

# EPREUVE ZERO D'ANGLAIS PROBATOIRE REGIONALE-SERIE A,C,D, TI-REGION DE L'EXTREME NORD- SESSION 2024

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## Section A: Grammar (10 marks)

I. Complete the dialogue between a student and her teacher with appropriate expressions formed with: the words in the brackets. (5 marks)

Student: Please sir, for the past one month people (1) . . . . .(talk) about good governance. What does it mean?

Teacher: It is a new idea. Good governance (2) . . . . . (practice) in our families, in schools, at home work, in short everywhere.

Student: How can good governance be practiced in our school?

Teacher: When we come early to school, pass our examination without (3) . . . . .(cheat). When you are honest, hardworking and polite, it is good governance.

Student: Let's look at good governance in the country.

Teacher: When you are free to elect your leader. If they don't perform (4) . . . . . (good). you (5) . . . . . (not re-elect) them. Transparency is also good governance.

Bribery and corruption is bad governance.

II. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in the brackets. (5 marks)

1- Computer illiteracy is the . . . . . thing for anybody in this modern age (bad).

2- Modern technology has . . . . . communication easier for everyone (to make)

3- The dream of many young people is to have their own computers. I believe that if they have computers, they . . . . . emails to their friends and carry out research using the internet (Write)

4- Some youths prefer . . . . . smart phones to computers because of their love for the social media. (to buy)

5- Alexis told me that h . . . . . using the social media because it is unreliable. (not like)

## Section B: Vocabulary (10 marks)

I. To complete each sentence, choose the appropriate word from those in the brackets. (5marks)

1. Most companies provide . . . . . and services to their customers. (goods, cargo, business, allowance)

2. During . . . . . sales the articles go to the highest bidders. (public, seized, auction, open)

3. In small market shops customers buy articles from . . . . . (details, sailor, clients, retailers)

4. Though government has privatized our electricity company, it still has many . . . . . in it. (parts, quota, dividends, retailers)

5. After . . . . . with the seller, I bought two bags of rice at a reduced price. (agreeing, bargaining, conniving, tiring)

## II. Use a word of your own to complete each sentence so that it makes sense. (5 marks)

1. Kelvin has always failed in his life, he has never known . . . . .
2. I do not have money anymore, I have to . . . . . some money from my friend. He always lends me some money whenever I do not have any.
3. I have forgotten all of my friend's telephone numbers. I have to look for them in the Telephone. . . . .
4. If you want to make a phone call, you should first of all . . . . . a number
5. My father earns a very low salary. That is why he often goes to the bank to get a . . . . . to pay our school fees.

## Section C: Reading comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use correct English sentence, as for as possible, your own words.

For decades, Ebola haunted rural African villages like some mythic monster that every few years rose to demand a human sacrifice and then returned to its cave. It reached the West only in nightmare form, a Hollywood horror film that makes eyes bleed and organs dissolve and doctors despair because they have no cure.

But 2014 is the year an outbreak turned into an epidemic, driven by the very progress that has paved roads and raised cities and lifted thousands out of poverty. This time it reached crowded slums in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone; it travelled to Nigeria and Mali, to Spain, Germany and the U.S. It struck doctors and nurses, in unprecedented numbers, wiping out a public-health infrastructure that was weak in the first place. One August day in Liberia, six pregnant women lost their babies when hospitals couldn't admit them for complications. Anyone willing to treat Ebola victims ran the risk of becoming one.

There was little to stop the diseases from spreading further. Governments weren't equipped to respond; the World Health Organization was in denial. First responders were accused of crying wolf, even as the danger grew. But the people in the field, the special forces of Doctors without Borders (DWB), the Christian medical relief workers of Samar-Ram's Purse and many others from all over the world fought side-by-side with local doctors and nurses, ambulance drivers and burial teams.

Ask what pushed them, and some talk about God; some about country; some about the instinct to run into the fire, not away. "If someone from America comes to help my people and someone from Uganda," says Iris Manor, a Liberian nurse, "then why can't I?" Foday Gallah, an ambulance driver who survived infection, calls his immunity a holy gift. "I want to give my blood so a lot of people can be saved," he says. "I am going to fight Ebola with all of my might."

DWB nurse's assistant, Salome Karwah stayed at the bedsides of patients, bathing and feeding them, even after losing both her parents - who ran a medical clinic - in a single week and surviving Ebola herself. "it looked like God gave me a second chance to help others," she says. Tiny children watched their parents die, and no one could so much as embrace them, because embraces could kill. "You see people facing death without their loved ones, only with people in space suits," says DWB president Dr. Joanne Liu. "You should not die alone with spacesuit men."

