

REPUBLIC OF
CAMEROON

Peace - Work - Fatherland

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BEPC 2018 SESSION

TIME ALLOWED :

2HRS

COEF : 3

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

1- Fill in each blank with a suitable word chosen from the words in the brackets. (5 marks)

Miriam: I have never (ever, never, only) worked before in my life. This is my first job interview.

Enjema: Where are you putting in your application?

Miriam: I have applied to work at one of the most grandiose (most grandiose, more grandiose, far grandiose) banks in the capital city.

Enjema : Hummm ! Do you know any of the big people there?

Miriam: (If, Although, While) Although the manager of the bank is my uncle, I have to prepare well for the interview to get the job. He is very strict.

Enjema : Are you preparing on you own?

Miriam: No, my father is paying a guy who (Who, that, whom) is a banker at another bank to drill me dor the interview. He says I have all the required qualifications and skills but if I had done the job before, I would have been (would have been, will have been, will be) better placed to succed in the interview because of the experience. I am hopeful anyway.

2- Fill in the blanks with the equivalent of the underlined words as indicated in the brackets. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

1- My father has the ability to make very good funiture. I will introduce you to him.

(Modal Verb)

Answer: can

2- Women should never surrender their fight against gender discrimination because they are still being marginalized in different areas of life. (phrasal Verb)

Answer: give up

3- All citizens who work are obliged to pay their tax to the state. (Modal Verb)

Answer: **must be obliged to**

4- During their wedding, Ntuba's father pointed to a new car parked outside and said "that is your car" (Possessive Pronoun) Answer: **yours**

5- I have been practising golf as a hobby for the past ten years but my doctor advised that I do a more rigorous sport to help with my weight loss. (Present Perfect)

Answer: **Had practised**

SECTION B : VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

1- Fill in each blank with the most suitable word words in the box. There are more words than required. (5 marks)

Cinema, restaurants, female, recycling, dangerous, wife, hobbies, interest, endangered.

Amadou just got married to Ebob. They are the type of husband and **wife** who have many things in common. They have the same **interest/hobbies** so, during their pastime, they always play either tennis or scrabble together. They are environmentalists and spend some week-ends sensitizing their neighbours on **recycling** bottles and plastics instead of throwing them around. They travel to the East and the North to talk to hunters who kill **endangered** species of animals which may soon go extinct if not protected. They also love socializing with friends sometimes like meeting in **restaurants** to eat instead of cooking and eating at home. They are a happy couple.

2- Fill in each blank with an appropriate word of your choice. (5 marks)

1- It is always hilarious to celebrate the day you were born. I always feel really good on that days when friends and family say "happy **birthday** Pam"

2- Ndouma lives with her aunt and family who do all for her but also expect her to help with the house chores. She complains with the argument that children have rights but forgets that they also have **duties**, one of which is to help around the home.

- 3- All the **workers/agents/employees** of the OBC Company have stopped working and are out on strike. They are demanding the payment of their six months unpaid salaries from their employer.
- 4- AIDS is a/an **dangerous/pandemic/contagious/infectious** disease. No medication has yet been discovered for its cure.
- 5- It is advisable to save your documents not only in your computer but also in a USB **key/flash/device** as back-up.

SECTION C : READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow using your own words as far as possible.

“WE NEED TO PROMOTE THE AFRICAN CULTURE”

We have a project and it is to sensitize Cameroonians about our culture. The African culture is very rich and celebrated at international levels. We therefore solicit SOPECAM to help us through its media platform to educate the population on the importance of our culture. We need to be proud of our culture at every sphere of it, ranging from dressing to dancing and traditional dishes which give Africa its uniqueness. Until you travel, you keep integration. Cameroon is a diverse nation and every individual should endeavor to fit in a cultural context and strive to know and understand the others. Our intentions are geared towards improving, celebrating and linking up the diverse Cameroonian cultures and those of Africa in general and supporting the actions like those of the Commission on the Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism that also works toward achieving these goals.

Our association has decided to organize holiday camps for Princes and Princesses of the different chiefdoms across the country and they will be moving from one region to another. These exchange visits will enable them learn, understand and master not only aspects of their cultures but those of other regions. We also met with the Minister of Basic Education to advocate for the inclusion of such a programme as an extra-curricular activity in schools. This will enable our children to visit other cultural areas of the country in order to understand our varied cultures.

