

BACCALAUREAT « C-D »

SESSION 2004

Section one: Grammar (10 marks)

A. Rewrite each sentence below without changing its meaning. (5 marks)

Example: Who does not know that Milla was a great soccer player?

Everyone knows that Milla was a great soccer player.

1. Although he was late, he decided not to run.

Despite:.....

2. You can only travel abroad if you have a passport.

Without:.....

3. The Principal told the latecomers to sweep the floor

The latecomer.....

4. Unless you work hard, you will not succeed.

Work hard.....

5. You can only enter the bus after buying your ticket.

Unti:.....

B. Choose the correct answer from the brackets and fill in the blank space. (2.5 marks)

1. The couple does not like....., so they are always fighting. (themselves, each other, both)

2. Peter hardly ever does the right thing,he? (do, does, doesn't)

3. I enjoy,songs (sing, to sing, singing)

4. The doctor warned him,smoke. (not to, don't, doesn't)

5. The film we watched was boring that everybody walked out (too, very, so)

C. Complete each sentence below with an appropriate form of the word in brackets (2. 5 marks)

1. Abdou: We can go to the stadium now. Issa: Can't we go....., ? (late)
2. Would you have stopped to help them if you....., them? (see)
3. Whilefrom Douala to Yaoundé, I saw an accident on the way. (travel)
4. One of my....., left for Paris this morning (child)
6. Talo is....., Peter at Mathematics (good).

Section two: Vocabulary (10 marks)

A. Complete each sentence with a suitable word so that it makes sense (5 marks)

1. Scientists sometimes conduct....., in laboratories to test theories,
2. Ais an official head count of the number of people in a country at a particular time.
3. A majority of villagers are.....; they can neither read nor write.
4. Do you know thatare able to supply information, calculate and draw a balance sheet.
5. I feel like eating. I am very

B. Choose the most suitable word or phrase (o complete each sentence (2.5marks)

1. You can't tell what someone is like just from their....., (character, appearance, personality, looking)
2. We decided not to go on the excursion because of the....., ram. (great, mount, extra, heavy)
3. There was abetween the supporters of Fovu of Baham and those of Cintra of Yaounde. (argue, crash, clash)
4. The commission has finally published its....., (causes, findings, research, committee)

5. Apparently, the director..... over FCFA 500,000 a month. (earns, gains, wins)

D. Complete each sentence below with an appropriate form of the word in brackets (2.5marks)

1. Hunger and disease,.....our bodies. (weak)

2. Please don't tell lies. It's very..... (honest)

3. My brother always wanted to be a..... (science)

4. The highway robbers were sentenced to ten years..... (prison)

5. Mosquitoes are..... insects. (harm)

Section 3: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. Use your own words as far as possible.

With plans to stand in the Liberian election scheduled for May 30th, the ever media-conscious and publicity hungry Charles Taylor succeeded in making a political occasion out of his recent wedding day.

On 28 January, his 49th birthday, he married for the second - or is it the third time. The bride: Miss Jewel Howard, the deputy governor of the National Bank of Liberia, and mother of his teenage son, Philip. The venue, the small, brightly coloured and festively decorated St. John's United Methodist Church in the hills of Gbanga, Taylor's headquarters in Central Liberia.

For a small town it was a rather grand affair, a real Liberian society wedding. Among the guests of honour were the country's interim leader, Ruth Sando Perry, along with a number of government officials ail in their Sunday best, although it was Tuesday. Taylor's rivals were notably absent, but one surprise guest was Nigerian's Foreign Minister, Tom Ikimi in a glorious deep-green and blue agbada. He as unusually lyrical about Taylor and in a speech appealed for peace. Also there was the Nigerian ECOMOG field commander, Major General Victor Malu, looking rather modem in civic attire.

Taylor was also surrounded by eight children and his ex-wife, “Tupee” Enid, who wore a striking navy blue and white outfit and hat to match. At the reception, Tupee took the floor and spoke, revealing that Taylor had asked her to find a wife for him and that she and Jewel had been “plotting the marriage for two years.”

But the stars of this show were the bride and groom. Sporting a secretive smile, Taylor, his groomsman, and son Philip were all dressed in identical cream-coloured Mobutustyle suits made in Abidjan. The rest of the wedding was all made in the USA.

Questions

1. Why did Charles Taylor attach a lot of importance to his marriage? (1 mark)
2. How old was the groom on this wedding day? (1 mark)
3. According to the author this wedding was extraordinary in the village. Give any two reasons that make him feel this way. (2marks)
4. Why do you think the Nigeria Ambassador appealed for peace? (2 marks)
5. Did the groom and bride know each other before their wedding? Justify. (2 marks)

Section four: Essay (10 marks)

Write an essay of at least 250 words on any ONE of the following:

1. You read an article: “The need to legalize abortion” in “The Scientist” newspaper. You do not share the opinion of the writer. Write a letter to the Editor expressing your disagreement. In this letter, your name is Ayuck Victor and your address is Lycee de Mamfé, P.O Box 13 2 Mamfé.
2. You got into trouble with a friend and the matter ended up with you going to the police. Tell your father what happened.
3. “An occasion that made me very happy.” Describe this occasion to your friend.