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ENGLISH TEST • UNIT 1: Lifestyle – moving with the times

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PART ONE: READING FOR COMPREHENSION [40%]

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

HOW TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING OUR LIFESTYLE

Over the last fifty years, technology has transformed the way people live, work and communicate. In the past, families used to gather every evening to listen to the radio or to share stories, and people would write letters to keep in touch with their relatives. Today, a single smartphone allows anyone to call, shop and study from anywhere.

However, this progress has a price. Many young people have become addicted to social networks and spend long hours in front of their screens. As a result, face-to-face conversations have become rare, and some teenagers feel lonely and anxious. Moreover, online shopping, although convenient, often causes disputes when parcels arrive late or damaged.

Modern times have also seen a rise in migration. Whenever jobs are scarce, thousands of young Africans leave their countries in search of a better life in Europe. Unfortunately, many of them risk their lives crossing deserts and seas, while those who arrive often struggle to integrate into host societies.

To make the best of modern lifestyle, experts recommend that people limit their screen time, that schools teach the responsible use of technology, and that governments create jobs at home so that young people do not feel forced to leave. Change is inevitable, but it is up to us to make it beneficial.

A- VOCABULARY CHECK (10%)

The words in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its definition or synonym in column B. One option in column B is not concerned. Example: 1- transformed = g- changed completely

Column A	Column B
1- transformed (P1)	a- dangerous
2- gather (P1)	b- disagreements
3- addicted (P2)	c- come together
4- lonely (P2)	d- rare; not enough
5- convenient (P2)	e- easy and practical
6- disputes (P2)	f- useful; advantageous
7- scarce (P3)	g- changed completely
8- struggle (P3)	h- unable to stop doing something
9- integrate (P3)	i- sad because one is alone
10- beneficial (P4)	j- find it very hard to do something
	k- become part of a community

B- COMPREHENSION CHECK (30%)

Read the text again and answer the questions below.

1- How has technology changed people's lives over the last fifty years?

2- What did families use to do every evening in the past?

3- What can a smartphone do today?

4- Mention two negative effects of social networks on young people.

5- When do disputes occur with online shopping?

6- Does the writer think that online shopping is useless? Justify your answer.

7- Why do thousands of young Africans leave their countries?

8- What dangers do these migrants face?

9- What do experts recommend to make the best of modern lifestyle?

10- According to the writer, is change good or bad? Justify your answer.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE [30%]

TASK A (15%)

Read the passage below about lifestyle and fill in each numbered space with the right word from the box. One word from the box is not concerned. Example: 1- lifestyle

[lifestyle ; generation ; values ; kindness ; traditions ; technology ; communicate ; migrate ; society ; habits ; healthier]

Our (1-…) has changed a great deal in recent decades. The older (2-…) used to respect strong moral (3-…) such as honesty and (4-…), and families kept their (5-…) alive through stories and festivals. Today, (6-…) helps people to (7-…) instantly with friends all over the world. Many young people also (8-…) to other countries to look for jobs, and this changes (9-…) as a whole. Fast food has created bad eating (10-…) among teenagers.

TASK B (15%)

Choose the right word or expression from a, b, c and d to fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Example: 1- b

1- Last year, I (…) to Abidjan for the first time.
a- go / b- went / c- have gone / d- had gone

2- Before I moved to Bouaké, I (…) in Abidjan for five years.
a- lived / b- have lived / c- had lived / d- live

3- My grandfather (…) walk to the market every morning, but now he takes a taxi.
a- is used to / b- would / c- uses to / d- has

4- Since 2010, many things (…) in our town.
a- change / b- changed / c- have changed / d- had changed

5- (…) you decide to do, I will support you.
a- Whoever / b- Whatever / c- Wherever / d- Whenever

6- (…) arrives first will get the best seat.
a- Whatever / b- Whichever / c- Whoever / d- Wherever

7- Everybody admired her (…) when she helped the old man.
a- kind / b- kindly / c- kindness / d- kinder

8- Water (…) at 100 °C.
a- boiled / b- has boiled / c- boils / d- had boiled

9- I (…) such a big city before I visited Lagos.
a- never saw / b- had never seen / c- have never seen / d- never see

10- They have lived here (…) 2015.
a- for / b- since / c- ago / d- during

PART THREE: WRITING [30%]

Do only ONE task in not more than 25 lines.

TASK A (Letter of complaint)

Your best friend ordered a tablet online from a shop in London. It arrived three weeks late and the screen was broken. You decide to help him/her by writing a letter of complaint to the Customer Service Manager of the shop. In your letter,

- say why you are writing ;
- describe the problem (the delay and the damage) ;
- ask for a full refund or an immediate replacement.

TASK B (Speech / Phone call)

You are listening to a debate on Voice of Africa (VOA) about changes in lifestyle in Africa over the last decades. You decide to give your opinion through a phone call. In your intervention,

- compare the lifestyle of Africans in the past to their present-day lifestyle ;
- identify the factors that have contributed to those changes ;
- give recommendations on how to make positive lifestyle changes.