

BACCALAUREAT « C-D »

SESSION 2002

Section A: Grammar 10 marks

1. Complete the following sentences with link words. NB: Do not use: and, but, also, and so (5 marks)

a) He has never seen me before..... he could not recognise me when we met.

b) **I will have to wait for him here**he comes.

c) The baby had been fedhe kept crying.

d) She did her homework steadilygoing to bed.

e) My mend has saved through the year to buy a car.

2. Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences with a suitable word or expression. (5 marks)

a) The night wasdark for us to see the path.

b) We did all the housework in the morningbe tree in the afternoon.

c) I won't go to townyou give me 200 frs for the taxi fare.

d) The room has been swept?

e) Stop making so much noise ? Yes I will.

Section B: Vocabulary

1. Complete each blank in the passage with a meaningful word.

AIDS

AIDS is defined as 1)Immuno Deficiency Syndrome. It can be(2) sexually. It is (3) related disease which (4) , but not more than malaria in Africa. We cannot (5) it through kissing but by

(6) transfusion. We can also catch it by (7) razors or (8) piercing objects. (9) which is natural prevention method, and the use of (10) can help people to avoid it.

2. Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences with the most appropriate words chosen from the list of words in brackets: (2.5 marks)

a) The workman came to do the repairs, but he brought no..... so he couldn't word (utility, tools, furniture)

b) We had to call a..... because the kitchen tap was leaking. (cook, plumber, builder)

c) The children complained that they had not slept well becausethe was too narrow and the mattress was very hard. (toilet, bed, room, window).

d) A vacancy has been advertised by the manager of "SONEL". Have you submitted at the head office? (a demand; an application, a request)

e) I want to iron some clothes but I don't know where the socket is. Could you..... this electric iron for me. (plug in, branch in, light on)

3. Choose from the words or expressions in brackets the word or expression that best fills in the blank spaces in the sentences below. (2,5 marks)

a. A..... is a person who moves from street to street selling goods. (traveller driver, hawker, shop-keeper).

b. The person who collects and disburses the finances of this college is the (teacher, principal. bursar, secretary).

c. Will you please..... that light? (put on, light, lose, switch in)

d. My tea has a salty..... (colour, smell, taste, state).

e. There was a major..... in the boxing contest. The champion was beaten by an unknown novice. (anger, magician, unexpected result).

Section C: Comprehension

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. In answering use complete and correct English sentences and, as inuch as possible, your own words.

A waste of space

It has been seen as a stepping stone on the way to Mars, an example of international co-operation in space, and an orbiting research laboratory. Sadly, the international space station is none of these things. Sixteen years after Ronald Reagan set NASA, America's space agency, the goal of establishing a permanently manned orbital outpost, its first residents are due to blast off on October 31st and get on board their new home on November 2nd, mission controllers will no doubt cheer, champagne corks will pop and there will be much talk of mankind taking bold steps into space. But the truth is that the space station, which will take until at least 2006 to complete, at a cost of over US\$100 billion, is a monumental waste of time and money.

Its original purpose, 5onceived in the cold-war spirit of 1984, vas to assert Arnerica's might as a space-faring superpower. That version of the station, dubbed FREEDOM, was due to be completed by 1994, at a cost of US\$8 billion. But Mr Reagan's successor, Georges Bush, unveiled a change of plan in 1989, on the 20th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. The station, he announced, would now be completed by 1999, in preparation for the launching of a manned mission to Mars in 2019.

This objective was, in tum, quickly put aside. NASA worked out how much a Mars mission would cost: a staggering US\$ 450 billion. Instead, the European, Canadian and Japanese space agencies agreed to get involved with the station, which was positioned once again - this time as a model for international co-operation in space. And in 1993, with the cold war over, the Russians were invited to join in too. The space involvement of the Russians reduced the chances of that country's rocket scientists going off to work for Iran or north Korea, and was also expected to save US\$ 2 billion through cheaper technology and reduced launch cost.

In the event, Russian involvement has proved a disaster. It has cost America, the dominant member of the 16-nation consortium that is now building the station, an additional US\$3 billion in delays and hand-out to the cash - strapped Russian space programme. Russian components of the station do not come up to American safety standards, and will require expensive "on-orbit" modifications. Worst of all, Russia has still not got rid of its ancient

MIR Space station, thus raising suspicions about its commitment to the international project nor does the station have much scientific merit. Indeed, few scientists - other than those whose livelihood depend on it - have a kind word to say about the enterprise, since robots would be able to do pretty well all of the experiment proposed for less money and less risk to human life. But perhaps the greatest irony is that since Georges Bush's rash promise to send people to Mars, the cost of doing so has dropped dramatically. The price of a manned landing, based on a radical new mission plan that involves extracting fuel for the return trip from the martian atmosphere, is currently put at around US\$30 billion - less than a third of the cost of the space station. Instead of wasting years of effort and billions of dollars constructing a pointless castle in the sky, NASA could have followed both its scientific and populist instincts, and gone to Mars anyway.

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Questions:

1. Why, according to the author, is the construction of the space station said to be a monumental waste of time and money? (2 marks)
2. For how long did the completion of the station delay with regard to its original date? Tick the correct answer. (1 mark)
(a) For 5 years; (b) For 12 years; (c) For 7 years; (d) For 13 years
3. State the two advantages of the involvement of European, Canadian and Japanese space agencies with the space station. (2 marks)
4. Russia's joining in the space mission to Mars is of two great advantages to America's foreign policy. Which are those benefits? (2 marks)
5. The Russian involvement with the station met American's expectation. True or False? Justify your answer. (2 marks)
6. Why is the construction of the space Station considered as constructing a point les castle in the sky? (1 mark)

Sections D: Essay 10 marks

Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words on one of the following topics:

1. Do you think rich nations should spend a lot of money on space projects when there is so much poverty on earth?
2. Make a speech to a group of your classmates on what you can do to make your college a better place to live in. In this essay you must not give the name of your school. Imagine that it is called Lycée de Seh.
3. Are old people useful to our society? Write an essay trying to make a strong case for your point of view.

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