REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
Peace - Work - Fatherland
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PROBATOIRE A-C-D-TI
_2019_ Session
Time allowed: 2 hours
A: Coef. 03
C-D-TI: Coef. 02

ANGLAIS
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

I- Complete each blank with the correct word chosen from the ones in the brackets. (5 marks)

1- _____ they were tired, they continued working. (Though, But, So)

2- The candidates for the post of manager came _____ than expected for the interview. (early, earlier, earliest)

3- My sister has been staying with me _____ I came to Yaounde. (for, since, during)

4- I _____ read your letter unless you type it. (won't, want, will)

5- Melanie was looking for the student _____ schoolbag was missing. (which, whose, whom)

II- Fill in each blank with the correct form of the item in the brackets. (5 marks)

1- The Ngondo festival _____ (to be) always celebrated in December.

2- Most cats like _____ (to eat) mice.

3- The criminal ran _____ (fast) and disappeared into the forest.

4- My younger brother was the _____ (good) candidate in the BEPC examination.

5- December is often the _____ (hot) month of the year.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

I- Choose one word among those in the brackets that does not collocate or go with the underlined word. Write your answer in the space provided. (5 marks)

1. Do you know how to (send, receive, forward, catch) _____ a message in your phone or computer.

2. Can you (download, delete, save, surf) _____ a file in your computer?

3. In English you can break (a price, a record, a promise, a plate) _____.

4. My younger sister can make (a cake, sport, a mistake, an arrangement) _____.

5. Can we say we win (a team, a race, a competition, a match) _____?

II- Fill in each blank with the correct word or phrase of your own. (5 marks)

1- Every year, a lot of people are seriously _____ in road accidents in Cameroon.

2- It has been scientifically demonstrated that freeze-drying does not _____ the taste of food.

3- An electricity _____ measures the amount of electricity consumed within a given period.

4- In engineering or household application, current is often described as being either direct _____ alternating.

5- Anatole finished his meal, paid the _____ and left the restaurant.

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions on it. Use correct English sentences, and as far as possible, your own words.

Traffic was speeding along Yaoundé-Douala highway near Édea. It was mid-morning on a cold December day. Suddenly, families, businessmen, buses and truckers were plunged into a wall of deadly fog. Unable to see more than the length of a bus in front of them, 16 cars, vans and lorries crashed into each other in a huge pile-up. A woman and two men lay dead in the remains of their cars and many more injured and trapped in their vehicles.

One of the first policemen on the scene, police constable Ewane Paul recalls: "It was terrifying, the worst I've seen in 17 years of traffic duty. There were so many crashes in the fog that day that it took ambulances two hours to be through. There was nothing we could do to help. It happened because people were going too fast and driving too close. People were going at 80 kilometers per hour when a safe speed would have been 25 kilometers. You can't help feeling a sense of hopelessness at people's stupidity. They follow each other like lemmings".

What makes people deliberately play with death in this way? According to a recent survey by the Ministry of Transport, many drivers are out of touch with the rules of the road and the Highway Code. Besides, more and more people go against these rules and it's not unusual to spot drivers jumping red lights, overtaking on double white lines and taking dangerous risks at road junctions. That's why some people say it is becoming crucial to reduce speed. They ask the government to impose that speed limiters should be fitted to all vehicles – not just lorries and coaches.

But it is not just ignorance or speed that causes accidents. As more cars compete for limited road space, an increasing number of motorists are turning into aggressive monsters.

There are no figures for the number of accidents caused by driver's ignorance or aggressive driving. Yet one fact emerges clearly, the most common and dangerous driving error is simply driving too fast.

Adapted from *Janet Hawkins, Bella, 9th 1993*

QUESTIONS

1- What made it difficult for drivers to see at a distance that December day? What was the consequence of that? (2 marks)

2- Has the police constable worked for a long time? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

3- How did Ewane explain the accident? (2 marks)

4- Find in the text 2 sound proofs that many drivers deliberately play with death. (2 marks)

5- What other reason is given to justify the high number of road accidents in the text? (1 mark)

6- What solution is suggested in the text to reduce the number of road accidents? (1 mark)

SECTION D: ESSAY (10 MARKS)

Write an essay of between 200 and 250 words on anyone of the following topics:

1- From your experience, what are the three major causes of road accidents in Cameroon?

2- Is computer science useful for students of General education? Support your point of view with concrete examples.

3- All the people of your village believe that boys and girls must not be given equal education, in accordance with their tradition. Write a letter to the chief of your village to convince him and the villagers that things have changed and that all children are now equal and should be given equal opportunities and rights at home and at school. The chief of your village is called Chief Souahibou, His Post Off ice Box number is 21 and is located in Kito. Your name is Moussa Issou and you are in Government High School in Olembe.