

BACCALAUREAT « A-B »

SESSION 2003

Section A: Grammar 10 marks

I. Complete the following conversation with the appropriate responses in the blank spaces provided. The conversation is between a tour operator and a community leader: The tour operator is trying to convince the community leader about the importance of tourism in the area, but the community leader is afraid and points out the risks involved.

Tour operator: We want to increase tourism in this area. We think this will be good for the people.

Community leader: I can see that this will be good for you and make you rich, but how will it be good for the people?

Tour operator: (Mention jobs related to tourism) (1 mark)

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Community leader: If our people can get jobs like the ones you mention, many of them will turn their backs to farming. Who will then grow our crops?

Tour operator: (Contradict him by pointing out the need for more food and other food produce and the positive consequences on touring. Also mention other modern benefits) (1.5 mark)

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Community leader: This will bring outsiders into our community. Crime will increase drastically when thieves and prostitutes settle in this area. This will upset our traditional ways of life.

Tour operator: (Point out the importance of change and the possible outcome for the people of the area.) (1,5 mark)

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Community leader: It's easy to say that we can keep our good traditions while change occurs. But in practice things will turn out differently.

Tour operator: (Give two examples of places where tourism has had a positive effect.)
(1mark)

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II. Choose phrases in Column B to complete the ones in Column A so that the completed sentences make sense in English. Write in the spaces provided in Column A.
(2.5marks)

Column A	Column B
1. In the third millennium educated people will.....	a) twice as fast as before.
2. When things are scarce	b) to be spreading at an alarming rate.
3. Young Malcom X was convinced	c) those with a sound knowledge of the computer.
4. During the last forty years world population has been increasing	d) prices increase.
5. The AIDS pandemic is said	e) that his father had been killed by white racists

III. Use the correct form of the verbs “to be, to write, to do, to buy, to arrive” to complete the following blank spaces. (2.5marks)

- I..... carefully if I were you.
- It easier for Musa if he had listened to his teachers and parents.
- I..... late at the party when all the food had been eaten.
- If you are wise, I..... you a bike as a present.
- Mamoudou..... less and less exercises when he left school, now he is very fat.

Section B: Vocabulary 10 marks

A. In each of the following sentences, a word or phrase has been underlined. Choose the word or phrase nearest in meaning to it among the ones in brackets. Write in the space provided. (2.5 marks,)

1. I was greatly surprised to hear that goitre was rampant in the West Province.
..... (small in number, widespread, unchecked)
2. The peregrine falcon has such an acute sight that it can make out a pigeon 8 km away (catch, appear, see)
3. Cameroonians are entitled to fair legal treatment when they have a case in court..... (court action, lawful, loyal)
4. Manual labour is just as compulsory as mathematics or English..... (easy, difficult, obligatory)
5. Perhaps, the fastest and cheapest way of sending a message today is by the e-mail..... (most expensive, most exciting, least expensive)

B. Fill in the blank spaces with an appropriate expression or word of your own. (2.5 marks)

1. Oman has always succeeded in life. He has never known
2. Totoo has killed three children. The court is going to try him for
3. The times are very hard. I don't have a mite. I'm going to the bank to have a..... in order to pay my debts.
4. Do you know what comes out of the volcano during an eruption? Of course, that's easy. It's the.....
5. I had forgotten all the telephone numbers of my friends, so I had to look for them in the

C. Read the passage below and fill in the blank spaces with words or phrases of your own so that the completed passage makes sense. (5 marks,)

A miracle!

The acrobat who survived a 6,000 foot fall over Shanghai when his parachute didn't open the other day was very (1)..... Even luckier was Vesna Vulovic, an air (2) who came down in the broken tail of a Boeing 747. The (3) exploded at an altitude of 33,330 feet over Czechoslovakia in 1972. The Guinness (4) of Records says that her fall is the longest without a (5)

Section C: Comprehension 10 marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it, and as far as possible, in your own words.

