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### A- EVALUATION OF RESOURCES

#### SECTION A- GRAMMAR

**Task 1:** Ebele and Boganda are university students talking about their relationships. They have some regrets. Read and use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete their conversation. (0,5x 5=2.5 marks)

**Boganda:** Lulu and I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (break up) last month.

**Ebele:** You must be lonely ...

**Boganda:** Yes, I am. If only I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (to listen) more carefully to her.

**Ebele:** Did you have an argument?

**Boganda:** Yes - many! I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (to wish) I had apologized and then we could have moved on.

**Ebele:** I know the feeling. I broke up with my boyfriend a few months ago too. I wish I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (to respect) him more. He wasn't so bad ...

**Boganda:** I should have let Lulu state her opinions, but I didn't.

**Ebele:** I should have trusted my boyfriend too, unfortunately, I didn't.

**Boganda:** Oh well, maybe things will work out better next time.

**Ebele:** Yes. Hopefully we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (not to have) any regrets next time.

**Task 2:** The following sentences carry miscellaneous/various grammar elements. Underline the correct option to complete each of them (0,5x10=5 marks)

- 1- The businessman **having been abducted** / **has been abducted** by the kidnappers who are asking for a ransom for his release.
- 2- My bank account **was hacked** / **is being hacked** last month and I lost a lot of money!
- 3- There are **thousands of** / **a thousand** of animals in the park.
- 4- The House of Slaves on Gorée Island was built **in 18 centuries** / **in the 18th century**.
- 5- The Bamoun palaces were built around **sixteen thirty-five/one thousand six hundred and thirty- five**.
- 6- There was a **22 percent** / **22 percentage** increase in tourism this year.

- 7- Scientists believe that climate change is linked to **increase / an increase** in greenhouse gases.
- 8- **Do you** have solar panels on **roof/ the roof** of your house?
- 9- **Deforestation/ The deforestation** occurs when too many trees are cut clown and no new trees are planted.
- 10- There is a meeting in town this afternoon. I am going there **by bus/ on bus**.

**Task 3: Rewrite the following sentences using the prompts given in parentheses.**  
(0,5x5=2,5 marks)

- 1- Think of the environment. Cut the trees. (**Join the sentences using "before"**)

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- 2- The workers have taken more than twenty years to finish the construction of the new museum in town. (**Ask a question starting with "how long"**)

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- 3- 'Right now, I am donating an ambulance because I think everybody should contribute to the fight against this pandemic. Again, if I were sick I would love to be assisted', a Liberian businessman said. (**Rewrite this sentence in the reported speech.**)
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- 4- The Ngondo festival is very popular with the people of Littoral region. It is very popular with tourists too. (**Use comparative to link the two sentences**)
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- 5- The magistrate granted the criminals a huge bail as they used stolen guns in the robbery. (**Complete the prompt so as to have the same meaning**)

The criminals 

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## SECTION B- VOCABULARY

**Task 1:** use the appropriate forms of the words on the following list to fill in the gaps such that the text below makes sense (0,5x 5=2, 5 marks)

**diagnose –viral -stigmatism –science-kill**

Ebola has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ many thousands of people. It is transmitted through contact with a sick person. All people who have been in contact with people infected with Ebola are put in quarantine for 21 days, the time between the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and appearance of the symptoms of the disease. People who have been tested positive for Ebola should not be (3) \_\_\_\_\_. So far, only experimental vaccines have been tested on patients. \_\_\_\_\_ (4) are working against the dock to find a vaccine to prevent infections caused by the Ebola (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 2:** Match words in list A with those in list B to form compound nouns. Write the compound nouns in the table below: (0,5x5= 2, 5 marks)

**List A:** economic--public—health--social—consumer-greenhouse

**List B:** gases- services--care--skills--society--growth

1- Greenhouse gases
2-
3-
4-
5-
6-

**Task 3:** Complete the sentences with the compound words formed in task 2. (0,5 x5=2,5 marks)

- 1- Water supply and education are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ provided by a government.
- 2- You need \_\_\_\_\_ to successfully live, work and interact with other people in a group.
- 3- \_\_\_\_\_ services are run by governments to treat sick people and prevent disease.
- 4- The \_\_\_\_\_ is one in which people are encouraged to buy goods and services.
- 5- \_\_\_\_\_ is improving people's standard of living.

