

**Pays :** Mali  
**Examen :** Bac, Série LL

**Année :** 2016  
**Durée :** 3 h

**Épreuve :** Anglais (LV2)  
**Coefficient :** 3

### **TEXT: Families and Time**

Families have less time together.

It seems that everywhere around the world, people are spending more time at work or alone and less time with their families and friends. People are busier than ever before!

In the past in many countries, the father worked and the mother stayed home, took care of the children, and did the food shopping, cooking, and cleaning. Nowadays in many families, both parents work, so they both have to do the shopping, cooking, and cleaning in their free time. Parents, therefore, don't have as much time with their children as they used to have in the past. There are also many single-parent families. In these families, the single parent has to do everything.

These days, many children come home from school to an empty apartment or house. A lot of children spend many hours each day in front of the television. Even when families are together, it is common for family members to do things by themselves. For example, they watch programs on separate TVs in different rooms, they use the Internet, they talk with friends on the telephone, and they do other individual activities.

Isn't it strange? Thanks to technology, people are able to communicate so easily with people far away, but sometimes they don't communicate as well as before with people in their own homes.

### **QUESTIONS (20 points)**

#### **I- READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 points)**

##### **A. Multiple choice questions (1 point)**

*Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer.*

1. Both parents work in ... families nowadays.

- a. all the
- b. most
- c. some
- d. few.

2. What does the single parent have to do?

- a. Wandering
- b. Watching TV
- c. Nothing
- d. Everything.

**B. True / False questions (2 points)**

*Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones.*

- 1. People are spending more time with families and friends now.
- 2. Parents used to have more time with their children in the past.
- 3. There are less single-parent families now.
- 4. Some children spend many hours each day in front of the television.

**II- LANGUAGE (10 points)**

**A. Copy down each word from the list on the left with one from the right so as to make pairs of synonyms. (2 points)**

A	B
Seem	not familiar
Spend	void
Empty	to appear to be
Strange	to pass, as time

**B. Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or present continuous. (2 points)**

*Ann:* You usually (go) to work by car, don't you?

*Peter:* Yes, but the car (belong) to my mother and she sometimes (want) it. She (use) it today to take Tom to the dentist.

**C. Compare parents' duties in rural areas with parents' duties in cities. Write four sentences. (2 points)**

**D. Translate into English (2 points)**

- 1. La notion de famille varie d'un continent à un autre.
- 2. La famille traditionnelle africaine peut contenir 20 à 30 personnes.

**E. Translate in French (2 points)**

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**III- COMPOSITION (5 points)**

*Choose only one topic.*

**1.** Would you like to live in a traditional family or in a modern family?

Write a ten-line essay, giving reasons for your choice.

**2.** Aminata Coulibaly, Rue 19, Porte 134, Torokorobougou, Bamako, writes a letter to her friend Adiza Maiga, Rue 10, Porte 45, Hamdalaye B, Ségou, inviting her to her sister's marriage ceremony. Adiza accepts the invitation.

Write Adiza's letter of reply with the appropriate layout.