

BEPC
SESSION 2015
ZONE : III

Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.
Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.
Cependant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE **READING COMPREHENSION (8points)**

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

KING MONEY

Nobody cares about anybody nowadays. People always seem to be hurrying somewhere, to make money. Money is indeed king now. Your friends do not want to see you because they are too busy chasing after money. You meet with a so-called friend and you make an appointment to meet at some place and, as usual, he does not show up.

5 You tell him your child is ill, in the hospital at the point of death and he asks you how much it will cost to pay the hospital bills or perform the burial rites. You tell your so-call friends things that matter to you most and they shrug their shoulders and look the other way. They only look your way when they see benefits for themselves, when they are sure they can get something valuable out of it. Friendship is commercialized today.

10 Your friends are those who think you have as much or even more than they have. And everybody asks you how many houses you've got and what kind of car you are thinking of buying next.

Money is the great church in which all now come to worship!

Adapted from The Contract by Festus IYAYI,

page 40, Longman, 1982

COMPREHENTION CHECK

A-Vocabulary check: The words or expressions in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One synonym or definition in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-e

COLUMN A

- 1-cares (L.1)
- 2-hurrying (L.1)
- 3-chasing (L.3)
- 4-appointment (L.4)
- 5-show up (L.4)
- 6-burial rites (L.6)
- 7-shrug their shoulders (L.7)
- 8-valuable (L.9)
- 9-worship (L.13)

COLUMN B

- a-very important
- b-pray
- c-funerals
- d-show indifference
- e-worries
- f-moving quickly
- g-rendez-vous
- h-running
- i-work for money
- j-come

B-Comprehension questions: Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true or false. Write "T" for true and "F" for false. Indicate the line(s) to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-F (L.1)

- 1-People worry about their friends' problems today.
- 2-People are always running to meet friends.
- 3-People respect the rendez-vous they make with their friends.
- 3-Some people ignore their friends because they are always running after money.
- 4-Men consider you only when they know they can benefit from you.
- 5-Friends show compassion when you are in trouble.
- 6-People make friends with you even if you are poor.
- 7-You need to have money to make friends nowadays.
- 8-People will make friends with you when you have the same ambitions.
- 9-Money governs everything today.

PART TWO LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task 1: The text below is about what an African teenager thinks of the importance of money. Read it and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-buy

Everywhere you go you can hear people saying: "Time is money", old and young people alike. They only think about how to make as much money as possible. I think money is good because it helps 1-(to buy) the things we need. But we should not 2-(to consider) it as the top priority in our life. Today social life no longer exists. People must 3-(to live) in harmony with one another so that they can 4-(to keep) strong and friendly relationship.

Task 2: The text below is about ancient Africa. Read it and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the box to make it meaningful. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

it – who – them – those – their

Example: 1-those

Centuries ago, Africans did not know paper money. They used cowries or cola nuts as money in (...1...) days. When they wanted to buy something, they would exchange (...2 ...) articles with a clan member (...3...) had another article. This type of commerce within the community is called barter; (...4...) was only when Europeans colonized Africa that people started using the money we know today.

PART THREE WRITING (6 points)

TOPIC:

For your English club meeting, you are asked to make a presentation about money in our society today. Write your presentation in 10 to 12 lines maximum.

In your text,

- give the importance of money;
- say how we should get money;
- say what you would do if you had a lot of money.