

**BACCALAUREAT « C & D »**

**SESSION 2009**

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR – 10 marks**

**A. Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets**

- 1) The discipline master wouldn't have punished the student if he..... (to sweep) the classroom
- 2) Nsioza burnt her hand while she.... (to try fish for her family.
- 3) It ... (to be) two years before we meet again
- 4) When Akono was a child, he ... (to fetch) wood for his mother every afternoon.
- 5) Once you ... (to take) an aspirine, you will feel better.

**B. Fill in each blank space with an appropriate word**

- 1) That you are right is..... Obvious.
- 2) .....it was so cold, Christina went out without an overcoat.
- 3) Do you ever wish you .....rich?
- 4) .....tall is Gnogno?
- 5) Benjamin walks as..... he had a stiff leg.

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY - 10 MARKS**

**A. Read the following passage and fill in the blank with the appropriate words from the list.**

**Use each Word only once**

**List of words: attraction, real, situated, fight, national, supply, town, hosts, rest, link.**

Awae,.....some kilometers east at Yaoundé, is a..... microcosm of Cameroon. It .....numerous citizens from all the provinces of the ..... triangle. This growing viable water .....Modern communications ..... Awae to the ..... of the world. Plantations are now seeing a new light of day and the ..... against poverty is reaping positive dividends

**B. Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences with the most appropriate word from the brackets**

- 1) Those who..... wisdom usually find it. (shed, seek, sew)
- 2) Jim plays..... tennis every Saturday morning. (loan, lawn, launch)
- 3) The handwriting of this doctor is. (ineligible, illegible, eligible)
- 4) Most women use ..... to beautify their skin. (clay, claw, cleat)
- 5) Mispa is so greedy that **she** always takes the lion's ... (shear, share, sheer).

**C. Match each sentence part in column 1 with its correct completion in column 2. Write the correct answers in the spaces provided.**

Column 1	Column 2
1) <b>Bany</b> asked his friend ,..	a) this mechanic to me
2) The story has held ,..	b) before the match was over
3) Wild flowers were growing ...	s) all the children spell <b>bound</b>
4) A close friend recommended....	d) whether he had ever used computer
5) Cyril had left the stadium...	e) on either side of the path

### **SECTION C: COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS**

**Read the passage below and answer all the questions that follow it. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

#### **Post office**

A post office is a place where mails are handled and where package stamps, other materials are sold and postal services provided. The term post office of postal service also refers to the government agency that provides mail service. This service is divided principally into telephone and communication with many smaller units like INTELPOST, the Bank and Foreign Exchange.

Many people depend on the post office and post office – related services, By means of letters, e-mails and SMS, people can share news and make plans with friends and relatives

near and far away. Stores and other businesses send bills and receive payments through the mail. Most magazines are delivered by mail, INTELPOST and other delivery services.

Before the Invention of the telegraph and telephone, the postal system was the only reliable means of long-distance communication. It contributed greatly to the development of the United States and other countries: for example, it helped educate people and made possible the development of newspapers and magazines. It enabled businesses and industries to operate efficiently and to expand. The postal service also promoted the growth of democracy by keeping citizens informed about government action. In the United States, it helped unite Americans who were scattered over a vast continent into a single nation.

Today with the Invention of computers, internet and cell phones, the life of the post office is affected terribly, especially in developing countries where post office services were already unsatisfactory. Even the postal electronic mail (e-mail) mailgrams and International Electronic Post (INTELPOST) have lost many of their clients, with their limited work schedule, to cyber cafés which open most often as early as 6a.m and close up their doors at 11p.m. More, with the internet, a lot of communication, informing, teaching and trading takes place throughout the day and night. This is a real threat to the post office and it calls for an overhauling of the postal services.

Since the 1970s, the American postal service has developed a variety of programmes to automate mail processing and provide better services. In 1971, the agency established new delivery standards that promised over-night delivery of first class mail travelling locally or between major cities. In the mid 1970s the postal service began to offer discounts to large volume mailers who presorted their mail by destination. Also, the agency estimated the National Bulk Mail System to deliver parcels, magazines and other bulk mail efficiently. These solutions only provoke research in order to protect and revive postal services in the future.

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## QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the main importance of a post office?
- 2) Name two services offered by the post office.
- 3) Why are cyber cafés a threat to post offices?
- 4) Give two advantages of the Internet nowadays.

- 5) Propose two solutions to save the post office.
- 6) Do you feel that the post office has, up to date in your society?

**SECTION D: ESSAY – 10 MARKS**

*Write an essay of between 225 and 250 words on any one of the following topics in the space provided*

- 1) As president of your school's Science Club, you have been invited to address the students to show them the importance of a multimedia centre in the school. The school is GHS OBOKOE and your name is NLOO. You may want to demonstrate how the centre can help the students in their studies.
- 2) Cell phones: advantages and disadvantages.
- 3) Is Europe the best solution to the problem of unemployment for youths in your country?

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