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LANGUE VIVANTE 1: ANGLAIS

SERIES: A1 – A2

Cette épreuve comporte (3) pages numérotés 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3

PART ONE : READING 40%

Read the text below and do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE: ANTICIPATED HOLIDAYS IN COTE D'IVOIRE

High schools and colleges in Côte d'Ivoire are under pressure ahead of the Christmas holidays. On Wednesday, the Ivorian Minister of Education, Kandia Camara, announced the death toll of three students killed in the violence documented across the country.

5 For the past ten days, lessons in high schools and colleges in Côte d'Ivoire have been disrupted. This is precisely the intention of the students and non-students who have taken these schools by storm to demand early Christmas holidays. In these demonstrations, sometimes of a rare violence, three students lost their lives, announced Wednesday the Ivorian Minister of Education.

10 A pupil of the 3rd class was assassinated “disemboweled” on December 04 last week in Anyama (northern suburb of Abidjan), another of Terminale was “slaughtered” in Daloa, in the center of the country, on Monday December 9 and the third assassination was recorded in Dimbokro – in the center – where a pupil of the 2nd grade was killed on Wednesday. “Once again, we are heartbroken. We are saddened, the education community is in mourning,” said kandia Camara as she held an emergency meeting with actors from the education system, traditional leaders, unionists and members of the government “Some students have decided for themselves the leave date ... some students decide to take early leave (...) Shall we continue to be silent in front of our children who murder our children?” She continued before announcing sanctions for the violence: “I am saying it here and I want parents in Côte d'Ivoire to remember it: all the guilty children will be expelled from all public and private schools” said the minister. In addition to the three assassinations, an initial assessment by the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection reports 80 arrests, including 42 people brought before the Ivorian courts.

20 The phenomenon of anticipated Christmas holidays in Ivory Coast is not new. In the course of the 2000s, groups of students, sometimes violent, under the impulse of the influential Student and School Federation of Côte d'Ivoire (Fesci) swept over public and private establishments to force the administration and the faculty to stop classes before the date indicated for Christmas holidays.

25 Disturbances, which, mixed with the many strikes in the education system, have greatly curbed the Ivorian school.

Adapted from <https://news-afrik.com/ivory-coast-3-dead-in-school-violence>

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. Read the text and find the words or expressions whose meanings or synonyms are given below. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. Christmas holidays

1. Holidays in December (*Line 1*)
2. The end of life (*Line 2*)
3. Marked by discontinuity or gaps (*Line 4*)
4. Public gatherings to show strong feeling (*Line 6*)
5. A residential district located on the outskirts of a city (*Line 9*)
6. Form or class (*Line 11*)
7. Sorrowing/grieving (*Line 12*)
8. Human offspring (*Line 15*)
9. Forced to leave or moved out (*Line 17*)
10. On certain occasions or in certain cases (*Line 21*)
11. Refusals to work because of disagreement (*Line 24*)

B. Read the text again and give short answers to the following questions. (2 lines maximum)

1. According to the text, what are under pressure ahead of the Christmas holidays in Côte d'Ivoire?
2. Who declared the death of the students in the violence documented?
3. What happened during the past ten days in Côte d'Ivoire?
4. Give the main reason why students behaved that way?
5. How many students were killed according to the Minister?
6. Where did the killed come from?
7. Did the Minister stay silent before such violence in schools? Justify your answer.
8. What's the Minister's immediate sanctions against violence in Schools?
9. Is the phenomenon of the anticipated holidays new in Côte d'Ivoire? Justify your answer
10. What have greatly curbed School in Côte d'Ivoire?

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE 20%

TASK A:

Below is an extract of an article about school violence. Read it carefully and complete it using these **prepositions** in the box to make it more understandable. One preposition can be used twice or more. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. of

On - by - with - in - on - at - from - to

A review...(1)..... reports from across the world strongly suggests that this issue is of real concern in diverse settings across the world. In the IV World Conference.....(2)..... School Violence, presenters came.....(3)..... more than 50 countries from almost all continents and described phenomena that were (4)..... the same time very similar and uniquely tied(5)..... their specific context. Indeed, as we travel around the world, observe schools and talk(6)..... students and staff and as readers(7).....numerous reports on school violence(8).....across the globe we are struck

.....(9).....contradictions.(10).....the one hand, there is a significant degree of similarity surrounding school safety....(11)..... diverse places in the world.

TASK B

This passage is an extract of a newspaper that analyses the phenomena of school violence around the world. Read it and fill the gaps with the words in the box to get the whole passage. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. conference

***Phenomenon – atrocious – himself – the most – posted – around – thousands of – has
been– casualties – conference – fire - school***

The Fourth International..... 1.....on School Violence and the newly created International Journal of School Violence is2..... recent reminders that school violence is a. global3..... Time and again, the public in countries with cultures as diverse as Japan, Brazil, South Africa, USA and Ethiopia4..... alarmed by5..... acts of senseless violence in schools. In a recent tragic incident in Finland a masked gunman has opened6..... at his trade school in Finland, killing 10 people and burning some of their bodies before fatally shooting7..... in the head. This appeared to be an almost exact replication of a previous incident in Finland less than a year earlier that left eleven8... Both shooters9..... violent clips on YouTube that have been seen by many10..... young viewers11.... the world. The 1999 Columbine school shooting in Colorado shocked people around the world.

PART THREE: WRITING 30%

Do **only one** of the two tasks. (*Not more than 25 lines*)

TOPIC 1

During the last week preceding Christmas holidays, violent demonstrations occurred in different schools of Cote d'Ivoire. In order to draw the international community's attention on the anticipated holidays, you have been chosen by the English club of your school to write a letter to the representative of UNESCO in your country to denounce this phenomenon. In your letter:

- define what the anticipated holidays are;
- give two (2) causes and two (2) consequences of the anticipated holidays;
- propose three (3) solutions to fight against this phenomenon.

TOPIC 2

You have been chosen to represent your English club at a conference organized by the embassy of Nigeria on anticipated holidays. Back to your school, you write an article for your school English Club's magazine to draw students' attention on the consequences of this phenomenon. In your article:

- identify two (2) reasons for the anticipated holidays;
- give three (3) consequences of this bad attitude;
- suggest three (3) solutions to this phenomenon.