

## BACCALAUREAT « CD & TI »

*SESSION 2015*

### SECTION A: GRAMMAR – 10 MARKS

*I. Join each of sentences below using the words in brackets so that the new sentences make sense. Write in the space provided. (5 marks)*

- a) Stop noise! I will punish you. (unless) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) This is the parent. His daughter is missing (whose) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Edy has taught in GBHS Melong. It is six years. (for) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) The children cried. Their mother came. (until) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) I went to the hospital. The rain was heavy. (despite) \_\_\_\_\_

*II. Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases chosen from the brackets. (5 marks)*

- a) They misunderstood us. \_\_\_\_\_? (didn't they, don't the, did they)
- b) Please give me \_\_\_\_\_ water. (an, a few, some)
- c) The prisoner \_\_\_\_\_ from the prison by scaling the walls. (escaped in, ran away, ran off)
- d) Your handset is gorgeous. Where did you \_\_\_\_\_ it? (brought, buy, bought)
- e) The principal's car has \_\_\_\_\_ our nice puppy. (ran onto, run on, run over)

### SECTION B: VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

*I. Fill each of the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase. (5marks)*

- a) Nowadays, smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ in many public places for safety reasons
- b) John is a \_\_\_\_\_ student. He is always the last in his class.
- c) Life in the wild is a constant \_\_\_\_\_ fight for survival.
- d,) I'll need to call on an \_\_\_\_\_ to check the lights in my sitting room.

e) The \_\_\_\_\_ over the Wouri river needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

**II. Match phrases from column A with those in column B. write each complete sentence in the space provided. (5 marks)**

Column A	Column B
1) If you disobey	a) you won a second prize during the essay competition organized in your school.
2) Congratulations	b) on the death of your relatives in the ghastly accidents that occurred on the Tiko-Douala road
3) I heard that	c) gold medalists during national and international competitions
4) Accept my condolences	d) you will be punished by the Disciplinary Master of your institution.
5) All athletes dream of being	e) on your brilliant performances during the written and oral phrases of the entrance examination into Teachers' Training College.

### SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS

*Read the passage below carefully and answer all the questions that follow it. Answer in complete sentences.*

#### **Childhood obesity**

Obesity among children has reached epidemic proportions in many countries. The World Health Organisation (WHO,) says that about 22 million children under the age of five are overweight.

Childhood obesity is also extending to developing countries, According to the International Obesity Task Force, in some parts of Africa, more children are affected by obesity than by malnutrition. In 2007, Mexico occupied second place in the world, behind the United States, for childhood obesity. It is said that in Mexico City alone, 70 percent of children and adolescents are either overweight or obese. Pediatric surgeon Dr. Francesco

Gonzalez warns that this may be “the first generation to die before their parents from the complications of obesity”.

What are the complications? They are diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. According to the U.S. Institute of Medicine, 30 percent of the boys and 40 percent of the girls born in United States in the year 2000 have a lifetime risk of being diagnosed with obesity-related type 2 diabetes.

Surveys show an alarming trend among children. Climbing rates of obesity are leading to climbing rates of high blood pressure. “Unless this upward trend in high blood pressure is reversed, we could be facing an explosion of new cardiovascular disease cases in young adults and adults,” warns Dr. Rebecca Din-Dzietham of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

What is behind this global epidemic of childhood obesity? While genetics can be a predisposing factor, the alarming increase in obesity in recent decades appears to indicate that genes are not the only cause. Although there are some genetic and hormonal causes of childhood obesity, most excess weight is caused by kids eating too much and exercising too little. Two examples illustrate the changing trend in eating habits today.

First, as working parents have less time and energy to prepare meals, fast food has increasingly become the norm. Fast-food restaurants have sprung up all over the world. One study reported that nearly a third of all the children in the United States aged 4 to 19 eat fast food every day. Such foods are typically high in sugar and fats and are offered in temptingly large sizes.

Second, soft drinks have replaced milk and water as the beverage of choice. For example, Mexicans spend more each year on soft drinks, particularly colas, than on the ten most basic foods put together. According to the book *Overcoming Childhood Obesity*, just one 600 milliliter soft drink a day can result in a gain of 11 kilograms in a year.

As to the lack of physical activity, a study carried out by the University of Glasgow in Scotland found that the average three-year-old engages in moderate to vigorous activity” for only 20 minutes a day. Commenting on that study, Dr. James Hill, professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Colorado, said: “The increasingly sedentary nature of United Kingdom children is not unique and is being seen in most countries around the world.

*(Culled from World Wide Adventure Series.)*

**Questions:**

1. According to W.H.O., which age group is affected with overweight worldwide? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Why does Dr. Francisco Gonzalez warn the generation of children mentioned in the text may be the first to die before their parents from the complication of obesity? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the complications of obesity mentioned in the text? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name 4 major causes of obesity mentioned in the passage. \_\_\_\_\_
5. In the text, Dr. James Hill, Professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Colorado says that only United Kingdom children lead a secondary nature of life. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_
6. In your opinion, what can we do to prevent children obesity? Give three measures to be taken.

**SECTION D: ESSAY – 10 MARKS**

*Write an essay between 250 - 300 words on any ONE of the following topics.*

1. Describe a nature disaster in your locality and its effect on the environment.
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of global changes to human activities?
- 3 Identify four problems faced by the youths in your society and suggest possible solutions.