

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

SERIE : B

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DO ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS EXAMINATION PAPER ON YOUR ANSWER SHEETS

PART ONE : READING

30 %

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Telecommunication is one of three key components needed to stimulate a market economy, the other two being energy and transportation. GTE Corporation (GTE), however, considers telecommunication to be the most important of the three. Is it possible to bring energy and transportation facilities into an area without being able to make a phone call?

- 5 Telecommunication plays a vital role in building economic viability in emerging economies.

Before examining the role of GTE as a private enterprise in developing countries, a snapshot view of the corporation will be useful. GTE generates \$20 billion in revenues, \$4.2 billion in operating income, and has \$42 billion in assets. It employs 130,000 people globally, of which 24,000 are international, and is basically structured in two groups: the telephone operations group which generates a lion's share of the revenues and 90% of the net income, while the second group consists, of wireless, information services, including GTE's cellular businesses, GTE Airfone, GTE spacenet (GTE has 8 satellites and is a major satellite entity), GTE Information Management Systems (IMS), and GTE Government Systems. It was GTE's telecommunication system that played a major part in the Gulf war. GTE is the fourth largest publicly-held telecommunication company in the world. Only NTT, AT & T, and British Telecom are larger. GTE has four major companies outside the US: In British Columbia, Quebec, the Dominican Republic, and most recently, in Venezuela.

Private enterprise has a critical role to play in developing countries. The speed with which the concept of private investment is embraced by government and community leaders will directly impact both the speed of economic growth and the increase in the standard of living in that country. There are two keys to establishing this environment: the government's ability to create an attractive investment climate; and the ability to develop a high quality, globally responsive telecommunication infrastructure.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A Choose the best meaning of the word according to the text and write it down. An example is done for you : 7-b

1. Key (L.1)

- a. tool to open a door
- b. very important
- c. unnecessary
- d. rival

2. components (L.1)

- a. compositions
- b. constitutions
- c. constituents / elements
- d. contributions

3. facilities (L.3)

- a. talents
- b. abilities
- c. skills
- d. means

4. snapshot (L.6)

- a. talents
- b. abilities
- c. skills
- d. means

5. assets (L.1)

- a. liabilities
- b. possessions / property
- c. obligations
- d. debts / benefits / gains

6. lion's share (L.9)

- a. the flesh of a lion
- b. the smallest part
- c. the largest part
- d. the skin of a lion

7. wireless (L.10)

- k. electronic mail (E-mail)
- l. mobile phone
- m. radio set
- n. answering machine(s)

8. speed (L.17)

- a. eagerness
- b. rapidity
- c. excitement
- d. decision

9. embraced (L. 17)

- a. encouraged
- b. Dealt with
- c. perceived
- d. hated

10. attractive (L. 19)

- a. competitive
- b. transparent
- c. real
- d. appealing

11. responsive (L. 21)

- a. sensible
- b. satisfactory
- c. sensitive
- d. positive

B. say whether these statements are true or false according to the text. Write (t) for true and (f) for false and give the line(s) to justify your choice

1. Energy and transportation are the other two key components needed to stimulate a market economy.
2. GTE is a group that has large revenues.
3. 24,000 of the 30, people working for GTE are employed locally.
4. GTE is made up of two major groups.
5. The telephone operation group generates more money than the other group.
6. GTE has eight satellites and four major companies outside the USA.
7. GTE is the largest publicly-held telecommunication company in the world.
8. Private enterprises have a very important role to play in emerging countries.
9. GTE's telecommunication systems played a very important role in the gulf war.
10. The speed of economic growth and the increase in the standard of living in country not influenced by the speed with the concept of private investment is embraced

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE 30%

A. All the words in each group except two are related to the same class. Find the two words that do not belong to the name of the class, and write down the name of the class on your answer sheet like this:
E .

2- radio

5-announcer

Class : newspaper

A.
1. Announcement

2. Board

3. Department

4. Diary

5. Customs officer

6. Passport

7. Station

D.

1. Software

2. Data

3. Stencil

4. Vase

5. Disc

6. Eraser

7. Screen

B.

1. Bathe

2. Desert

3. Sand

4. Bathroom

5. Sun

6. Wave

7. Umbrella

E.

1. Headline

2. Radio

3. Article

4. Column

5. Announcer

6. Newsagent

7. Journalist

C.

1. Nought

2. Nil

3. Oh

4. Tent

5. twelve

6. Thirst

7. ten

F.

1. election

2. trial

3. ballot

4. candidate

5. murder

6. party

7. democracy

- B. Choose the most suitable word from the box below to fill the numbered spaces. Write your answer like this: 11-for.

By-either-even-for-how-if-most-rather-than-which-for.

Technology

When faced with some new and possibly bewildering technological change, most people react in one of two ways. They (1) recoil from anything new, claiming that it is unnecessary, or too complicated, or that it somehow makes life's less (2) human. Or they learn to adapt to the new invention and eventually wonder (3) they could possibly have existed without it. Take computers as an example, for many of us, they (4) represent a threat to our freedom, and give us a frightening sense of a future in (5) all decisions will be taken (6) machines. This may be because they seem mysterious, and difficult to understand, and (7) people don't know what you can use a home computer (8), and you usually get vague answers about how "they give you information". In fact, (9) those of us who are familiar with computers, and use them in our daily work, have very little idea of how they work. But it does not take long to learn how to operate a business programme, even (10) things occasionally go wrong (11) no apparent reason. Presumably much the same happened when the telephone and the television became widespread.

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PART THREE WRITING 40%

Kisito, your south-African friend, wants to know how telecommunication is developed in your country. Write him a reply where you answer his question, giving examples.