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ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comprend 3 pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3

Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

PART ONE : READING (8 pts)

Read the text and do the following activities by writing your answer on your answer sheet.

AN EASY MARRIAGE

It was after the festival in which young men and young women looked for wives and husbands that Efuru first met Adizua. Adizua asked her to marry him and she agreed.

One moonlit night, they went out. They talked of a number of things, their life and their happiness. Efuru told him that she would drown herself in the lake if he did not
5 marry her. Adizua told her he loved her very much and that even the dust she trod on meant something to him.

"But what about the dowry?" the woman asked.

"You will come to me on Nkwo day. Every place will be quiet that day being market day.

10 Take a few clothes with you and come to me. We shall talk about the dowry after. Efuru agreed and went home feeling very happy and light.

On Nkwo day when everybody had gone to the market, Efuru prepared herself. She had her bath early in the stream. She took great care that morning over her appearance. Her father was not at home. She took a few of her belongings and went to her lover's
15 house.

The mother of the young man went to the market; when she returned she was surprised to see Efuru's clothes and a few other possessions in her son's room. The young man was quick to explain. He told his mother that Efuru was his wife. "I have no money for the dowry yet. Efuru herself understands this. We have agreed to be husband
20 and wife and that is all that matters. The young man's mother was excited for her son had indeed made a good choice.

"You are welcome, my daughter. But your father, what will you say to him?"

"Leave that to me, I shall settle it myself"

*From **EFURU**, by Flora NWAPA*

Comprehension check

A. Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. When did Adizua and Efuru first meet?
2. Did Adizua and Efuru love each other? Justify your answer.
3. Did Adizua's mother accept Efuru in her family?

B. Find the opposites of the underlined words. On your answer sheet, write down each opposite in front of its corresponding number. N° 1 is done as an example for you 1: → refused

1. Efuru agreed to marry adizua.
2. She first saw the boy that day.
3. Every place will be quiet.
4. Adizua took a few clothes.
5. She had her bath early.
6. They talked about their life.
7. Everybody had gone.

C. Select the right answers a, b, or c, for each question and write it down on your answer sheet. The selected answer must be in front of the number of the question. Like this: 5 → b

1. Efuru took a few clothes because
 - a. Nobody was there to help her.
 - b. She didn't have enough clothes.
 - c. She was in a hurry.
2. Adizua asked the girl to join him on okwo day because
 - a. There would be nobody at home.
 - b. He wanted to buy new clothes for her.
 - c. Okwo was an exciting day.
3. The dowry is
 - a. Money that a man gives to a woman's parents in order to marry her.
 - b. A special cloth for a newly married girl.
 - c. Pocket money which is given to the guests.
4. Adizua and Efuru's marriage was an easy one because
 - a. They loved each other.
 - b. Efuru's parents like Adizua very much.
 - c. Efuru became Adizua's wife without giving any dowry.
5. Efuru has agreed to be
 - a. Adizua's friend
 - b. Adizua's wife
 - c. Adizua's pen -friend.

PART TWO: WRITING (6 pts)

Do **only** one task?

TASK 1:

Your American friend wants you to talk him about the importance of wedding in your society. In an article, write your point of view in about 15 lines.

TASK 2:

Efuru's father is asking her questions. Complete the dialogue by writing **only** the father's part. N° 1 is done for you as an example.

1. Father: Efuru, I haven't seen you since the last nkwo day . Where were you?
Efuru: At Adizua's parents.
2. Father: ?
Efuru: Because I love Adizua.
3. Father: ?
Efuru: I first met him at the festival.
4. Father: ?
Efuru: yes, he does.
5. Father: ?
Efuru: Yes, he has promised he will.
6. Father: ?
Efuru: He could work on your farm for ten year for nothing.
7. Father: ?
Efuru: Yes, he can! He is a hard-working man.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE: (6 pts)

1. Select the best answer for each statement. Example: 6 →. b
 - a. John enjoysdetective movies. (a- to watch / b- watch / c- watching)
 - b. She said she had lived in Montrealeleven years. (a-for / b-during / c-since)
 - c. Someone has phoned? (a-hasn't he? / b-have they? / c-haven't they?)
 - d. What..fat man! (a- the / b-a / c-an)
 - e. Theyschool two hours ago. (a-left / b-have left / c- had left)
 - f. Heto the market every Friday. (a-go / b- goes / c-going)
2. Report the following statements.
 - a. She said: "I'm going to phone my father tonight."
 - b. The students said: "We have to learn our lessons now."
 - c. My sister says: "I'm eating."
 - d. She said: "I'm going to my father's farm."
 - e. Kofi asked: "What's in that bag?"
 - f. Are you from this classroom? "The headmaster asked."
 - g. The Woman said: "My daughter has being learning English for four years".