

COMPOSITION GENERALE

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Classe : 3<sup>ème</sup>

Durée : 2H

ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

**PART ONE : Reading (8 points)**

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

**Different types of transport**

1 There is a range of transportation means accessible to us ; the type we choose to use will depend on the reason for travelling, distance of the journey, increasingly cost is becoming a describing factor in the types of transport we use, especially due to the increase in fuel<sup>1</sup> costs we all wish to avoid.

2 Most people use cars daily for short and long journeys. Cars have many advantages such as their simplicity and convenience, getting you exactly where you want to be without additional buses, trains or walking to get to your final destination. To save money you can carpool with friends or work colleagues when possible.

3 Buses are available in all cities, towns and most villages. They are ideal for those short journeys from one part of a town to another. Short journeys may take longer than expected on a bus due to the frequent stops and routes which cover a lot of the area to accommodate everyone. Buses are however a cheap method of transport, if you use the buses a lot there are a range of travel cards, passes and long-term<sup>2</sup> tickets to help you save more money !

4 Rail transport is used for both goods and people and is a popular method of public transport. But travelling by train is difficult because you will need further transportation by bus, car or taxi to get your final destination.

*Adapted from Wikipedia the free Encyclopedia.*

Notes : (1) fuel : carburant

(2) long-term : longue distance

A- **COMPREHENSION CHECK** : The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them to its equivalent in column B. One word is not concerned in column B. Work like in the example. Example : 1-C

| COLUMN A             | COLUMN B             |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Range (L1)        | a) Augmentation      |
| 2) Increase (L4)     | b) Arrange           |
| 3) Convenience (L6)  | c) Variety           |
| 4) Carpool (L8)      | d) Because of        |
| 5) Available (L9)    | e) More ; additional |
| 6) Due to (L11)      | f) Accessible        |
| 7) Accommodate (L12) | g) Ease              |
| 8) Goods (L15)       | h) associate         |
| 9) further (L16)     | i) conform ;adapt    |
|                      | j) merchandise       |

B- Give short answers to the following

- 1- What does the choice of the means of transport depend on in general ?
- 2- Mention some advantages of using cars.
- 3- Show why the buses are the cheapest methods of transport ?
- 4- Why is travelling by train more difficult ?

**PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)**

A- Fill in the numbered spaces in the following paragraph with the box. Do like in the example. Example 2-for

Across- for- from- useful

Wikipedia explains that the car is the most popular type of transportation. This mode of transportation is (1).....for daily travel and long journeys. Buses are available in large cities or towns and useful (2)..... Short trips from one area to another. Trains are useful for short trips (3)..... a city or extended journeys (4).....

B- Select the option that best competes each sentence. Number 4 is an exemple.

Example : 4-travelling

- 1- Motorbikes are faster (~~as~~-than-to) bicycles.
- 2- Planes are (~~most~~- the most- more) comfortable than cars.
- 3- I'd rather (~~travel~~- travelled-travelling) by car.

**PART THREE : WRITING (6 points)**

During the christmas holidays, you went to see your Liberian friend in his country and you enjoyed your stay there because he made you visit the country aboard many means of transport that you liked. Back to Abidjan, you write him a short letter to :

- *thank him ;*
- *tell him about the means of transport people use here in Cote d'Ivoire ;*
- *tell him the means of transport you prefer and why.*