

BEPC
SESSION 2012
ZONE : I

Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

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

PART ONE : READING COMPREHENSION (8 points)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it.

HABIBA'S LIFE STORY

This is a true story about a young woman called Habiba. It happened five years ago in a city somewhere in Africa.

Habiba had her first boyfriend when she was 12. His name was Aminou. They were together for 2 years. They had sex. When she was 14, Habiba began going out with another boy called Yroumsia. Soon after she started dating Yroumsia, she got pregnant. She left school because it is illegal for pregnant girls to go to school. During her pregnancy, Habiba had some medical problem and went to see the traditional doctor in her village. Because she was complaining of pain in her lower back, he cut her back with a razor blade. She felt better after that, and before she was 15, Habiba had her first baby.

Habiba returned to school when she was 16. She fell in love with Maboudi and stayed with him until she finished school. When Habiba was 20, they got married. After they got married, Habiba had her second baby. When Habiba was 22, she got sick. She had diarrhea for several months and became thin. She also had a persistent fever and coughed a lot. One year later, Habiba died.

One day Maboudi's friend who was a medical doctor told him that Habiba had died from AIDS. Since that day, Maboudi had been very worried. One day, he decided to go and do his blood test.

In doing so, Maboudi made a good decision. Like some Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) in early stages, HIV infection can be without symptoms. Even though a person is not showing signs of HIV infection, he or she can still pass the virus to a healthy person for ten or more years.

Adapted from Teach English, Prevent AIDS, by B. BOWMAN, G. KWENTHIEU and S. SMITH.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its definition or synonym in column B. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1 – c

Column A	Column B
1- Dating (L. 5)	a- Suffering from
2- Pregnant (L. 5)	b- not sick
3- Complaining of (L. 7)	c- going out with
4- Razor blade (L. 8)	d- Skinny
5- thin (L. 13)	e- anxious
6- Worried (L. 15)	f- sharp metallic instrument used to cut hair
7- Healthy (L. 18)	g- bearing a baby

- B-** Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true “T” or false “F”. Quote the lines that justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1 – F (L. 1)

- 1- Habiba’s story is a fiction.
- 2- Habiba had the same boyfriend from the age of 12 to the age of 14.
- 3- When she was pregnant, Habiba went to see a modern doctor.
- 4- Mabouti knew Habiba was HIV infected as soon as she got sick.
- 5- Although some people seem healthy, they are HIV infected.
- 6- Mabouti refused to do his blood test.

PART TWO : WRITING (6 points)

Choose only one of the two tasks below and do it on your answer sheet.

TASK 1:

As a member of a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) called “SOS AIDS”, write to your British office to describe the situation of the infected people in your country and the actions that your NGO takes to help them. *(12 lines maximum)*

TASK 2:

As a member of your school English Club, you have to write a paragraph for the magazine about AIDS and HIV transmission. The ideas below will help you.

- How you get infected.
- How you can avoid it.
- Advice you can give to infected people.

(12 lines maximum)

PART THREE : LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

- A-** Read the text below and put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense and form. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1- **had**

Gregory was a carpenter, a very good carpenter, an excellent carpenter in fact. But he (1-have) one big problem. He (2- drink) too much. And on a cold afternoon, he (3- take) his sick wife to the hospital. They (4- have to travel) about twenty kilometers but the road was bad. It (5- rain) and he (6- cannot see) the road ahead. He said to his wife: “don’t worry, we (7- be) at the hospital very soon.”

- B-** Fill in the gaps in the text below with the words from the box. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1- **holiday**

rooms – beaches – visits – restaurant – holiday – tropical – fish

I love San Pedro. San Pedro is loved by people who want a quiet place to spend a (1-.....) The (2-) are not dirty and crowded. You can catch (3-) in the sea and have it cooked at the (4-.....). Meals can be taken in the (5-) or on the beach. You can buy local clothes as well as (6-.....) fruit like mangoes and pineapples at the market. Some touristic (7-) are often organised by your hotel.