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### I- READING COMPREHENSION (5 points)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

## **TEXT: THE LIFE OF OUR ANCESTORS**

In the old days our ancestors lived in happiness, prosperity, good health and harmony. They <u>believed</u> in supernatural forces and they always consulted the Oracles before undertaking any activities to make sure that the activities ended in smile not in tears. So before going on a journey or getting married or becoming a chief, Oracles had to be consulted to read the stars. Their go-ahead was always necessary for the <u>success</u> of the activities.

Today, modern civilization and knowledge brought to us by the White men are destroying our culture and traditions. Oracles are no more consulted to read the stars so accidents are now <u>abundant</u>; some married couples end their adventure in insults, quarrels and even divorce and chieftaincy is now the matter of the strongest. What shall we the <u>youth</u> of today do in front of this dilemma!

Adapted from a Ghanaian newspaper.

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. What was the work of the Oracles?
- 2. Give two activities for which consulting Oracles was necessary.
- **3.** Accidents weren't rare in the olden days. True or false?
- **4.** Complete the sentences below.

Our ancestors consulted the Oracles before starting any activity because.....

5. Which one would you prefer: ancient life or modern life? Why? (One sentence)

#### II- VOCABULARY (4 points)

- A- Find an antonym for each word underlined in the text.
- $\textbf{B-} \quad \text{Link or relate each word from group 1 to a word in group 2}.$

Group 1: both- several- army- opponent- wizard- sunset- struggle- soil

Group 2: against- two- land- soldier- witchcraft- fight- evening- many

# III- LANGUAGE AND USAGE (5 points)

- **A-** Complete with: *although*, *despite*, *because*, *if* , *unless or due*.
  - **1.** Serge failed the exam..... he was always inattentive.
  - 2. .....Sylvia was ill, she refused to go to hospital.
  - **3.** You will not succeed...... you don't work hard.
  - **4.** The hawker won't leave here..... you give her the rest of the money.
  - **5.** Toyi is always happy...... his poverty.

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- **B-** Turn into passive or active voice.
  - **6.** People say my grandmother is an irresponsible person.
  - **7.** That plot of land was sold by our elders.
- **C-** Choose what is correct from the brackets.
  - **8.** I wish she (*tell, told, will tell*) the family the whole truth.
  - **9.** Our boss has (been, gone, going) to Brussels. He returned yesterday.
  - **10.** When did you decide (to not write, to not to write, not to write) the report?

## IV- COMPOSITION (6 points)

AIDS has been destroying people's lives all over the world for some years now.

In not more than *fifteen lines*, write about how people get infected, how one can avoid it and how one can live with people who are HIV positive.