

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

Cette épreuve comporte deux pages numérotées 1 et 2.



PART ONE : READING FOR COMPREHENSION (08 POINTS)

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

THE UNEXPECTED VISITOR

Obi opened the door with a very dark frown on his face. Instead of Joseph, there was a girl at the door.

'Good afternoon,' he said, completely transformed.

'I am looking for Mr Okonkwo,' she said.

- 5 'Speaking. Come right in.' He was surprised at his own sudden gaiety; the girl was, after all, a complete stranger, albeit a most attractive one. So he pulled in his horns.

'Please sit down. By the way, I don't think we've met before.'

'No. I am Elsie Mark.'

- 10 'Pleased to meet you, Miss Mark.' She smiled a most delicious, showing a faultless set of immaculate teeth. There was a little gap between the front ones, rather like Clara's. Someone had said that girls with that kind of teeth are very warm-blooded. He sat down. He wasn't shy as he usually was with girls, and yet he didn't know what to say next.

'You must be surprised at my visit.' She was speaking in Ibo.

'I'm sorry my brother came to your office. I told him not to.'

- 15 'It's perfectly all right,' Obi found himself saying. 'I told him that -er- with your Grade One certificate you stood a chance a very good chance. It all depends on how much you really impress members of the Board at the interview.'

'The most important thing,' she said, 'is to be sure that I am selected to appear before the Board'.

- 20 'Yes. But as I said, you stand as a chance as anybody else.'

'But people with Grade One are sometimes left out in favour of those of Grade Two or even Three.'

'Last year she said suddenly, 'none of the girls in our school who got Grade One was given a scholarship.'

- 25 'Perhaps they did not impress the Board.'

'It wasn't that. It was because they did not see the members at home'

'So you intend to see the members ?'

'Yes'

'Please, Mr Okonkwo, you must help me. I'll do whatever you ask.' She avoided his eyes.

- 30 Her voice was a little unsteady, and Obi thought he saw a hint of tears in her eyes.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. Find the defined words in the indicated lines like in a. (04 POINTS)

- a. frown: pulling down the eyebrows as a sign of anger or puzzlement. (line1).
b. _____: cheerfulness or happiness (line5)
c. _____: extremely clean. (line 10).
d. _____: timid or afraid to do something. (line 12)
e. _____: to make someone admire or respect. (line 17)
f. _____: money given to a student to help pay for his or her study. (line 24)
g. _____: tried not to do something. (line 29)
h. _____: shaking or moving in a way that is not controlled. (line30)
i. _____: a hidden suggestion or clue. (line 30)

B. What are the answers to these questions? (04 POINTS)

1. Who did Obi expect?
2. Did the visitor meet Obi at home or at his office?
3. What did the visitor want to see the members of the board for?
4. How do you understand the girl's words: ' I'll do whatever you ask.'

PART TWO: WRITING (06 POINTS)

DO ONLY ONE OF THE TWO TASKS.

TASK A. Write a paragraph of 15 lines maximum to show what corruption is, its drawbacks and propose solutions to eradicate it.

TASK B: Here is a dialogue between a corrupt teacher called Shame and a candidate called Courage at the BEPC oral examination. Complete either Shame's part or Courage's part.

- Shame1: _____
- Courage1: Yes, I do. I'd like to get 17/20 or 18/20 as mark.
- Shame2: _____
- Courage2: Ready to pay for what?
- Shame3: Here are the prices. The orange (500 CFA)=10/20, the red (1000 CFA)=12/20, the blue (2000 CFA)=14/20, the green (5000 CFA)=17/20 and the purple (10 000CFA)=19/20.
- Courage3: _____
- Shame4: This is what everybody does here.
- Courage4: _____
- Shame 5: So, what will you do?
- Courage5: _____
- Shame6: Please don't do it! I don't want to go prison.
- Courage 6: _____

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (06 POINTS)

A. Rewrite the sentences with the correct form and tense of the bracketed verbs. (03 points)

1. A new Prime Minister (choose) _____ by the President next year.
2. These girls (not teach) _____ English by Chris Brown at the moment.
3. Where (buy) _____ these toys _____ last year?

B. Complete the following sentences using the right words from the bracketed words. (03 points) N°7 is an example. Write your answer like this: 7-childhood.

1. Ridiculous! What _____ can you bring into the system when you are not able to express yourself without making tons of mistakes? (improve)
2. A system of _____ in which teachers are not judged on results but rather on the blind and stupid application of methods can only produce poor results. (educate)
3. What can you expect from teachers who can't fight for their own welfare. They are _____ on their other colleagues to fight for them. What a pity! Shame on them! (dependence)
4. This is the continent where people shout the name of God day and night, but inside they are real _____. (hypocrisy)
5. People who spend their time blaming the others for their own cowardice and failures are lazy and _____ (irresponsibility).
6. When Africans decide to have an objective and courageous analysis of _____ they will start to progress. (slave)
7. How can you have a nice childhood _____ when grow up among wicked people who pretend to be God's people? (child)