



# BACCALAUREAT BLANC

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Séries : A<sub>1</sub> - A<sub>2</sub>

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EPREUVE :

ANGLAIS : LANGUE VIVANTE 1

(Cette épreuve comporte 3 pages numérotées : 1/3; 2/3; 3/3)

Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

## PART ONE : READING 40%

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Read the text below and do the tasks that follow

In December 2007, French President Nicolas Sarkozy is in Algiers for the first time to negotiate oil contracts. The French delegation sits down at the table at the presidential palaces in Algiers. Before the negotiations even begin, President Bouteflika says : "First, I want an apology for Setif !" Setif is the terrible massacre that the French Foreign Legion committed against Algerian civilians on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. It left over 42, 000 either dead or wounded. Quite upset, Sarkozy answered : "I have not come here for nostalgia". The response from Bouteflika : "The memory before business". Subsequently, there were no negotiations. The last state visit that Bouteflika was due to make to Paris was due to take place last July. It was cancelled because an apology for Setif still hasn't been made.

The West with 12.8 per cent of the world's population is a minority that has ruled over the planet for over 500 years. At the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when the earth was round, after the Columbus' fourth voyage, there was genocide in Latin America. Then there was the slave trade lasting 350 years, the 150 years of colonial massacres and territorial occupation. Today there is a tyranny of global finance capital.

Last years, according to the World Bank's own statistics, the world's 500 largest companies dominated 53 per cent of the world's gross product. This financial capital, concentrated in the hands of some Western oligarchs has a power that has never before been wielded by any king, emperor or pope in human history.

Southern peoples see this financial dictatorship as the last stage of the West's strategy of exploitation and oppression. The slaveholders are sitting in the stock exchanges that determine the commodity prices and speculation, which – although not visible – are responsible for hundreds of thousands of starving people. Every five seconds a child under the age of 10 dies hunger.

In April of this year, the number of constantly starving people exceeded the one billion mark for the first time. And this on a planet teeming with wealth. Today, there is no longer fate. A child, who as we speak is dying of hunger, is murdered. This world order, the West is imposing on the planet, creates its own theory. The West believes in the universality of its own ethnocentric values.

I have just come from the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Each of the Western ambassadors, so clever, subtle and cultivated when he speaks, speaks in the name of humanity, universal values and preaches his teachings to the peoples of Latin America, Asia and Africa. This is basically the paradox of the Western discourse, which stems from their total blindness, because the material oppression, which is produced by the West also produced their discourse of legitimacy. And today, this is no longer tolerated.

Adapted from an interview of Jean Ziegler on his book **THE HATRED FOR THE WEST**  
**Note** : Mark = former German currency



**VOCABULARY CHECK**

I – Find the words from the text, using the clues to help you. The first letter of the word or phrase you need is provided.

Example : 1 —————> cancel

- 1/ C .....: to decide that an organized event will not happen.
- 2/ G.....: the murder of a whole group of people.
- 3/ T.....: having unlimited power over other people, and using it unfairly and cruelly.
- 4/ S .....: to die of hunger.
- 5/ O.....: a small group of powerful people.
- 6/ T .....with : containing large numbers of.
- 7/ H.....: mankind.
- 8/ B .....: fundamentally
- 9/ S.....from : to be due to, to be caused by.
- 10/ P.....: the leader of the Roman Catholic Church.
- 11/ A.....: an act of saying sorry.

**COMPREHENSION CHECK**

Write short answers to the questions below (five lines maximum for each).

- 1/ Was Sarkozy accustomed to the city of Algiers before December 2007?  
How do you know?
- 2/ What do you think president Bouteflika implies through : "The memory before business" ?
- 3/ To what extent can France be charged with a genocide in Algeria?
- 4/ Who are called "slaveholders"? Why are they called so?
- 5/ Why is starvation on our planet paradoxical ?
- 6/ What do you think is meant in "The West believes in the Universality of its own ethnocentric values"?

**PART TWO : WRITING**

40%

Do only one of the two tasks (200-225 words)

**Topic 1 :** Some people believe that the world is a family. Do you share that standpoint? State your position taking into account the reaction of the International Community towards Côte d'Ivoire during the political crisis.

**Topic 2 :** Some African political rulers are selling off cheaply the natural resources of their countries to Western powers in order to have their dictatorial powers supported by those white nations. In a letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations, tell him about the looting of Africa's wealth, and make some suggestions for a better world.

**Note :** to sell off cheaply = brader.

A / Rewrite the sentences below putting each bracketed word in the right comparative form.

Example : 1/ Who is the oldest person in the country ?

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1/ Who is the (old) person in the country ?

2/ His wife is becoming .....and .....(beautiful)

3/ Bouaké is a bit (big) than Daloa.

4/ Because Drogba is (good) and (wise) of the Ivorian football team, he is always asked to  
be their captain

5/ A plane is far (comfortable) than a lorry.

B / Ask questions corresponding with the underlined words or phrases.

Example 1 : Who is so selfish?

1/ Kissi is so selfish.

2/ It's Zadi's viewpoint

3/ Mr Anglobal is very strong

4/ These politicians seldom speak to each other.

5/ His Excellency, President François Hollande has spoken to the world for some minutes.