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NOTE DE L'ÉVALUATION

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PARTIE 1 :

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PARTIE 2 :

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR 10 MARKS

Exercise 1: One of the words listed has been omitted from each gap in the dialogue below. Decide which should go in each space. (5 marks)

as, enough, far, for, just, so, such, than, that, too.

Alain I hate packing! My suitcase isn't big ⁽¹⁾ _____ for everything I want to take with me. I need a ⁽²⁾ _____ bigger case ⁽³⁾ _____ this useless little one.

Mother Nonsense! You're ⁽⁴⁾ _____ trying to take ⁽⁵⁾ _____ many things. All these things would be too heavy ⁽⁶⁾ _____ you to carry. It's ⁽⁷⁾ _____ a mistake to overload yourself.

Alain I'll take ⁽⁸⁾ _____ many things as I want!

Mother Don't be so stubborn! You'll have ⁽⁹⁾ _____ much luggage ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ you won't be able to move at all.

Exercise 2: Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown so that the meaning remains the same (5marks)

1. Young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to drink alcohol.

Alcohol _____

2. They lost the match. They beat the referee.

DON'T WRITE HERE

Not only _____

3. Most students prefer wearing ordinary clothes to putting on school uniforms.

Most students would _____

4. Mbeté was badly injured. He insisted on playing the match.

In spite of _____

5. Please, don't play your music so loud.

Would you mind _____?

6. Bellas's toes are so big that he has difficulty wearing shoes.

Bella has got _____

7. People know that Bill Gates is the most generous person in the world.

Bill Gates _____

8. You can't eat this meat if you don't cook it properly.

Unless _____

9. Ivan doesn't like mangoes. Her sister doesn't like mangoes either.

Neither _____

10. "Don't try to disturb my lessons on Monday mornings," Harold warned me.

Harold warned me _____

SECTION II: VOCABULARY

Exercise 1: Choose one word from the box to complete each gap in the dialogue below. Use each item only once. (5marks)

accept, against, complaining, favour, harassment, hostile, of, oppose, reject, support.

Interviewer Mr Brown, are you in ⁽¹⁾ _____ of all school-leavers spending a year as primary school teachers, receiving half pay?

Mr Brown Yes. I fully ⁽²⁾ _____ that idea. But I think they should do it for quarter pay.

Interviewer You are a student, Marie-Ange, what do you think?

Marie-Ange I'm strongly ⁽³⁾ _____ the idea. Most of my fellow students ⁽⁴⁾ _____ it, too.

Mr Brown You young people, you don't want to help the community these days, do you? You're good for nothing!

Marie-Ange There's no need to adopt such a ⁽⁵⁾ _____ attitude. We are willing to do the work, but don't ⁽⁶⁾ _____ the idea of low pay. Are you willing to work for half pay, or quarter pay, Mr Brown?

Mr Brown I've been working for the community for years. I've been ⁽⁷⁾ _____ for more adult literacy. But you young people are just parasites!

Marie-Ange I utterly ⁽⁸⁾ _____ your wild insults. And you still haven't answered my question.

Mr Brown They should put you in prison, the lot of you!

Marie-Ange This is ⁽⁹⁾ _____. You must stop it at once.

Interviewer Oh dear! We're only trying to make the world a better place. I do hope you're both in favour ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ that?

Exercise 2: In the text which follows, ten words are missing. Decide in each case which word is missing and write it on the space provided. (5 marks)

The places we visited could ⁽¹⁾ _____ reached ⁽²⁾ _____ truck, but at each clinic there ⁽³⁾ _____ families ⁽⁴⁾ _____ had travelled many kilometers ⁽⁵⁾ _____ even more remote villages in ⁽⁶⁾ _____ hope of seeing a doctor. One extended family had travelled for two days in a bullock cart. Another man ⁽⁷⁾ _____ packed ⁽⁸⁾ _____ wife and three young children into a canoe and paddled ⁽⁹⁾ _____ four days to reach the clinic at Kpwabo, ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ village of mud-brick houses with palm thatch roofs.

SECTION III: Reading Comprehension

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions below it. Use your own words as much as possible.

25 YEARS OF CARNIVAL

THE NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL, organized by the black community in Britain, is a cultural extravaganza, embodying the spirit of African resistance and survival. It is essentially based on festivals celebrating the freeing of slaves in the Caribbean. But in form and style, it has its roots deeply entrenched in African culture. Slaves transported to the Caribbean carried with them traditional rites and ceremonies.

On the day of the Carnival I was at Selwyn's house. It was open house in true Caribbean style: family, friends and visitors lucky enough to have a contact there. The kitchen was full of people cooking; children rested in all the rooms; rum flowed. There were musical instruments everywhere: drums, steel pan, guitars, and for non-musicians like me, home-made instruments like forks or empty bottles or cans – anything to keep a rhythm.

This was our base for the Carnival. My excursions out were for one purpose: to find the steel band. I am a Jamaican, and I come to Carnival to hear pan. Not only do I know the revolutionary history of the instrument and the people who created and first played it, but there is nothing like pan music at Carnival.

I walked in vain for an hour. There were sound systems on every corner, and they weren't playing Kaiso (Calypso). Acid house, funk and reggae blared, and the people stopped walking. They jammed. Everyone found their favourite sound and stayed there.

Not until I reached the Mangrove did I hear the competing sounds of Kaiso and one steel band on a truck that really couldn't move anywhere.

Adapted from Spare Rib No. 216, Sept 1990

QUESTIONS:

1. From what source does the Carnival obtain its character? (1.5 marks)

2. What sort of things are drums, steel pan and guitars? (1.5 marks)

3. For what reason did the writer want to hear pan? (2marks)

4. What sorts of things are Kaiso, acid house, funk and reggae? (1.5marks)

5. Why couldn't the truck move anywhere? (1.5marks)

6. Does the text describe any aspects of culture that exist in your society? Explain (2marks)

Essay writing: an essay of about 250-300 words on any one of the following topics.

- 1- Write a newspaper article on the "*benefits of school and good education in our life*" to be published in Cameroon-Tribune. Your name is Charles Maram.
- 2- There are conflicts in many countries of Africa. You are so shocked that many young people are used as child soldiers in some countries. Write about the life of a child soldier and propose solutions to solve this problem. Do not use your name.
- 3- What do you think are the main causes of corruption and what can be done to get rid of it in Cameroon?