Those who contracted the disease encountered pain like they had never known. "It hurts like they are busting your head with an axe." Karwah says. One doctor overheard his funeral being planned. Asked if surviving Ebola changed him, Dr. Kent Brantly turns the question around. "I still have the same faults that I did before", he says. "But whenever we go through a devastating experience like what I've been

through, it is an incredible opportunity for improvement of something. We can say, "How can I be better now because of what I've been through? Not to do that is kind of a shame."

The Choice by Nancy Gibbs

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#### Questions

1) How was Ebola considered in rural Africa? ( 2mks)

2) In which year did Ebola become an epidemic? (0.5mk).

How was it epidemic? (1,5 mks)

3) Name any two difficulties encountered in the fight against Ebola. ( 2mks)

4) What motivated those who are fighting this disease? (1mks)

5) Describe how an Ebola patient feels. (2mks)

## **SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 marks)**

**Write an essay of between 150 and 180 words in any ONE of the following topics.**

1. Your best friend, Sanda Mohamadou, wrote a letter to you telling you about the many problems they have concerning health. They lack poor drinking water and there is a cholera outbreak. They eat poorly and many have developed diseases. Write a reply to this letter. In your reply, imagine that you are medical personnel. Give him advice on how to purify drinking water, what to do with sick cases and what to eat to stay healthy. You are called Minkoulou David, and you live in Limbé.

2. "Social media brings us closer together." This is a topic of debate in the English Club of your school. Write an essay expressing what the social media is, how it brings people together and how it separates people.

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 liked and how you can improve on aspects you did not like. Your friend's name is Andela.

# CORRIGE EPREUVE ZERO D'ANGLAIS PROBATOIRE REGIONALE-SERIE A,C,D, TI-REGION DE L'EXTREME NORD- SESSION 2024

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2. Teacher: It is a new idea. Good governance **is practiced** in our families, in schools, at home work, in short everywhere.
3. Teacher: When we come early to school, pass our examination without **cheating**. When you are honest, hardworking and polite, it is good governance.
4. Teacher: When you are free to elect your leader. If they don't perform **well**, you **do not re-elect** them. Transparency is also good governance.

II. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in the brackets.

1. Computer illiteracy is the **worst** thing for anybody in this modern age.
2. Modern technology has **made** communication easier for everyone.
3. The dream of many young people is to have their own computers. I believe that if they have computers, they **will write** emails to their friends and carry out research using the internet.
4. Some youths prefer **buying** smart phones to computers because of their love for the social media.
5. Alexis told me that he **does not like** using the social media because it is unreliable.

## Section B: Vocabulary

I. To complete each sentence, choose the appropriate word from those in the brackets. (5 marks)

1. Most companies provide **goods** and services to their customers.
2. During **auction** sales the articles go to the highest bidders.
3. In small market shops customers buy articles from **retailers**.
4. Though government has privatized our electricity company, it still has many **parts** in it.
5. After **bargaining** with the seller, I bought two bags of rice at a reduced price.

II. Use a word of your own to complete each sentence so that it makes sense.

1. Kelvin has always failed in his life, he has never known **success**.
2. I do not have money anymore, I have to **borrow** some money from my friend. He always lends me some money whenever I do not have any.
3. I have forgotten all of my friend's telephone numbers. I have to look for them in the Telephone **Directory**.

4. If you want to make a phone call, you should first of all **dial** a number.
5. My father earns a very low salary. That is why he often goes to the bank to get a **loan** to pay our school fees.

## Section C: Reading comprehension

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use correct English sentence, as for as possible, your own words.

1. In rural Africa, Ebola was considered like a mythic monster that haunted the villages. It would appear every few years, demanding a human sacrifice, and then retreat back to its cave. It was a feared entity, associated with death and suffering, much like a recurring nightmare. The disease was seen as an uncontrollable and terrifying force of nature.

2. Ebola became an epidemic in the year 2014.

It became an epidemic due to the very progress that led to paved roads, raised cities, and lifted thousands out of poverty. This progress allowed the virus to reach crowded slums in Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone, and to travel further to Nigeria, Mali, Spain, Germany, and the U.S. The outbreak struck doctors and nurses in unprecedented numbers, weakening the already fragile public-health infrastructure and spreading uncontrollably across multiple countries.