We have a catalogue of ideas which need to be revamped, spanning from dressing to mannerisms. Our culture does not encourage indecent dressing which is very popular amongst the youthful population of self discipline. We are therefore trying to encourage proper dressing and mannerisms, and advocating for the practice of African values.

QUESTIONS

1. Name four aspects of the African culture that the speaker feels should be promoted (2 marks)

Four aspects of the African culture that the speaker feels should be promoted are dressing, dancing, traditional dishes, and mannerisms

2. According to the speaker, what one thing can you do to link up diverse Cameroonian cultures? (2 marks)

One thing you can do to link up diverse Cameroonian cultures is by travelling

3. The promotion of culture in schools is considered an extra-curricular activity. What is the main curricular activity? (2 marks)

Teaching subjects/skills

4. Dressing traditionally has two advantages. What are they? (2 marks)

- Dressing traditionally depicts one's culture wherever you are.

-When you are traditionally dressed, you are easily identified by other members of the same culture wherever you are.

5. If you meet a youth who is not interested in his/her culture, what advice will you give ? DO NOT MENTION ANYTHING THAT IS SAID IN THE TEXT ! (2 marks)

The piece of advice I will give him/her is that culture is part and parcel of us, which is our identity. Our culture is like a tree with solid roots. Therefore, for us to be knowledgeable, we have to master our (own) culture (dressing, eating habits, social values...) before opening to other's.

COMPOSITION: (10 MARKS)

Choose any ONE of the topics below, follow the instructions and write a composition of 150-180 words.

1. You want to sell your culture to some tourists and encourage them to get interested in learning and getting engaged in it. Write an essay that vividly describes three cultural aspects in such a way that will make these tourists want to visit your area. Your area is called Ejimbi.
2. Most of the youths in your village cannot use a computer. The American Embassy is offering free training sessions to communities that need them. Write a letter to the American Embassy, applying for this training for your

community. In your letter, state why the youths need this training, what you need and how it will be organized. Your name is Hawa Essono and your address is Government School Kouma. P.O. Box 23. You are Gombe village.

3. You attended your friend's birthday party. You liked certain aspects and did not like some. Write an essay narrating the events that took place, bringing out what you liked and did not like and how you can improve on aspects you did not like. Your friend's name is Andela.

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TOPIC 1: EXPOSITORY/DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY

Here, you are supposed to describe three aspects of your culture so as to sell it and get tourists learn about it and get interested and engaged in it.

-Start with the introduction: (you may define the key word(s): **culture, cultural aspects/ tell a story similar to that of the topic in few words**; give supporting examples and **announce the plan**.

Those three aspects can be **dressing, culinary aspect (cooking) and succession. (Apart from those mentioned, you can also talk about farming system, the chieftaincy system, and economic activities)**

TOPIC 2: FORMAL LETTER

Here, you are supposed to write a formal/administrative letter to the American Embassy to apply for free training sessions to communities on how to use a computer.

In your letter, you should:

-State the reasons why you need this training for your community. (Paragraph one)

-State your needs, which are the materials for the training to take place. (Paragraph two)

-State how (the manner) you want the training to be organized. (Paragraph three)

Conclude by stating or giving your feelings or impressions about the training.

NB: Use the address (personal information) that has been given to you. DONOT USE YOUR OWN ADDRESS!!!!!!

TOPIC 3: INFORMAL LETTER

This is a friendly letter. It is written to people we know and with whom we have close ties (friends and family members/relatives: father, mother, brother, sister, niece, nephew, grand-pare...)

-In the **introduction**, you may mention the location and the time of the event in question. You may also mention the weather condition.

In the **body**:

- State the aspects which you liked with supporting ideas. (Paragraph 1)
- State the aspects which you disliked with supporting ideas. (Paragraph 2)
- State and explain how the aspects which you disliked can be improved. (Paragraph 3)

Conclusion: talk about your feelings or impressions about your friend's birthday party.

**NB: Your friend's name has been given (Your friend's name is Andela).
DONOT USE ANY NAME OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS GIVEN TO YOU.**

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