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Peace – Work – Fatherland  
MINESEC - OBC

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2008 Session  
Time allowed : 2hrs  
Coef. : 2

## ANGLAIS

Answer all the questions

### SECTION A : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

A) Fill in the blanks with the correct tenses of the verbs in brackets (5mks)

- a- The wine we brought from the market yesterday has drunken (drink) by our guests.
- b- Before we ate the food sent to us, we had (have) it cooked first.
- c- Mary bought some flour to baked (bake) a delicious cake for her friend.
- d- When a man marries (marry) a woman, he buy (buy) her nearly all her needs.

B) Complete each of the sentences below with an appropriate word or expression. (5mks)

- a) The books \_\_\_\_\_ we bought last week have been stolen from the cupboard.
- b) Before entering the mosque, the Muslim worshippers left \_\_\_\_\_ shoes outside by the door.
- c) Neither the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the students saw the snake that crawled into the classroom.
- d) The greedy child sent the hot piece of meat \_\_\_\_\_ his mouth;
- e) Brenda is as bright \_\_\_\_\_ her sister in class work. They always have the same marks in tests.

### SECTION B : VOCABULARY (10 marks)

A) Choose the appropriate words from the list below to fill in the gaps provided in the sentences (5mks)

List : (Lungs, tacked, tackled, groom, dolls, broom, bride, brewery, asylum, kidneys)

- a- Some toys babies and children play with are called \_\_\_\_\_.
- b- The \_\_\_\_\_ digest the water and the wine we consume.
- c- Mad people, normally are to be kept in \_\_\_\_\_.
- d- Before the marriage took place, the \_\_\_\_\_ was dressed up by his best-man.
- e- The tailor \_\_\_\_\_ the folds of the gown with thread before sewing it.

**B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words or expressions. (5mks)**

- To cut a piece of cloth, a seamstress would normally use \_\_\_\_\_.
- Suzan \_\_\_\_\_ to a beautiful baby at the maternity last night, after nine months of pregnancy.
- Frida and Henry are engaged to get married next month. They are now \_\_\_\_\_.
- The sick man was taken to the hospital for \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are used by a nursing mother to cover the buttocks of her baby.

**SECTION C : COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it. Use your own words as far as possible.

Sewing a complete dress just as preparing a meal is a careful activity. It requires expertise, taste, patience and discipline. But before this, there is the raw material as a base to its conception. The dress needs in this case : the cloth, the machine and the various tools that a tailor or a seamstress would use to make the garment. As for a plate of meal, the raw food directly from the farm or from the processing factory is the first thing. Next, the ingredients and then the utensils like pots, knives, sauce-plates, ladles, spoons, etc that go to complete the process.

When all of these are available, then, there must also be the need to eat or to wear clothes. Without these needs, there is no reason for a cook to cook food, or for clothes makers to produce clothes.

One thing is certain : a person may live all his life without putting on clothes but, not without eating. No food, no life ; but, no clothes, no comfort. Yet, a person who does not wear clothes can suffer from skin diseases like : scabies, rashes, blisters, sores, etc. At worse, cold or heat may also affect his inner cells and provoke other serious internal illnesses. Some of these may include : catarrh, cramps, malaria and so on. Another main advantage of clothes on the body is that, they could make a person look quite attractive to the eye.

Food on its part makes people healthy. It enables them grow and it builds up the defence system of the body as derived from vitamins. Certain food nutrients like proteins help in body building and they maintain the equilibrium of the whole frame, while at the same time providing the brains with intellectual capabilities.

All in all, we can say that both food and clothes are absolutely necessary in human life. We cannot cope without them.

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**Questions :**

- a- What two things are compared in the text ? (1mk)

- b- What human qualities are necessary in effecting each of them ? (1mk)

2. Name two sets of things needed to complete a meal preparation process. (2mks)

3. Why does a tailor or a seamstress choose to engage in dress making ? (2mks)

4. List two main reasons for wearing clothes. (2mks)

5. Which two benefits can we derive from food ? (2mks)

**SECTION D : ESSAY (10 marks)**

Write an essay of about 180 to 200 words on any One of the following topics.

1. Show how you can prepare your favourite meal or sew a complete dress.
2. What are the causes and effects of prostitution among girls ?
3. Give the importance of technical education to a modern student.