

**EPREUVE DE
ANGLAIS****PART ONE : READING FOR COMPREHENSION (8 points)****THE ROLE OF WOMEN**

Women have always played a central role in society. They ensure stability, progress and long-term development of nations. In Africa, for example, 80 percent of the agricultural production comes from small farmers, most of whom are rural women. It is widely accepted that agriculture can be the factor of growth and poverty reduction in developing nations.

5 Women, notably mothers, play the largest role in decision-making about family meal planning and diet. They are the first caretakers of children and elders in every country of the world. International studies demonstrate that women hold the economy of families. They play a vital role by supporting their households and communities, by providing food and nutrition security and improving rural life.

10 Basic education is important to a nation's ability to develop human resources and to begin development. Most often, it is the mother in the family who urges children of both genders to attend and stay in school. The role of women in the urban and rural workforce has expanded exponentially in recent decades. However, they still have fewer opportunities than men worldwide.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK**A. Vocabulary check**

Match the words in Column A with their synonyms or definitions in Column B according to the text. One option in Column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1-F

Column A

- 1- ensure (L1)
- 2- widely (L3)
- 3- growth (L4)
- 4- notably (L5)
- 5- caretakers(L6)
- 6- elders (L6)
- 7- providing (L8)
- 8- urges (L11)
- 9- however (L13)

Column B

- a- largely
- b- people who look after others
- c- giving
- d- encourage, pushes
- e- follow
- f- guarantee
- g- development
- h- but
- i- particularly
- j- older family members

B- True / False statements: Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Indicate the lines of the text to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-F (L1-2)

- 1- Women rarely take part in the progress of nations.
2. The majority of small farmers are women.
- 3- Agriculture can reduce poverty in African families.
- 4- The decisions about food are mostly taken by women.
- 5- Men are the first caretakers of children and elders.
- 6- Both men and women urge children to attend school.
7. Most of ten fathers encourage children to attend school.
- 8- The role of women has increased during the past two years.
- 9- Today, men still have more opportunities than women.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task 1: The statements below are about the activities of African rural women. Rewrite each of them starting by the underlined words or phrases. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-The family food is cooked for all the members by women.

- 1- Women cook the family food for all the members.
- 2- Mother s take young children to school.
- 3 Women and girls fetch water from the river.
- 4- Women can do several activities on the same day.

Task 2: The paragraph below is about other activities of African rural women. Choose the correct preposition in brackets to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-in

African rural women work k a lot. Generally, they are actively involved (1-**on / in / at**) domestic activities which include cooking and caring (2- **for / on / in**) children and older family members. These women are also engaged (3- **in / on / at**) economic activities for the support of their families. To improve the quality (4 **of / at / in**) rural women's life, social development that reduces illiteracy and poverty should be encourage.

PART THREE: WRITING (6 points)

Topic (Not more than 12 lines)

On the International Women's Day, write a paragraph for your school English Club magazine about the topic "The rule of women in Africa". In your paragraph,

- list three (3) activities African women do:
- mention three (3) roles they play today in modern societies
- suggest what can be done to have more women in the administration.