

BEPC BLANC
SESSION 2011

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

Durée : 2 heures

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

PART ONE Read the text below, and do the activities

The Coup

At about three in the morning Chaudry burst into his room in an obvious state of excitement. Lombe sat up in bed.

"What is the matter, Chaudry, - burglars?"

"No, Lombe; not burglars, - something more serious"

"What is it?"

"There has been a coup, - we've been expecting it for some time".

Lombe did not understand. What was a coup? He wondered.

"What do you mean, Chaudry? What is this thing that happened?"

"A coup," repeated Chaudry. "The government has been overthrown by the army and the police".

"You mean that the chiefs of the Army and the Police are now ruling the country?"

Chaudry nodded his head. They sat silent for some time. Chaudry spoke first.

"I am afraid some ministers have been killed, and the whereabouts of other Ministers is at present unknown".

They fell silent again. The early morning light was beginning to lighten the room. Cocks began to crow. In the distance they could hear the occasional gunshots and the heavy revolving of army lorries moving into position.

"Old Chozo was killed as he tried to run away from his house," Chaudry said.

"Chozo has been killed?" Lombe repeated the words with horror.

"Yes"

"And the Prime Minister? "

"I can't tell you much but we know he is safe somewhere. General Masauko will be making a statement on the radio in about half an hour's time from now".

"Poor Africa," said Lombe. "Isn't it tragically funny that after all these glorious days of fighting for freedom, now that we have it we behave like a couple of dogs, - fighting when there is enough food to spare for everyone".

I- COMPREHENSION CHECK (/8)

A/ Read the text and answer the following questions (6pts)

- 1- What is a coup?
- 2- At what time was Chaudry informed of it
- 3- Was Lombe expecting a coup?
- 4- Who rules the country after the coup?
- 5- What happened to the government?
- 6- Why was Chozo killed?

B/ Match the words from the in box A with their meanings in box B. The indicated lines will help you. Write the answers like this: 7.b (2pts)

A	B
1- obvious (Line 1)	a- asked himself
2- burglars (Line 3)	b- no sound
3- expecting (Line 6)	c- conduct oneself – act
4- wondered (Line 7)	d- speech
5- nodded (Line 12)	e- people who break into the house to steal
6- ruling (Line 11)	f- waiting
7- silent (Line 12)	g- evident – easily understood
8- behave (Line 25)	h- inclined head in agreement
9- statement (Line 23)	i- governing

PART TWO : Writing. Do only ONE of the two tasks (6pts)

Task 1

Would you like to become a head of state (a president of the republic)? What are the drawbacks and advantages of such a position? Write a paragraph of about 12 lines

Task 2

Is violence the only way to solve problems? Write a paragraph of about 10 lines.

PART THREE Language in use (6pts)

A/ Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense or form. N0 1 is an example. 1- listening

- 1- Is that rain! Dalo said after (listen) for a while
- 2- If he comes on time he (receive) a prize
- 3- It's possible to have a good and interesting job without (live) in the town
- 4- The noise of the thunder made us (grip) the wall in fright
- 5- When she went to America she (buy) presents for her family.

B/ Give a correct ending to the following sentences, and write your answer as in the example:
9- aren't they?

- 1- The room was full of mosquitoes,.....?
- 2- There's no more food left,?
- 3- You won't tell your father about this,?
- 4- Everybody enjoyed the party,?
- 5- He said that he couldn't come?
- 6- They have forgotten to call us,?
- 7- This is not the front door?
- 8- He looks tired?
- 9- They are members of the English club,?