

BEPC RÉGIONAL

SESSION 2024

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Coefficient : 2

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.

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PART ONE: READING (8 points)

CITY LIFE vs. VILLAGE LIFE

Village life reflects the rural lifestyle and city life shows the urban lifestyle. Life has advantages and disadvantages in both rural and urban areas. One is quite different from the other. Let us consider, in brief, village and city life and point out some of their important advantages and drawbacks.

5 In big cities, there are good arrangements for education. Colleges and universities are available. There is also a very large number of schools, both public and private. Cities also provide many opportunities for amusement and recreation. In every city, we can find several cinemas and multiplexes where we can have fun. These arrangements do not exist in villages.

10 Village life is extremely healthy due to the fresh air. Also, food in the village is healthy and natural. In villages, life is very cheap. People do not have to live with a lot of money. Living a simple life, like in a village, is almost impossible in the city. In addition, villages are not overcrowded and it is very easy for people to get accommodation. People in the village have much sympathy for one another. The sympathy and close interdependence that is marked in
15 village life is entirely lacking in the city.

Adapted from <https://www.toppr.com/guides/essays/essay-city-life-vs-village-life>

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- Vocabulary check

The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or expression in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1- j

Column A	Column B
1- areas (L2)	a- good
2- drawbacks (L4)	b- repair
3- arrangements (L5)	c- disadvantages
4- available (L6)	d- infrastructures
5- provide (L7)	e- lodgement
6- healthy (9)	f- absent, missing
7- overcrowded (L12)	g- give, offer
8- accommodation (L 12)	h- overpopulated
9- lacking (L15)	i- accessible
	j- regions

B- Comprehension questions

Read the text again and write short answers to the following questions. (two lines maximum)

1. What are the two types of lifestyles compared in the text?
2. Cite the two (2) advantages of city life mentioned in paragraph 2 (L5 to L8).
3. List two (2) advantages of village life mentioned in paragraph 3 (L9 to L15).
4. Is there solidarity in the city? Justify your answer.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task 1: The statements below are about city life and village life. Rewrite them, starting with the underlined words or phrases, to make meaningful sentences. Write your answers like in the example.

Example:1- Many facilities are built by governments in cities.

1. Governments build many facilities in cities.
2. Cities provide many opportunities for amusement.
3. People eat healthy food in villages.
4. The lack of solidarity characterizes city life.

Task 2: The paragraph below is about village life. Select the correct verb forms in parentheses to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1. is

My village is called M'Brimbo. It (1. **is - am - are**) in Tiassalé. Our community (2. **comprise - comprising - comprises**) about 150 to 200 families, and the total number of people living there is nearly 2,000. I have a family of four members. It (3. **consist - consisted - consists**) of my parents, my elder sister, and myself. In the past, my sister and cousin (4. **helps - helping - helped**) my mother with household chores. My father, his friends, and many of our parents did manual labor. Today, because of school, many of us have left the village.

PART THREE: WRITING (6 points)

At a meeting of your school's English Club, you watched a video comparing life in villages and cities. After that, the chairman of the English club asks you to write a paragraph to share your opinion on the following question: " which is the best place to live in: a village or a city?" In your paragraph,

- say where you prefer to live;
- give three (3) reasons for your choice;
- explain why you don't like the other way of living.

(Not more than 12 lines)