, new requirements added for obtaining gun permit. But the political opposition prevented the Conservative government of the day from going as far as many Canadians wanted. Since then, further murders and random shootings of policemen, shopkeepers, even a youth in a parking lot- dispute, have kept concern at high pitch.

Already, all would - be owners must be scrutinised and take a safety course. Deadly automatic weapons are prohibited. Ownership of hand guns and semi-automatic weapons is subject to tight restriction and registration. Ordinary rifles and short guns are not subject to registration, but ail firearms must be stored safely. Even so, Canadians own around 6 million guns, about 1 million of them handguns.

Mr Rock is convinced that guns will be used less in crime if they are less available. His reforms as he has outlined them, may include: tougher measures on gun smuggling, tougher penalties for that, for illegal possessions of guns and for their use in crimes; new strict controls on the sale of ammunition, prohibition of replicas; tighter restrictions - even possibly a complete ban- on hand guns and semiautomatic weapons.

What the gun lobby is against, is the requirement to register guns. Many people in rural areas own rifles and short guns for hunting- to protect themselves at times against bears. There is need for tougher crime controls, not gun control, say the protesters. They argue that registration would be ineffective, costly and a bureaucratic intrusion into their freedom. They further argue that they have a 'right to bear arms' and need them for self defence against criminals.

Statistics challenge the public belief that gun- related crime is out of control. Guns are responsible for 32% of homicides- as they have in each year in the past decade. Canada had 193 such cases last year (about one-sixth as many), relative to population, as the United States. Robbery with firearms consistently averages about 27% of ail robberies. There has been a nasty rise in the use of bandguns, however.

Whatever the figures, most Canadians strongly favour tougher controls. A poll a year ago found 86% for a ban on the assault weapons, and 71% who would ban all hand guns too. Yet Mr Rock faces a tough fight to get his reforms through. Particularly parliamentarians from the rural constituencies support the gun lobby.

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Questions

1. What does the author mean by 'America's' way in paragraph one? (2 marks)
2. What two groups confront each other in the argument over gun control? (1 mark)
3. How can the gun lobby carry out the 'ballot revenge'? (2 marks)
4. List 2 new measures to be taken to combat crime by Mr Rock (1 mark)
5. Do you think it is the right of every citizen who feels like owning a gun to have one? Justify your reason. (2 marks)
6. Are Canadians justified in thinking that their society is becoming more and more violent? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

Section D: Essay

Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words on anyone of the following topics. You are strongly advised to plan your work and write at least one draft before you write the final version.

1. You have been invited by the young people in your village to make a speech during Youth Week on the causes of crime in the village. In your speech you may want to talk about the importance of a good family life, religion, friends and so on. Write the speech without mentioning the name of your village.
2. Imagine that in your local newspaper, Youth and Tomorrow, there have been many articles lately of judges inflicting severe prison sentences on young offenders for minor crimes. Write an article, which you may have published in the local paper, giving your reasons why young people should not be given severe prison sentences for minor crimes. You do not need to write your address in the article. Your name should be Marcel Nang.
3. Imagine that you have been selected to be on a panel choosing a leader of the young people in your village. During the interviews on the first day, you noticed that the girls were not

given a fair opportunity. Write an argument that may be presented to the other members of the panel to convince them that a girl could be a good group leader.

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