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LANGUE VIVANTE 1: ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comporte trois pages numérotées de 1/3 à 3/3

DO ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS EXAMINATION PAPER ON YOUR ANSWER SHEETS BY READING AND FOLLOWING CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

PART ONE: READING (8 points)

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Read this text and do the activities that follow it.

A young girl comes to town

Bena suddenly comes across Sarah, an old friend of hers who used to lived in the same village.

"Bena, so you are in town!", Sarah said happily.

"Oh, I just arrived a moment ago."

"It is a surprise. You must have come for something special?"

At this, Bena looked down shyly, wiped her face with her bare hand, then changed her bundle to her other arm.

"Bena dear, you must be tired and hungry. Let's go to that hotel across the street," Sarah said encouragingly, leading Bena.

Bena followed obediently.

"What will you have?"

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"Something cold," Bena answered.

They were brought two Fantas and some cakes.

"How is everyone at home?" Sarah asked, pouring herself a drink.

"Fine," Bena said.

"Sarah, I came to this town to look for -" She stopped, picked up her drink, put it down, took the cake, but when she was about to bite it, put that down too.

"Don't tell me you're looking for a job," Sarah said laughingly.

Bena tried to force out a smile and asked: "Tell me, where is Gatimu?"

"Surely you didn't make the whole journey to ask that," Sarah answered.

20 "Where is he?"

"Oh, just around."

"You mean in town? Here?"

"Oh no, he left with his wife some weeks ago for Tabora."

The glass Bena was holding fell and broke into pieces. Her fingers were trembling. She stood up to pick up the pieces of glass. "I will do it lady," the waiter said. She covered her face with her hands and, in tears, she told Sarah: "I was to marry him very soon."

Sarah felt confused. So as not to cause any embarrassment she said: "Oh, I see!"

The waiter came. Sarah paid. She took Bena's hand and said: "Let's go home and have a rest. Don't make this the end of the world."

In that moment of darkness and loneliness, the words of her aged mother came back to her: "Bena, the city people are no good. You will only be happy in the village." Her mother had once told her so. "How true her prophecy!" Bena thought.

Adapted from ROAD TO MARA by T. CHACHA



COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. All the words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its meaning in column B. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 6- b

Column A	Column B
1. to come across (line 1)	a. the travel
2. wiped (line 5)	b. absence of light
3. a bundle (line 5)	c. to meet by chance
4. the journey (line19)	d. to relax
5. to have a rest (line 28)	e. solitude
6. darkness (line 30)	f. a number of articles wrapped or tied together
7. loneliness (line 30)	g. cleaned

B. Say if the following statements are true or false. Write (T) for true or (F) for false and justify your answers by giving the line(s) from the text. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 4- T (line 7 / line 10 / line 28)

- 1. Bena and Sarah don't know each other.
- 2. Bena knew she would meet Sarah in town.
- 3. Bena felt uncomfortable while talking with Sarah.
- 4. Sarah was very kind with Bena.
- 5. Sarah knew about the love affair between Bena and Gatimu.
- 6. Sarah was very sorry for her mistake.

PART TWO: WRITING (6 points)

Do ONLY ONE of the two tasks.

TASK 1

"Have you ever been upset* by a terrible news?". Tell about it and say what and who calmed you down. (Do not exceed 15 lines)

TASK 2

Here is a conversation between Bena and Sarah after they got home. Imagine Sarah's questions.

Sarah: Excuse me if I hurt your feelings. I didn't know that you were to marry Gatimu soon. Bena: No, don't apologise. You couldn't know. Sarah:
Bena: I have known him for a long time.
Sarah:
Bena: Yes, they do. They agreed on our marriage when he and his parents came to see them two years ago.
Sarah:
Bena: Because he had to go to town to find a job and some money before we got married. Bena: He said he would some he had to go to town to find a job and some money before we got married.
Bena: He said he would come back after two years. Sarah:
Bena: I will have to tell the truth to my parents. Sarah:
Bena: I think they will tell Gatimu's parents about that and together, they will find a solution.

^{*}upset: bouleversé



PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

A. Choose the most appropriate tense in the brackets to fill in the gaps in the paragraph below. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1- was walking

One Sunday morning, while Sarah (1- had walked - was walking - has walked) along the street, she (2- would meet - meet - met) Bena who (3- had just come - was just coming - is just coming) from her village (4- to look for - for look for - as look for) Gatimu, her fiancé. Unfortunately Sarah (5- informs - inform - informed) her that Gatimu (6- had gone - is gone - was gone) to Tabora with his wife (7- for settle - to settle - by settle) there.

B. On your answer sheet, write down the appropriate reaction, or answer to each of the following situations. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 4- Have a quick recovery!

Situations

1. Someone gives you something.

- (2) One of your friends comes from abroad to visit you.
- 3. He or she is leaving you after visiting you.
- 4. Your classmate is ill.
- . 5. Someone sneezes. (to sneeze: éternuer)
 - 6. Your brother has passed his examination.
 - 7. Your sister is doing something dangerous.