



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

Corruption vs Development

Of the 134 countries that attended the 9th International Anticorruption Conference organized by Transparency International in Durban, over a hundred were developing countries. Yet the corruption problem still exists on a much larger scale than first perceived.

5 Several studies have therefore been undertaken in an attempt to find the root cause of the widespread problem of corruption. In most developing countries today, the widespread nature of corruption has made it part of everyday life. Society has learned to live with **it**, even considering it fatalistically, as an integral part of a country's culture. Not only are public or official decisions for instance, on the award of government contracts or the amount of tax due, bought and sold, but very often access to a public service or the exercise of a right such as obtaining civil documents also has to be paid for (...) Bribery wastes public resources, undermines development and distorts competition. Every 10 year an estimated US \$ 100 billion is paid out in bribes worldwide. But, experts believe **this** may be just the tip of the iceberg and the problem is still very critical.

15 The battle against corruption is being thought everywhere, not just in the transition and emerging markets and developing countries but in developed economies also. Fighting corruption needs more than punitive laws. Improving ethics and governance at every level is essential. The fight against corruption is not the monopoly of the industrialized countries. Nor can recipes that have worked in other countries necessarily be applied to developing ones. More and more of **these** countries are expressing their resolve to combat corruption, echoing international initiatives. Civil society and the media can help by denouncing corruption and pressure on the government. But the real **impediments** 20 to the fight against corruption are as much the interests of the politico administrative apparatus as the fatalism and ignorance of the victims, maintained by a culture of fear nurtured by those who benefit from corruption. And there should also be tough stands from the West against home countries of multinationals that encourage corrupt practice.

Excerpt from The 9th International Anticorruption Conference organized by Transparency International in Durban.

I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A/ Find in the text, 3 verbs illustrating the negative nature of corruption (1.5 marks)

1. : 2. : 3. :

B/ List 4 domains exposed to corruption. (2 marks)

4. : 5. :
6. : 7. :

C/ Quote 3 phrases illustrating the consequences of corruption : (1.5 marks)

8. :
9. :
10. :

D/ Choose the best answer by circling one letter a, b, or c : (1.5 marks)

11. "This may be just the tip of the iceberg" means that corruption costs ;

- a- \$ 100 m
- b- much more
- c- much less

12. What can be done to eradicate corruption ? Quote 3 phrases from the text.

- a-
- b-
- c-

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E/ What do the following words refer to in the text ?

(0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

- 13. "it" (line 6)
- 14. "this" (line 11)
- 15. "these" (line 16)

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (7 marks)

F/ Check (v) the right box to complete these sentences

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

16. People have attempted..... corruption

- eradicate
- to eradicate
- eradicating

17. Corruption makes it difficult for countries.....

- develop
- developed
- to develop

18. But the fight..... bribery won't be easy

- for
- against
- of

19. apparently, it is deeply rooted..... our culture

- on
- at
- in

G/ Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words form the list below

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Whether – Therefore – as long as – whereas – Since – in order to – Although

..... The 9th International Anticorruption Conference was held in Durban,
20.

corruption is still on the increase. This problem will prevail.....society
21.

tolerates it.more punitive measures should be taken.....eradicate it.
22. 23.

H/ Dialogue : fill in the missing words

A. Corruption undermines development,.....it ?
24.

B. Absolutely !

A. So you have never given a bribe, have you ?

B. Of course not and I never will !

.....should I ? I think it's evil !
25.

A. SoI !
26.

I/ Complete this passage with the right forms of the words given

(1.5 marks)

Corruption is (harm). It prevents fair..... (compete) and can make citizens
27. 28.

..... (loss) faith in public services.
29.

III. WRITING Choose one topic and write 100-150 words about it.

(5 marks)

Topic 1 : according to you what are the best strategies to eradicate corruption in developing countries like Senegal ?

Topic 2 : Write a letter to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal in which you clearly explain the connection between bribery and poverty and how to fight it.