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Cette épreuve comporte quatre (04) pages numérotées 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4.

PART ONE : READING (40%)

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

The Disregard for Civil Rights and Liberties in Africa.

The violation of civil rights and liberties remains a critical issue in many African countries. Citizens often face oppression, particularly when expressing dissent against their governments. Protests and demonstrations, meant to demand justice, accountability, or better governance, are frequently met with excessive force, arbitrary arrests, or even violent measures by state authorities.

In nations where freedom of expression and assembly are restricted, citizens are often left with no safe platforms to express their grievances. For instance, during peaceful protests, security forces sometimes employ live ammunition, leading to injuries and deaths. Governments also use legal and technological tools to suppress opposition, such as stopping the internet, detaining journalists, and enacting restrictive laws. These measures not only violate individual freedoms but also deepen the mistrust between governments and their populations.

The consequences of these actions are severe and far-reaching. They discourage political participation, foster resentment, and push citizens to lose faith in their governments. In some cases, repression has caused violent uprisings, leading to instability and economic decline. Moreover, the lack of accountability and transparency prevents the development of inclusive societies, where the rights of every individual are respected.

To end the cycle of repression, African countries must adopt inclusive governance and prioritize respect for civil rights. Governments should enact and enforce laws protecting freedoms of expression, assembly, and the press. Civil society organizations and international bodies must also play an active role by advocating for human rights and holding oppressive regimes responsible.

Dialogue between citizens and governments is crucial to fostering trust. Platforms for peaceful negotiation and conflict resolution must be encouraged. Education and civic awareness campaigns can permit citizens to know and defend their rights. Additionally, the promotion of independent judicial systems will help ensure that violators of civil liberties are held accountable.

In conclusion, addressing the disregard for civil rights in Africa requires collective effort from governments, citizens, and the international community. Respecting these rights is not only a moral obligation but also a necessary step toward achieving sustainable development and lasting peace.

Adapted from https://www.amnesty.org.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. Vocabulary *(1pt / answer)*

Read the text and find the words or phrases which definitions or synonyms are given below. The lines where you can find them are indicated. Write your answers on your answer sheet like in the example. *Example : 11- disregard*

1. natives of a country, nationals **(line 1)**
2. dissatisfaction, disagreement **(line 2)**
3. responsibility, answerability **(line 3)**
4. complaints, criticisms **(line 6)**
5. approving, voting for **(line 8)**
6. doubt, lack of confidence **(line 9)**
7. important, significant **(line 11)**
8. stops **(line 14)**
9. arguing for, promoting **(line 17)**
10. conciousness, understanding **(line 20)**
11. negligence **(line 23)**

B. Comprehension *(3pts / answer)*

Read the text again and write short answers to the following questions.

1- What is the objective of protests and demonstrations in many African countries?
2- How are protests and demonstrations met?
3- What does the use of ammunition by security forces cause?
4- How do governments suppress opposition?
5- Do the measures taken by governments have positive consequences? Justify your answer.
6- What has repression provoked ?
7- What must African countries do to stop the cycle of repression?
8- According to the author, what should governments do?
9- What can encourage trust ?
10- What are the advantages of respecting civil rights?

PART TWO : LANGUAGE USE (30%)

A. The passage below is about human rights and freedom. As you read it, fill in the gaps with the words from the box below. One word is not concerned. Example 11 : commitment. *(1.5pts / answer)*

Apartheid, detained, commitment, rights, suppressed, challenges, inequality, employment, protection, displacement, address, deaths

In many parts of Africa, human rights and freedoms continue to face significant (1) _____. Freedom of speech is often (2) _____ by governments that fear criticism. Journalists and activists are frequently (3) _____ or even imprisoned for exposing corruption or (4) _____ violations. Additionally, many countries struggle with systemic (5) _____, where minorities and women face limited access to education and (6) _____ opportunities. Armed conflicts in some regions also result in the (7) _____ of innocent civilians and force millions into (8) _____ camps. International organizations are working to (9) _____ these issues by promoting accountability and offering (10) _____ to victims. However, sustainable change requires stronger (11) _____ from both African leaders and the global community.

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B. All the adjectives below are about civil rights on the African country. As a civil right fighter, find the nouns deriving from those adjectives. Do your work like in the example. *(1pt / answer)*

***Example** : freedom*

Adjectives	nouns
1- free	freedom
2- safe	
3- democratic	
4- transparent	
5- just	
6- prevented	
7- aware	
8- violent	
9- detained	
10- impartial	
11- peaceful	

PART THREE : WRITING (30%)

Do <u>only one</u> of the two tasks below. (Do not exceed 25 lines)

<u>Task A</u>

As the president of an NGO that fights for human dignity called RIGHT FOR ALL, you are deeply concerned about the increasing violations of human rights and civil liberties in several African countries. As part of your civic responsibility, you decide to write a letter to the English Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), to bring attention to this issue. In your letter,

- *State the complaint.*
- *Mention the consequences of the problem. (three consequences)*
- *Suggest measures ICC can take to stop that social phenomenon.*

<u>Task B</u>

Today is Human Right Day. Pokou your friend from Ghana, has written you an email to have information about human rights and freedoms in your country. Write him back.

In your email,

- *Mention examples of rights in your country.*
- *Indicate how the populations of your country benefit from civil rights.*
- *Propose what the government should do to reinforce the liberty of populations.*

Pokou's email : ***<u>pokouthebest@hotmail.fr</u>***

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