Pills that Kill

Drugs are double-edged swords: they heal as well as kill, depending on how they are used. In most rural areas of Cameroon today, more and more people are resorting to automedication because civil servants, eager to improve their financial situation, and young unemployed people are opening patent drugstores or parading through villages with baskets full of pills. Very few users, educated or not, stop to ask themselves whether the pills they are buying and consuming are appropriate for the illness they are suffering from, or if the pills are being taken properly and in the required dosage.

A couple of years ago, a lady, Miss A offered a friend, Mrs B, a bottle of beer. Mrs B had just bought three capsules of Flagyl which she swallowed down with the beer. Hours later at home, she started vomiting. Suspecting that she had been poisoned, she told her relatives what had happened before being rushed to the hospital.

At the hospital Mrs B told the doctor what she had taken earlier that day. Realising her error, the doctor explained to her that beer and Flagyl do not mix at all. It was the reaction that had caused the vomiting. An antidote was prescribed and Mrs B was taken home. When she got home, her jubilant relatives had just returned from Miss A's house where they had smashed and destroyed her property, only to be told that the vomiting was due to drug reaction. A long-lasting friendship was thus ruined simply because of ignorance.

Situations like this occur frequently in our towns and villages, where everybody plays the role of a medical doctor. People are dying in large numbers, but we fail to acknowledge that medical drug abuse can be one of the major reasons. Drugs that have been banned from circulating in the country still find their way into distribution systems and finally into stores where managers possess very little or no information on how dangerous these substances can be to the human body. It is thus very dangerous to swallow pills that have not been prescribed by a competent health care worker or drug specialist.

Most of the drugs that circulate in rural areas and big towns through street hawkers come from illegal sources and are not usually kept under the right conditions. Some are fake

drugs that contain harmful elements. But pharmacists also confirm that they have seen instances where capsules contain nothing but ordinary corn or cassava flour. The pharmacists insist that the trade marks or the countries of origin are not guarantees of the quality because these can be pirated and fake drugs packaged.

In Bamenda efforts to prosecute the patent medicine stores ended with a court case that was quickly dismissed because the patent medicine store owners pay taxes into the national coffer. This continuous war between the pharmacists and the illegal operators is not just a capitalist duel of sales and profits. It is a battle between experts and charlatans, between right and wrong. In a nutshell, it is a matter of life and death. The serious consequences of this kind of drug abuse should never be taken lightly!

(Adapted from an article by Omer Songwe in the August 1999 issue of *The Farmer's Voice*)

Comprehension questions (10 marks)

1. According to the passage, which of these statements is true? Mark an (X) in front of the correct statement; then justify your choice. (2 marks)

- a) Competent health care workers often prescribe harmful drugs.
- b) The problem of patent drugstores is aggravated by corruption.
- c) Government should not ban any drugs.
- d) If a medicine has a well-known trade mark, you can be sure it is authentic.

Justification

2. Why is it dangerous for people to buy medicine in a patent drugstore or from a hawker? Give at least two reasons. (2 marks)

3. Why did Mrs B get sick? (1 mark)

Why did Mrs B's relatives destroy Miss A's property? (1 mark)

5. What health problems can be caused by drug abuse? (2 marks)

6. According to the passage, are all fake drugs harmful? Explain, (2 marks)

Section D: Essay writing 10 marks

Write an essay of between 20 and 300 words on any one of the following topics:

1. “The African of the century”

The government plans to issue a new stamp honouring the most influential man or woman of the 20th century. Write an essay on the person you think should receive this honour.

2. As part of the celebration of Youth Week, you have been asked to deliver a speech on the problem of the numerous drug hawkers in our towns and villages, In your speech, you should describe the problem, explain the possible causes of the problem, and make a few suggestions on how the problem might be solved or at least alleviated.

3. Write an article for your school magazine on the use of corporal punishment in secondary schools. Your name is Mamadou, Your school magazine is called ‘The Voice’. Give possible reasons for using or not using corporal punishment in schools.

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