



LANGUE VIVANTE I

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

WORLD GRIEVES NELSON MANDELA'S DEATH

Nelson Mandela's death prompted an outpouring of grief from world leaders and others who honored the beloved South African leader's life and legacy. In failing health for years and last seen in public in 2010, his death at age 95 was not unexpected, but saddened many who compared him with other civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and India's Mahatma Gandhi.

5 President Obama, who drew inspiration from Mandela's life, was effusive in his praise, saying he could not imagine **his** own life without the example Mandela set... "He achieved more than could be expected of any man. We've lost one of the most influential, courageous, profoundly good people to be on this Earth,... We will not likely see the likes of Nelson Mandela again".

10 United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon called Mandela "a giant for justice" whose "selfless struggle for human dignity, equality and freedom" inspired many people around the world. "No one did more in our time to advance the values and aspirations of the United Nations", Ban Ki-moon said.

Mandela also drew praise from former president Bill Clinton. "We will remember him as a man of uncommon grace and compassion, for **whom** abandoning bitterness and embracing adversaries was not just a political strategy but a way of life". Clinton said

15 NAACP¹ Chairwoman Roslyn Brock said Mandela "embodied the hopes, dreams, aspirations and values of all who seek justice against tremendous odds... He responded to unfathomable violence with peace and courage, and in doing so he forever changed the world".

20 "It was as if he was born to teach the age a lesson in humility, in humor and above all else in patience", Bono said. "In the end, Nelson Mandela showed us how to love rather than hate, not because he had never surrendered to rage or violence, but because he (learned) that love would do a better job. Mandela played with the highest stakes. He put his family, his country his time, his life on the line, and he won most of these contests".

25 Paying tribute from Britain, the Prince of Wales said: Mandela was the embodiment of courage and reconciliation. He was also a man of great humor and had a real zest for life. With his passing, there will be an immense void not only in his family's lives, but also in those of all South Africans and the many others whose lives have been changed through his fight for peace, justice and freedom".

"Although **we** were political opponents – and although our relationship was often stormy – we were always able to come together at critical moments to resolve the many crises that arose during the negotiation process", said F. W. de Klerk, South Africa's last apartheid-era president de Klerk.

30 Nelson Mandela's ability to use words to breathe life into his cause was one of his most powerful weapons in the struggle for black equality in South Africa. "I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve... But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die".

Note . (1) NAACP : National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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I. READING COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

A. Some of the statements to the personalities mentioned in the text are reformulated below. As in the example, indicate who said what. (2 marks)

Reformulated statements	personalities
1. Mandela will be remembered as an exceptional man.	Bill Clinton
2. In spite of our frequent disagreement Mandela and I usually managed to arrive at a compromise	
3. There is little chance that another Mandela appears somewhere in the world	
4. He used to face injustice and violence standing as a hero to all victims	
5. Everywhere in the world, Mandela was taken as an example	

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B. Say whether these statements are true or false and justify by quoting from the text (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- 6. Mandela's death came as a surprise.
T/F
- 7. Mandela's fight was exclusively non-violent.
T/F
- 8. Mandela's eloquence was his major fighting strategy.
T/F

C. Find in the text equivalent of the following statements (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

Statements	Passages in text
9. Mandela a mis en jeu tout ce qu'il avait de plus cher	
10. Il incarnait la bravoure	
11. Un principe pour lequel je donnerai ma vie	

D. Who do the words in bold characters refer to in the text ? (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

- 12. His own (par. 2)
- 13. Whom abandoning (par. 4)
- 14. We were (par. 8)

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

E. This passage is about Nelson Mandela's years in prison. Reorder it meaningfully. Provide punctuation and capitalization (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

- a. South Africa's first black president was famous.
- b. Said Nelson Mandela of his years in prison.
- c. This was another example of ironic humor for which.
- d. « I went for a long holiday for 27 years, »

Reorder here:

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F. React meaningfully to each situation by using the word or phrase given: (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

Situation 16. : Thanks to his strong devotion, Mandela freed his nation from Apartheid.

Your reaction: if

Situation 17. : African leaders don't know what to do to have long-lasting peace.

Your reaction: In my opinion,

Situation 18. : F.W. deKlerk showed leadership and realism!

Your reaction: Had he

G. Use the right form of the words in brackets (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 mark)

Mandela's death occurred after a long illness at the age of 95. His life was devoted to an 19 (end) fight against racial segregation and social 20. (equal). He won admiration around the world when he preached reconciliation after being freed from almost three decades of 21. (prison).

H. Complete with the right preposition (1 mark)

- 22. Today, most Africans are not satisfied their leadership.
- 23. Authorities should never deprive people..... their civil rights.

III. WRITING Choose one topic and write about 150 words (6 marks)

TOPIC 1 : Unlike most African leaders who remain unpopular in people's memories, Elson Mandela is unanimously praised worldwide. What, in your opinion, makes him so charismatic and the other leaders so poorly remembered ?

Topic 2 : "Your school's English Club is planning to send a correspondence (e-mail or letter) to the embassy of South Africa in Senegal. Write your correspondence in about 100 words.