3. Two major difficulties encountered in the fight against Ebola were:

a) Weak Public Health Infrastructure: The public health infrastructure in the affected regions was weak to begin with. When Ebola struck doctors and nurses in unprecedented numbers, it wiped out this already fragile system, making it even more difficult to control the spread of the disease.

b) Inadequate Response from Governments and Health Organizations: Governments in the affected regions were not equipped to respond effectively to the outbreak. Additionally, the World Health Organization was in denial about the severity of the situation. This lack of preparedness and denial contributed to the disease spreading further.

4. Those who were fighting the Ebola disease were motivated by various factors, including:

- **Some were motivated by their sense of duty to their country.**
- **Others were motivated by their faith or religious beliefs.**
- **Many felt compelled to help others in need, driven by empathy and a desire to make a difference.**
- **Some saw it as an opportunity to give back or to contribute to saving lives.**
- **There was also a sense of solidarity and camaraderie among healthcare workers, both local and international, who fought side by side.**

Overall, their motivations ranged from altruism to personal conviction and a sense of responsibility. (1 mark)

5. An Ebola patient experiences severe pain and discomfort. As described by Salome Karwah, a nurse's assistant who survived the disease, the pain is so intense that it feels like one's head is being split with an axe. The physical suffering is accompanied by emotional distress as well. For instance, Dr. Kent Brantly, another survivor, overheard his own funeral being planned. The fear, uncertainty, and isolation associated with the disease add to the overall distress experienced by the patients. It's a devastating experience that profoundly affects the patients both physically and emotionally.

## SECTION D: COMPOSITION

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Dear Sanda,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the health challenges you and your community are facing, especially with the cholera outbreak and poor access to clean drinking water. As a medical professional, I urge you to take immediate action to safeguard your health and that of your community.

Firstly, to purify drinking water, you can boil it for at least one minute before consumption or use water purification tablets if available. Additionally, investing in a simple filtration system, like a ceramic water filter, can also help remove harmful bacteria and contaminants.

Regarding sick cases, it's crucial to seek medical attention promptly. Encourage everyone to visit the nearest health facility if they experience symptoms of cholera or any other illness. Early treatment can prevent complications and further spread of the disease.

As for maintaining good health, prioritize a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and protein sources. Avoid consuming contaminated or undercooked food, and practice proper hygiene, such as washing hands before eating.

Please take care, Sanda. I'm here to support you in any way I can.

Best regards, Minkoulou David

2. "Social media brings us closer together." This is a topic of debate in the English Club of your school. Write an essay expressing what the social media is, how it brings people together and how it separates people.

Social media has become an integral part of our lives, shaping how we communicate, interact, and share information. While it's undeniable that social media platforms have the capacity to bring people closer together, the extent to which they achieve this is a topic of debate.

On one hand, social media connects individuals across vast distances, allowing them to stay in touch with friends and family regardless of geographical boundaries. It facilitates real-time communication through messaging apps, video calls, and social networking sites, fostering a sense of closeness and intimacy.

Moreover, social media serves as a platform for communities with shared interests to connect and collaborate, creating virtual spaces where like-minded individuals can engage in discussions, share resources, and support each other.

However, the flip side of social media's connectivity is its potential to sow division and alienation. The prevalence of echo chambers and filter bubbles on social media platforms can lead to the reinforcement of existing beliefs and the isolation of dissenting voices. Moreover, the anonymity afforded by some social media platforms can fuel cyberbullying and harassment, further fracturing social bonds.

In conclusion, while social media has the power to bring people closer together by facilitating communication and fostering communities, it also has the potential to widen rifts and exacerbate social divisions. It's essential to recognize both the positive and negative impacts of social media and strive to harness its potential for building connections while mitigating its drawbacks.

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.

Andela's birthday party was a vibrant and memorable affair, filled with laughter, music, and delicious treats. As I stepped into the venue, the cheerful decorations and warm greetings instantly set the mood for a fantastic celebration. The highlight of the party was undoubtedly the lively music and dancing, which brought everyone together and created a festive atmosphere.

One aspect of the party that I particularly enjoyed was the thoughtful attention to detail in the decorations and party favors. From the colorful balloons to the personalized goody bags, it was evident that Andela had put a lot of effort into making her guests feel special and appreciated.

However, there were also some aspects of the party that I felt could have been improved upon. For instance, the seating arrangements seemed a bit disorganized, leading to some guests feeling crowded or overlooked. Additionally, the lack of vegetarian options on the menu left some attendees feeling left out and hungry.

Moving forward, I believe that Andela could enhance future parties by paying more attention to seating arrangements and ensuring that there are diverse food options available for all guests. By soliciting feedback from attendees and making adjustments accordingly, Andela can continue to host unforgettable birthday celebrations that cater to everyone's needs and preferences.