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**LYCEE MODERNE DIABO** **ACADEMIC YEAR : 2025-2026**

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**Third Term**

# ENGLISH TEST.1

**PART ONE :** READING FOR COMPREHENSION

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

SKIN BLEACHING IN COTE DIVOIRE : CULTURAL PRESSURE AND THE BAN

***1 .*** In Cote d'Ivoire, there is a debate about banning skin-bleaching products. Some people believe that banning these products would be a bad idea because it could make people try to make their own, which could be more dangerous. Many women say that they feel pressure from the society ; especially men, to have lighter skin. Some men even prefer women with lighter skin tones. Even though the governement has made a law to stop selling these products, many salons still advertise creams that lighten the skin.

Health Minister Raymond Goudou Coffie agrees that changing people's ideas about beauty will be difficult. Even though new rules were made to ban these products, skin-bleaching creams are still sold. People are still seeing advertisements for them, some wonder if government and people who enforce the law are follwing themselves.

***10***. Skin bleaching is not just happening in Cote d'Ivoire ; it is common in many parts of Africa and Asia.Experts say that even though they warn people about the dangers of bleaching, some will always find ways to use these products because they feel the pressure to meet the beauty standards.

Adapted from https ://voicesofafrica.co.za/ivorians-ignore-ban-skin-lighten-creams/

**COMPREHENSION CHECK ( 8 points )**

**A/ VOCABULARY CHECK** : Read the text again and match each word from the text in column A with its synonym in column B. One option in column B is not concerned. **Example : 1- h (4points)**

| COLUMN A | COLUMN B |
|---|---|
| ***1- bleaching*** | ***a- make sure (something is followed)*** |
| ***2- advertise*** | ***b- river*** |
| ***3- products*** | ***c- items or goods*** |
| ***4- pressure*** | ***d- beauty shops*** |
| ***5- ban*** | ***e- promote or announce something publicly*** |
| ***6- standards*** | ***f- prohibation or interdiction*** |
| ***7- enforce*** | ***g- stress*** |
| ***8- salons*** | ***h- lightening*** |
| | **i-** ***hopes or anticipations*** |

**B/COMPREHENSION CHECK** : *Read the text again and say if these statements are true or false. Write (T) for true and (F) for false. Quote the line (s) to justify your answers.* ***Do it like the example 1 . (4points )***

***Example :*** *1 -* ***F ( Line 4 - 6)***

1- The government of Côte d'Ivoire has sucessfully stopped all skin-bleaching products from being sold in salons. ……**……**

2- Many women in Côte D'Ivoire use skin-bleaching products because of societal pressure, especially men. …….

3- The Health Minister of Côte D'Ivoire believes that banning skin-bleaching products will immediaterly solve the problem. ……

4- Despite the law ; some salons still advetrtise and sell skin-bleaching products……

5- Skin-bleaching is only a problem in Cote d'Ivoire and it is not common in other parts of Africa and Asia……

**PART TWO :** Language in Use **( 6points** )

**Task one :** The paragrah below is about some reasons why people use bleaching creams. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box below to make it meaningful. (3**points)**

***Example :*** **3- influence**

| **start – natural – practice - influence** |
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Skin bleaching is a common**(1) ……...**among many young people today. People usually**(2)……** using these creams because of social pressure to look fair, the**(3)……..** of media adversitements ,and lack of self-confidence in their**(4) ……**black skin.

***Task two :*** The sentences below are related to the dangers of using bleaching products. In each sentences choose the best item to make it correct. Do it like the number one.

a- Some cosmetics can harm your skin ( because of / because / dislike**/……because…**.) they contain dangerous chemicals.
b- Many people like ( using / use / uses /……..)bleaching products to enchance their appearance, but some products can harm your skin.
c- If you want to protect your skin, you ( shoudn't / can't / should/…… ) use safe products.
d- ( Since / In /Used /……) these products can weaken the skin, it's important to be cautious.

**PART THREE :** Writing

*The American NGO "Black is Beautiful" is organizing a writing competition. The aim is to sensitize young people on the dangers of bleaching creams. You decide to participate in the competition and you have to write an article in which you have to :*

- **give two reasons why young people use bleaching products,**
- **reveal the diseases and consequences linked to the use of bleaching creams,**
- **Suggest some advice to young people to avoid bleaching their skins.**

**( Twelve(12) lines maximum)**

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**PART TWO : COMPREHENSION CHECK**

A/ Vocabulary check

**2- e 3 -c 4-g 5-f 6 -i 7-a 8-d**

B/ Comprehension Check

**2- T ( line 3) / 3- F ( line 6) / 4- T ( line 4-5) / 5- F( line 10)**

**PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE**

**TASK ONE :**

**1 – practice / 2- start / 3 – influence / 4 – natural**

**TASK TWO :**

**b- using / d- should / c- Since**

**PART THREE**

- **Paragrah (article)**
- **Dealing with the topic**
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