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## PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES

### SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

**TASK 1:** Mrs Katie is undergoing a job interview. Help her to conjugate her verbs correctly. Put the verbs in bracket in their right forms. (0.5 x 10=5 marks)

Mr John: Hello Mrs Katie and welcome to our company!

Mrs Sanders: Thanks Mr Todd. It is a pleasure for me.

Mr John: How did you hear about the position?

Mrs Sanders: I \_\_\_\_\_ (to buy) a Cameroon Tribune last month and I \_\_\_\_\_ (to read) the jobs that were \_\_\_\_\_ (to advertise).

Mr John: What do you know about our company?

Mrs Sanders: From my research I \_\_\_\_\_ (to discover) that your company \_\_\_\_\_ (to deal) with many international companies so there are a lot of opportunities to advance.

Mr John: Are you a hard-working person?

Mrs Sanders: Yes Sir, presently \_\_\_\_\_ (to work) from 6:00am to 8:00pm daily and my boss \_\_\_\_\_ (not to complain).

Mr John: But why do you want to leave the job?

Mrs Sanders: The company \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) too local, I want to work with international firms.

Mr John: I can see you're ambitious. We are going to study your résumé and \_\_\_\_\_ (to give) you the answer very soon.

Mrs Sanders: Thanks a lot Sir. I can't wait to be \_\_\_\_\_ (to count) amount your employees

**TASK 2:** Rewrite the sentence below in the required form. (2 marks)

**Sentence:** "Will I study English language?"

1- By 2025, I \_\_\_\_\_ for more than a decade.  
(rewrite the sentence above in the future perfect - affirmative)

2- I \_\_\_\_\_ so intensely since I left the first cycle.  
(rewrite the sentence above in the present perfect continuous - negative form)

**Task 3:** Complete the sentences below with the appropriate question tags. (3 marks)

- 1- Recreational activities have scarcely caused any damage to human's health, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2- It's a bright sunny day! Let's go swimming, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3- Many people think that it's easy to play football, \_\_\_\_\_?

## SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

**TASK 1: Study this passage about Alan's experience with hobbies and put the words in brackets in their correct forms. (0.5x10=5 marks)**

### ***How a hobby can make you angry!***

Recently I decided to take up \_\_\_\_\_ (photo) as a hobby. I like taking snaps, but I am not very \_\_\_\_\_ (skill). My snaps are either a complete \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) for technical reasons, or are just not very \_\_\_\_\_ (imagining). First, I decided that to be \_\_\_\_\_ (success), I would have to buy a new equipment. Just then I had an \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) piece of good luck. A friend who works in a camera shop said she could sell a valuable camera to me. A customer of hers had left it at the shop to be repaired, but there had been a \_\_\_\_\_ (understand), and it was actually for \_\_\_\_\_ (sell). I thought this was a rather unbelievable explanation and so I asked her some more questions. She said she had had a \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) with the customer and he had thrown the camera at her because she \_\_\_\_\_ (like) his photos!

**TASK 2: Complete the sentences below with the most suitable word chosen from the brackets. (1x5=5 marks)**

Our school organized a wonderful celebration of the National Day of Guidance and Counselling on October 22. All started with a \_\_\_\_\_ (seminar; roundtable; conference) with renowned entrepreneurs and startups who shared their \_\_\_\_\_ (experiences; experiments; histories; stories) with the youth encouraging them to perfect their skills at school and preview their business life. Then on, we had various activities at different workshops. Sports fans met at the school gymnasium. There, ANABA came first in the 5000 meter \_\_\_\_\_ (competition; game; race; contest) and Norman won the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the table tennis competition. (medal; prize; reward; award). Meanwhile, music and arts lovers, together with their \_\_\_\_\_ (audience; viewers; spectators), performed in the library and in the school hall respectively.

## PART TWO – EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES

### SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

**Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

#### ***What fresh graduate should know about their first jobs***

For recent graduates, internships may become a stepping stone to full-time, paid employment. Before accepting an offer to work as an intern, you should get some information about the company's reputation of procuring their interns and decide accordingly. If they usually hire one intern but have tens of employees working day and night, it is better to look for other companies. The best place to have an internship position is an organization that gives you an opportunity to gain real work experience and develops your skills instead of using you as a cheap worker.

Another thing that should be considered is the size of the company. Sometimes bigger and more established organizations are better as they have a clear hierarchy and therefore it gives you a clear idea of your position and the job description and most importantly, it will be easier to get a mentor. Startups with only five employees are usually more flexible in terms of job responsibilities and therefore it makes it harder to define your position and get mentors.

After you choose a company, do a little research on the company including the people who work there. You can do a Google search and comb social media such as LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter to dig deep about the company's hiring managers and what they expect from a new employee.

Social media is also very useful to keep in touch with as many people as you can and build your network. Do not hesitate to maintain any personal connection you have because those connections could be the first ones who inform you about a new job opening or any vacant positions you can apply for.

If you aim for a dream job, do not overlook an entry-level position just because it offers a mediocre salary. Entry-level employees are more likely to be given room to grow and learn from their mistakes. They will also be able to figure the routines about the job and get used to them as they have been dreaming.

As your first few jobs might be very demanding yet less rewarding, remember to have fun and enjoy your life. Working overtime may not always be a good idea to accelerate your career, especially if you have to be more stressed than your seniors who earn bigger salaries. Setting the time for exercise and social life will make your life more balanced and stress free.

### Questions

1) What should a fresh graduate take into account when finding an internship? (2 marks)

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2) Why is a more established organization a better place to work as an intern? (2 marks)

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3) What are the recommended media for doing research on the company? (2 marks)

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4) Why is networking important for recent graduates? (Tick the best answer) (1 mark)

- a) *To get information about job openings.*
- b) *To get information about job security.*
- c) *To keep in touch with an ex-employer.*
- d) *To maintain good relationship with fellow interns.*

5) What is the advantage of taking an entry-level position? (2 marks)

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6) Explain the phrase "stepping stone" in the sentence "internships may become a stepping stone to full-time, paid employment" (1 mark)

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### SECTION D – COMPOSITION – 10 MARKS

*Write a composition of between 250 – 300 words on any ONE of the topics below:*

1. Read this job advert and write a letter of application for the post you want. You are a Master's student in The Business Institute Douala, your name is Akoumba Akono, your address is post office box number 123 Douala.

The Messenger Newspaper \_N°756 of 20/10/21

We are a company specialized in printing t-shirts, billboards and flyers. We are looking for a talented designer, a marketer, and an accountant.

**Requirements**

- Diploma in any of the post chosen
- Two-year experience
- Good mastery of French and English
- Knowledge in computer science

Apply in writing to: the Director, Fashion Firm, 521 Main Road, Mbalmayo, Centre Region.

- 2- In a debate with your friends on the topic '*Some jobs are more important than others*', they weren't able to come out with a convincing argument. After giving a succinct definition of job with few examples per type of job, give your opinion on the topic.

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