

Pays : Togo

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Épreuve : Anglais

Examen : BAC, séries C-D

Durée : 3 h

Coefficient : 2

SECTION ONE: COMPREHENSION (7 points)

Instructions: Read the text carefully. On your answer sheet, write the numbers from 1 to 21. Then, beside each number write the corresponding missing word that can fill in the gap.

Text: A Friend in Need

A report consistently brought back by visitors to the U.S. is how friendly, courteous, and helpful most Americans were to them. There are, of course, exceptions. Small-minded officials, rude waiters, and ill-mannered taxicab drivers are hardly unknown in the U.S. Yet it is an observation made so frequently that it deserves comment.

For a long ...1..... of time and in many parts of the country, a2..... was a welcome break in an otherwise dreary existence. “Bleak” is the3..... often used to describe frontier life. Monotony and loneliness were common problems of the families who generally lived.....4.....from one another. Strangers and5..... were welcome sources of diversion, and brought news of the outside world.

The brutal realities of the6.....also shaped this tradition of hospitality. Someone7..... alone, if hungry, injured, or ill, often had nowhere to8..... except to the nearest cabin or settlement. It was not a9..... of choice for the traveller or merely a charitable impulse on the part of the settlers. It reflected the harshness of daily life: if you didn’t take in the stranger and take10.... of him, there was no one else who would. And someday, remember, you might be in the11.... situation.

Today there are many charitable organizations which specialize in12..... the weary traveller. Yet, the old tradition of hospitality to13..... is still very strong in the U.S., especially in the smaller cities and towns away from the busy tourist trails. “I was just travelling through, got talking with this American, and pretty soon he’s14..... me home for dinner—amazing.” Such observations15 by visitors to the U.S. are not uncommon, but are not always understood properly. The casual friendliness of many Americans should be16..... neither as superficial nor as artificial, but as the17..... of a historically developed cultural tradition.

Similarly,18..... are also taught to be polite when, as travellers or guests, they are asked that standard19..... : “How do you like it here?” As children, many were taught that in such20....., “if you can’t find something nice to say, then don’t21..... anything at all.”

From *American Life and Institutions*,

by **Douglas K. Stevenson** (Revised Edition- 1998); pages 127-128

SECTION TWO: GRAMMAR AND STRUCTURE

PART A (2 points)

Instructions: In the following pairs of sentences, (a) is fully given to you and (b) is started for you to complete. You should complete it in such a way that it says the same as (a) in the same pair.

Example: 21a. Afi loves animals very much.

b. Afi is.....

Answer: 21b. Afi is fond of animals.

1. a) "I wish I didn't see that horrible accident". John said.
b) John said.....
2. a) For eight hours, Lamboni travelled from Lomé to Dapaong.
b) It took.....
3. a) Bolt broke the world record because he always took into account the advice of his coach.
b) If.....
4. a) The slaves are washing my feet.
b) My feet.....
5. a) Although the pool is deep, children swim in it.
b) Despite.....
6. a) Whatever the height of the mountain, I will climb to its summit.
b) However.....
7. a) We prefer travelling by plane to trains.
b) I'd rather we.....
8. a) It is not necessary for you to come in the evening.
b) You need.....

PART B (2 points)

Instructions: Fill in the gaps with the correct word. Only One word is missing in each gap. On your answer sheet, write the number 1 to 8. Then, beside each number write the appropriate word corresponding to the gap.

Text: Large scale farming

Large scale farming will help to reduce food shortages in many developing countries in Africa. Although there is sufficient land to cultivate, this land may not be fertile. Harsh weather conditions1..... times contribute to this. However the use2..... fertilizers can boost the yield3..... the soil. Unfortunately4..... 1972 and 1974, when Africa farmers....5..... beginning to make use of fertilizers,6..... prices rose. In fact chemical fertilizers became7..... expensive that the farmers could8 longer afford them. The increase of oil prices made the situation worse.

SECTION THREE: WRITING

PART A: LETTER (3 points)

Your name is Ama Kwatcha and your address is Lycée Tovo, P.O. Box 1515, Lomé Togo. Your school administration who has always had a negative appreciation of the organization of a cultural week in schools, has decided this year to ban it. As the spokesperson of your schoolmates, write to the Principal of your school to react against this decision and demonstrate the importance of this activity in schools. (*Not more than 150 words*)

PART B: ESSAY (3 points)

The big debate today is “Should the marriage between people of the same sex be legalized?” In an essay, discuss this issue and state your position. (*Not more than 150 words*)

SECTION FOUR: TRANSLATION (3 points)

Translate the following passage into French.

Useful pieces of advice

Ladies, always carry your bags securely under your arm, preferably without valuables. Jewelries or ornaments too are very tempting for snatchers. Beware of the so-called “guides” with their smooth talk and friendly persuasion.

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