

ENGLISH COMMON TEST N°2

Cette épreuve comporte deux pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.

PART ONE: READING FOR COMPREHENSION (8 points)

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

TEXT

People use different means of transportation in Cote d'Ivoire. They move around by road, by railway, by air and by sea. The category of people who uses one type of transportation varies. About 50% of our population travel on foot, by bicycles or motorcycles. That group of people generally comes from villages. But people in cities generally move around by cars.

5 They represent about 35% of the population.

Those who travel by train are about 5%. We have not many trains and railway stations in the country. Trains usually carry passengers or goods. They move from Abidjan up to Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso.

10 People also travel by sea, by river or by the lagoon. In Abidjan some people go to their working places by ferryboat on the lagoon. Some fishermen go fishing everyday by canoe or by boat. The biggest harbours of the country are in Abidjan and San Pédro. About 5% of the population use this means of transportation.

Adapted from Mon Cahier d'Intégration 4^{ème}, p. 62

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A /- Vocabulary: All the words are from the text. Odd the one out of each list below like in the example. Example: 1- Cote d'Ivoire

- 1) Abidjan – Ouagadougou – Cote d'Ivoire – San Pédro.
- 2) Boat – road – railway – river.
- 3) Ferryboat – sea – motorcycles – cars.
- 4) Uses – means – goods – passengers.
- 5) Sea – river – lagoon – air.

B/- Comprehension check: Say if these statements are true (T) or false (F). Justify your answer by the line(s). Example: 1- F (L. 1)

- 1- In Cote d'Ivoire, people use only one means of transportation.
- 2- About half of the population in Cote d'Ivoire travel by sea.
- 3- Passengers or goods of trains move from Abidjan up to Burkina Faso.
- 4- In Abidjan, some people go working on the lagoon by ferryboat.
- 5- The harbours of Cote d'Ivoire are in Abidjan and San Pédro.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

TASK A: The text below is about a rich American trader and the different means of transport she uses. Complete it with the words from the box. **Example:** 1- **by sailing**

walks – by sailing – travel by plane - bicycle

Likane is a rich trader. She lives in USA, near the sea. She goes to her job (1).....her boat. From time to time, she rides her (2).....just to practice sport. It is only to move to the pharmacy that she (3)....., because it is not far. But she is obliged to (4).....when she comes in Africa.

TASK B: The paragraph below is the opinion of an old man about means of transportation. Choose the correct form of comparisons between brackets to complete the text.

Example: 1- **more careful**

I prefer the bus to the car because the drivers of buses are generally (1. **more careful/the most careful**) than other drivers. My brother says he prefers the plane because it is (2. **the safest/safer**) means of transport. For me, travelling by plane is (3. **more dangerous/the most dangerous**) than travelling by car. I always tell him that cars are (4. **better/the best**) ones.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Your Nigerian pen friend Babalola is planning to visit you very soon. He writes you a message on WhatsApp to ask some information about the means of transportation available in your country. In your answer,

- 1- Mention the means of transportation people use in your country;
- 2- Say why you dislike some means of transportation;
- 3- Give him the ones you prefer and say why.