

**PART ONE : READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the text below and do all the tasks that follow. (8points)

**West Africa's New Currency, the Eco**

In 2020, the region is set to get a long-discuss about new currency: the Eco. Many Africans are pleased; but there is a lot of work ahead, say experts who insist that an attachment to the colonial system won't work.

5 Many Africans cheered and applauded when Cote d'Ivoire President Alassane Ouattara announced on Saturday that "in agreement with the other West African Economic and Monetary Union Heads of State, we have decided to reform the CFA franc with the following three major changes: First, the change of the name of the currency from the CFA franc to the Eco." -His speech marked the official end of the French-backed currency CFA francs for the  
10 eight countries belonging to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo currently use the CFA franc which has been criticized by many as a French system from colonial times. Second, France will stop keeping "50 percent of west African reserves in the French Treasury" and third, France will quit " Eco control ". The Eco's value will be attached to the euro, just like the CFA has been for more than two decades.

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**A. VOCABULARY:**

Match the words from the text in column A with their meaning in column B.

Example. 1 Eco – a) Name of West African's new money.

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| 1- Eco          | a) Name of west African's new money          |
| 2- pleased      | b)Acceptance                                 |
| 3- Experts      | c) will leave                                |
| 4- Applauded    | d) Bank                                      |
| 5- Agreement    | e) Chief of a country                        |
| 6- Head of Sate | f) Clapped                                   |
| 7- Treasury     | g) happy                                     |
| 8- will quit    | h) Economic Community of West African States |
| 9 -ECOWAS       | i) Specialist                                |

**B. COMPREHENSION CHECK:**

As you read the text, write (T) for True statement and (F) for False statement. Write your answer like in the Example.1– T

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| 1- In 2020, the region is set to get a long-discuss about the Eco.       |
| 2- West African Economic Monetary Heads decided to reform the CFA franc. |

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| 3- They have decided to reform the CFA franc with two major changes             |
| 4- First, the change of the name of the currency from the CFA Franc to Euro     |
| 5-.His speech marked the official end of the CFA.                               |
| 6- France will keeping "50 percent of west African reserves in French Treasury" |
| 7- France will keep the control of Eco.   |
| 8- The Eco's value will be attached to the Euro.                                |
| 9- The CFA value has been attached to the Euro for more than two decades.       |

**PART TWO : WRITING**

Use the words in the box to complete the following report. *Example:1- For.*

**(than 50) /does/Ghana or Nigeria /to/For/ ( left)is/ will/Eco/without /lose / hopes**

1- **For** the economist, it 2- not mean anything 3- promote West African monetary union 4- including countries like 5- "A country that has more 6- percent of the population in the region cannot be 7- out ECOWAS must therefore react very quickly. If not, it sown project, the 8- union 9- get into difficulties and it will 10- credibility as an organization." He also 11- that the Central African franc bloc 12- thinking to do the same thing. "

**C. LANGUAGE IN USE**

Task 1:(3 points)

Students of the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar in Senegal were very pleased after the news concerning the Eco hit. The paragraph below is an extract from <https://p.dw.com>. Put it into reported speech.

Write your answer like in the example: 1) *They told that many countries dropped the CFA Franc*

- 1) "Many countries drop the CFA Franc", they told.
- 2) "With this change from the CFA franc to the ECO, There will be more jobs for the youth."They told
- 3) "I think these efforts ensure. "another student said.

Task 2: (3 points)

The paragraph below is according to a statement released by the presidency's office of Ghana. Transform into negative form the underlined verbs like in the example: 1- **It isn't.**

It 1-is a welcome decision, which Ghana warmly 2-applauds. It 3- will be good testimony to the establishment of a monetary union, but also to the larger agenda of West African integration. We, in Ghana 4- are determined to do whatever we can to enable us join the member States of UEMOA, soon, in the use of the ECO, as, we 5-believe, it 6- will help remove trade and monetary barriers, reduce transaction costs, boost economic activity, and 7-will raise the living standards of our people