

BEPC
SESSION 2013
ZONE : II

Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte trois (03) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3.
Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.
Cependant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8 points)

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

KAMAU WANTS TO GET MARRIED

The group of women continued to talk quietly amongst themselves. The group of elders seemed excited as they drank the palm-wine. Muthoni, Wambu's mother looked at Kamau. His eyes were on one man who was staring greedily at the meat and talking excitedly at the same time. Muthoni could almost guess what was going on in his mind.
5 The meat these men were eating and the wine they were drinking must have cost Kamau a lot of money.

She prayed deep in her heart that the elders changed their minds about the dowry. Today, they had decided he would have to pay 250,000FCFA on the following Sunday. Along with this, he would have to bring two goats to be slaughtered and some beer and food. It is only after paying all the dowry that Wangi, Muthoni's husband and the elders
10 would consent to the marriage. Kamau had pleaded with them, saying that he could not afford all that much. He was now waiting for their final decision. "How greedy these men are!" Muthoni thought. "What do they think the young man is, a factory manager? Don't they know he is only a junior clerk in the factory? Couldn't they ...?" Suddenly her
15 thoughts were interrupted by her husband's voice.

"Young man, we still maintain our first proposal. We cannot alter it. We are in fact being very kind. Wambui is an educated girl and she ought to bring a good price". He glanced at Muthoni and continued: "Her mother can tell you how hard-working she is. She will make a perfect wife. What do you say, young man?"

20 "I still want to marry your daughter" he replied, "but I'm sorry I can't afford the dowry. I do not have ready money. I beg you to consent to the marriage and I will pay what I can and I promise to pay the rest gradually".

Adapted from *A girl For Sale and Other Stories* by Daniel WAMBEU.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

- A) Match each word from the text in column A with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or definition in column B is not concerned.
Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – staring at = d – looking fixedly at

COLUMN A

- 1- staring at (L. 3)
- 2- excitedly (L. 4)
- 3- guess (L. 4)
- 4- dowry (L. 7)
- 5- slaughtered (L. 9)
- 6- pleaded with (L. 11)
- 7- clerk (L. 14)
- 8- alter (L. 16)
- 9- consent to (L. 21)

COLUMN B

- a- change
- b- employee
- c- imagine
- d- looking fixedly at
- e- accept
- f- refuse
- g- implored
- h- money paid to marry a girl
- i- killed
- j- with joy

- B) Are these statements true or false? Write “T” for true and “F” for false. Justify your answers by indicating the lines. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1 = F (L. 1)

- 1- The women were making a lot of noise.
- 2- The men were happy when they were drinking.
- 3- Kamau offered only wine to the men.
- 4- Kamau had to pay only 250,000FCFA to marry Wambui.
- 5- Kamau was the director of the company where he worked.
- 6- The men accepted to change their decision about the dowry.
- 7- Wambui never went to school.
- 8- Wambui was a lazy girl.
- 9- Kamau accepted to pay all the dowry immediately.

PART TWO: WRITING (6 points)

Choose **only one** of the two tasks below and do it.

TASK A

Your British pen friend would like to know how traditional marriage is celebrated in your village or town.

Write him a letter telling him the different steps of the marriage ceremony. Write your text down in 12 to 15 lines maximum.

The following ideas can help you:

- The two families meet
- They decide the dowry to pay
- They decide the day of the marriage
- The boy's parents bring a lot of food and drinks
- People eat, drink and celebrate

TASK B

The English Club in your school organises a writing competition on the following topic: "Must the dowry be a condition to marry a girl? Justify your opinion".

As a candidate, write your text on your answer sheet in 12 to 15 lines maximum. The best text will be published in the school magazine.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

A) Choose the word which best completes each sentence. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 – c: sheet

- 1- Could you give me aof paper?
a) page b) book c) sheet
- 2- Do you know each other? Let me introduce
a) you b) the other c) both
- 3- The police asked me to.....the child who was lost.
a) describe b) explain c) tell
- 4- Please write your name inletters at the top of the page.
a) major b) capital c) main
- 5- He spoke in avoice not to wake the children up.
a) aloud b) loud c) low
- 6- Girls who work in restaurants want clients to give them
a) restaurant ticket b) meal c) tip
- 7- Whatof bird did you see at the zoo?
a) manner b) way c) kind

B) Select the most appropriate option in brackets to complete the passage below.
Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1– met

Ali and Aicha got married three years ago. They were in secondary school when they 1. (had met - met - would meet). Some time later, they informed their parents 2. (of - in - for) their marriage project. The two families 3. (had called - called - call) a meeting. Relatives came 4. (to - from - with) their villages. The people ate, drank and took a decision 5. (for - in - about) the day of the wedding ceremony. The relatives returned home the next day 6. (at - in - by) the morning. That 7. (would be - was - is) a wonderful day.