

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

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Time allowed : 3 Hours

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- 1- Before beginning; make sure that you have received all the 4 pages of the paper.**
- 2- All the questions except the essay, must be answered on this paper, following related instructions.**
- 3- The essay must be written on the main sheet.**

SECTION A: GRAMMAR/(10 MARKS)

I- Fill in each blank in the sentences below with the correct item chosen among those in brackets. (2.5 marks)

- 1- “We had our departmental meeting _____ hour ago”, the teacher said. (a-an-on)
- 2- Nobody was absent during the Maths lesson yesterday, _____ ? (weren’t they-were they-wasn’t he)
- 3- My friend Meka doesn’t mind _____ me money when I am in need. (lending-to lend-lend)
- 4- This is the _____ girl I have seen in my life. (fatter than-fattest-fatter)
- 5- The successful candidates are all looking forward to _____ abroad for engineering studies. (going-go-gone)

II- Rewrite each of the sentences below following the instructions after each sentence. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (5 marks)

- 1- “We will be on holiday tomorrow”, the child told this mother. (Put in reporter speech)

- 2- The principal has made a good speech. (Write in the passive voice)

- 3- If you had gone to school, you _____ (to see) our new Minister. (Put the verb in the appropriate tense)
- 4- The Minister of Public Health is worried that too many people eat junk _____ (to feed) in Cameroon. (Use the expression in its correct form)
- 5- The diesel engine is named after its inventor Rudolf Diesel, _____ (who) first working prototype ran in 1897. (Use the word in its correct form)

III- Provide the correct expression to complete each blank in the sentences below. (2.5 marks)

- 1- You will surely go to your village this week-end, _____ you?
- 2- My family has lived in this house _____ I was born.
- 3- Do you believe _____ paranormal phenomena?
- 4- The student _____ bag is missing is an orphan.
- 5- The arrival of Kamdem's father prevented him _____ going to the party.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY/(10 MARKS)

I- Give the antonym of the underlined word in each sentence. Write it in the space provided. (3 marks)

- 1- Our mother took the bitter leave of "ndolé" to the kitchen to wash them _____
- 2- It is not good for young boys or girls to carry heavy loads on their heads. _____
- 3- The private sector usually pays better salaries to their workers than any other sector. _____

II- From the words in the brackets, fill in each blank with the correct one. (2 marks)

- 1- The _____ is so hot in December that many people prefer sleeping outside on mats. (whether-weather-waiter)
- 2- Most people work to earn their _____. (living-leaving-life)

III- From the list below, choose the goods and match them with the appropriate traders. Write your answers in the spaces provided. Only five items in the list should be used. (5 marks)

List: a loaf of bread- a joint of beef- a suit made to measure- table- tablets of quinine- a gold ring- a pen.

- 1- A chemist: _____
- 2- A butcher: _____
- 3- A tailor: _____
- 4- A baker: _____
- 5- A furniture dealer: _____

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use correct English sentences, and as far as possible, your own words.

Digital Terrestrial Television

For several months, the introduction of Digital Terrestrial Television, DTT, was the subject of discussions among Cameroonians. The long-awaited process finally took off on July 14, 2015. But for many people, this new mode of broadcasting is still vague.

Digital Terrestrial Television, DTT, is also referred to as Digital Television for commercial reasons. Before July 14, 2015, Cameroon has been operating the analogue system of broadcasting through cable distribution, satellite or land transmitters. With the coming of digital techniques and progress in computer sciences, it is possible to put in place a digital method of broadcasting on these same channels of broadcasting. The advantages of this new mode of broadcasting are many and varied as signals are more robust, thereby guaranteeing quality.

Digital Terrestrial Television entails the efficient use of spectrum and provision of more capacity than analogue, better images and lower operating costs for broadcast and transmission (after the initial upgrade costs). A terrestrial implementation of DTT technology uses an aerial to broadcast a conventional television antenna or aerial instead of a satellite dish or cable television connection. Digital signals provide improved reception quality, the ability to broadcast in high definition, expanded channel line-ups and enhanced multi-media applications such as video-on-demand and entertainment services.

There are two categories of channels on DTT-free and paid channels. The first condition to fulfill in order to receive DTT is to be in the zone of coverage of the transmitter offering this new service and to have one's antenna placed in the right direction. For the reception of clear signals, it is simple. It suffices to have a DTT receiver. For the reception of paid channels, you need to have a DTT receiver. To subscribe to a paid channel, it is advisable to buy a DTT terminal. During subscription, the operator will provide you with a DTT receiver conceived for decoding paid channels and receiving signals clearly.

Switching from analogue broadcasting to DTT signals allows for more efficient use of spectrum as frequencies formerly used by analogue broadcasts can be moved to wireless networks, thus contributing to national economic growth. Satellite is a critical part of content delivery for DTT, just as it always has been with the analogue and digital distribution. With time, all analogue transmitters in the country will have to give way to digital broadcasting. For now, most of the country is still on analogue broadcasting.

Culled from *Cameroon tribune* of 30th October 2015, by Elizabeth Mosima

Questions

- 1- According to the text; what is Digital Terrestrial Television and when was it first used in Cameroon? (2 marks)

- 2- What broadcasting system was used in Cameroon before the innovation? (1 mark)

- 3- From the text, what two things have permitted the use of the new technology in the media? (2 marks)

- 4- As far as this text is concerned, find any two advantages of the new mode of broadcasting television signals for televiewers. (2 marks)

- 5- According to the text, what should one do in order to receive new television signals free of charge? (3 marks)

SECTION D: ESSAY (10 MARKS)

Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words on anymore of the following topics:

- 1- "New technologies of information and communication are doing more harm than good to young Cameroonians". Do you agree?
- 2- What do you prefer: the modern way of living or the traditional one? Justify your answer.
- 3- What do you think are the main causes of corruption and what can be done to get rid of it in cameronn?