

BACCALAUREAT « C & D »

SESSION 2012

SECTION A: GRAMMAR – 10 MARKS

Exercise 1: complete the following dialogue with appropriate responses in the spaces provided: 5 marks

a) **Adamou:** Misse. .. for the valuable assistance you kindly gave me during *my* sister's funeral.

Missa: You're welcome.

b) **Teacher:** ... *students* are in class today?

Students: There are only five of *us*, sir.

c) **Joanna:** Hello Mary. I'd like you to meet my friend Sama.

Mary: Hello Samo

Sama: Thank you very much, Mary

d) **Doctor** You look so pale?

Patient: I have a sore throat doctor.

e) **Student:** ..., sir?

Professor: For this particular experiment you need two litres of potable water.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blank spaces with the suitable words or phrases chosen front the brackets: 5 marks

a) If these governments weapons of mass destruction, the Allied Forces wouldn't have invaded them (hadn't developed. wouldn't develop, couldn't develop, haven't developed)

b) The convicted manager pleaded not guiltyhe? (did. hadn't, didn't. hasn't)

c) Modern women don't necessarily depend their husbands nowadays. (from, on. over, for).

d) Hilton still remains the comfortable hotel in Yaoundé. (much, more, most, many).

e) University lecturers must be well paid, these will be s considerable brain drain. (however, unless, as soon as, otherwise).

SECTION B: VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

Exercise 1: Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences with your own words or expressions: 5 marks.

- a) Bill's sister has three daughters and son, and Bill's brother has three sons; so Bill has three and four
- b) My car doesn't use much
- c) A horrific planeoccurred in the outskirts of Douala.
- d) Scientists have many experiments this year.
- e) George is interested in money. When he leaves school he might be a

Exercise 2: match each word or expression under column A with another under column B. Use each item only once. Copy your answer in the spaces provided.

Column A

- 1) Recycled
- 2) A bone of
- 3) Oil
- 4) Natural
- 5) Amputation of

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Column B

- a) Slicks
- b) Materials
- c) The limbs
- d) Contention
- e) Disasters

- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

Exercise 3: Complete this passage with the most suitable word chosen from the list below. Do not use any word twice.

List: (research, factories, laboratories, scientists, experiments).

In (1) all round the world {2) carry out many (3) and do important (4) on ways of improving technology. Machinery has already replaced large numbers of workers in many (5) and prices of electrical goods have been reduced by mass production.

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION - 10 MARKS

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences and, as far as possible, your own words.

Carnegie claims “the parent who leaves his son enormous wealth generally deadens *the* talents and energies of the son and tempts him to lead a less successful and less worthy life than he otherwise would”

Wealth thus leaves parents in what economists call the Samaritan’s dilemma. They want to make things better for their children’s lives in the short term; they underline their ability to look after themselves in the long run.

In inheritance discourages work and decreases incomes, it is not surprising. Most people have the fear of poverty to force them out of bed on rainy mornings, to drive them to make urgent phone calls. But those who have inherited money and even those who know it is eventually coming their way, have to make do with that extra intensive and do not find the necessary drive within themselves. This is particularly hard for people in their twenties, a difficult stage in everybody’s life, when most people don’t really know what they want to do. And those who fail to establish themselves in a profession at this time may find it much harder to do so later in life. The problem does not lie just in the disasters of the drunks and the drug-addicts whose stories reach the gossip column. It is also that the idle rich can seem slightly lost.

Earning money can be a source of self-esteem. A householder can say, observing his posh car, his beautiful home and his well-educated children: “I did that”. Does earned money bring more satisfaction than inherited cash? It is a fair bet that it does. And if it is through work, unpleasant and boring though it may be at times, that people find out what they are good at, their skills and identifies. Money may be the force that drives people to work; but once their careers are up and running, they tend to gain much more from the job than just cash.

Furthermore, those who already have a large amount of money are deprived of the opportunity to aspire to it. The rich end up losing hope. The poor have the hope of becoming wealthy and then they will be happy. The rich have nothing left to hope for. There’s no drive.

Inheritance can improve as well as damage relationships, perhaps because money can help the sharp edges of life. More money can buy more beautiful, more comfortable or better tasting things and therefore makes life more pleasant. That may explain why divorce rate is

lower amongst the rich than the poor. Love is not enough. Some people who are obsessed with money and who try to get close to people with money invariably become disappointed later when they find out that money, after all, can do relatively little for one's sense of happiness and contentment. Others don't want to be seen as gold-diggers and find it a responsibility not to marry somebody with money.

Though several people's lives have been ruined by inheritance, many have been improved by it. The best off are those who have inherited money but stuck it out in the employment of others.

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Questions:

- 1) Give two disadvantages of inheriting wealth.,.....
- 2) Give two reasons why people go out to work.....
- 3) What two things can we gain from working.....
- 4) What can a wealthy child do with his inheritance so that it does not destroy him?
- 5) Do we always enjoy work? Justify your answer.

SECTION D: ESSAY

Choose any ONE of the following topics and write an essay of between 250 to 300

- 1) Do you think Health for all by the year 2000 has been achieved?
- 2) You are invited by the youth group of your village to give a talk on hygiene and sanitation. Write the speech to be delivered.
- 3) Your brother Emmanuel Muhum has been hospitalized because of a heart disease. *He* has been a cigarette smoker for long and is also very fat. Write a letter advising him on what to do. Your name is Marcel Muhum and your address is G.H.S. Rex Majama, P.O. Box 15, Majama.