**Task 4:** Complete the sentences with the correct form of words from the indications given in brackets. (0,5x 5=2,5 marks)

- 1- He is a \_\_\_\_\_ person who always shows engagement in everything he does. ( add a suffix to "thought")
- 2- She is such an easy-going person. Her \_\_\_\_\_ could save her marriage. (opposite to "aggressivity")
- 3- Never give up. \_\_\_\_\_ the situation isn't completely lost you can still make it. (adverb from "hope")

- 4- His \_\_\_\_\_ is getting worse as he becomes older. (Noun deriving from "forget")
- 5- Many people were made \_\_\_\_\_ after the earthquake at Bankomo last year. (provide the suitable form of "home")

### **B- EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES**

### **SECTION C READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below.

#### **Is tourism always 'good' for a country?**

Tourism is one of the biggest industries in the world. It generates a huge amount of money and provides jobs for millions of people. In theory tourism should therefore be helping to alleviate poverty and maintain and protect natural resources. But is this always the case? There are places where tourism has had a positive impact. There are small tourism projects that have helped lower-income communities. In Cameroon, tourists have been visiting Mount Cameroon with guides from local villages for some time now. Tourists have also been enjoying traditional food supplied by the villagers and buying arts and crafts made by the villagers. Travellers in Kenya have also been going on tours of Maasai villages for years. The money raised by these tours is used to improve education and sanitation in the villages. This type of tourism, which is called ecotourism, empowers people in local communities and it also helps to protect natural resources. It does not harm the environment. Tourists want to see animals and plants in their natural habitats and the money they pay for their tours helps to protect the plants and animals. Ecotourism has a minimal impact on the environment. Sadly, protecting natural resources has not been a priority in some tourist destinations. Forests have been down to build hotels and roads, and the hotels use up local water-resources. There have also often been clashes between local people and the hotel developers as the developers pay little attention to local cultural practices and beliefs.

Despite the potential that tourism has for helping to alleviate poverty, the money spent by tourists doesn't always stay in the traveller's destination and people in the local communities do not always benefit from tourism. For example many tourists prefer to stay in foreign hotel chains rather than in local hotels. Many of these foreign hotels import goods from other countries instead of supporting local farmers and businesses. They also employ foreigners instead of local people. When they do employ local people, they pay very low wages. Cambodia is an example of a country where tourism has not helped to create jobs in the local communities. Food is imported and foreigners are employed to work in hotels and restaurants. So while tourism has helped to alleviate poverty and protect the environment in many countries, there are still places where tourism has unfortunately had a negative impact.

**Provide suitable answers the questions and activities.**

- 1- Which two problems could tourism help to solve? (0,5x2=1 mk)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 2- Tourism that relies on foreign workers and imported food \_\_\_\_\_ local communities. (1 mk)

**A empowers --B benefits --C does not benefit --D employs**

3- Give an example of a tourist activity that benefits a local community. (1 mk)

4- How can tourism help to protect natural resources? (1 mk)

5- Do you think tourism can help against poverty? Justify your answer. (1x2=2 mks)

6- Find the words in the text that correspond to the following. (0,5x4= 2 mks)

a- The capacity to grow into something in the future \_\_\_\_\_

b- To gain an advantage or profit \_\_\_\_\_

c- Tourism that does not damage the environment \_\_\_\_\_

d- To make less severe \_\_\_\_\_

7- Decide if these statements are true or false according to the text. (0,5x4= 2 mks)

a- Ecotourism is sustainable because it does not damage the environment. \_\_\_\_\_

b- The tourist industry always cares for natural resources. \_\_\_\_\_

c- Tourism can help to resolve the problem of poverty because it can create jobs. \_\_\_\_\_

d- All tourists want to stay in foreign hotel chains and eat imported food. \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION D COMPOSITION**

**Write an essay of at least 250 words on ONE of the following topics.**

**Topic 1:** On the occasion of the National Day for School Guidance and Counselling, you listened to various speakers on the panel. You are the president of the student government of your school, write a speech about the cause of the indiscipline leading to failure in exams and suggest ways to ameliorate the situation. The name of your school is **Government Bilingual High School Tcholire, Far North Cameroon.**

**Topic 2:** What is your hobby? Write a comprehensive and comprehensible essay about your hobby insisting on: How you practise your hobby and with whom you practise it; the benefits of your hobby for your physical and psychological well-being; the reasons you would recommend it to another person.

**Topic 3:** The number of infections due to malaria keeps increasing in your community. The population is more than ever exposed to this endemic because they lack preventive techniques/methods to help them bar the way to the disease. Write a letter to the Governor of your Region in which you explain the situation to him and request his assistance in order to help the people of your locality defeat the disease. The name of your locality is Kigali and your postal box address is 768. Your contact is 4444444. You are Kong Charles, a researcher in Polytechnique Yagoua.

## Examination Correction

### SECTION A: GRAMMAR

**Task 1:** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. broke up
2. had listened
3. wish
4. had respected
5. won't have

**Task 2:** Underline the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. has been abducted
2. was hacked
3. thousands of
4. in the 18th century
5. around sixteen thirty-five
6. **22** percent
7. an increase
8. the roof
9. Deforestation
10. by bus

**Task 3: Rewrite the sentences using the prompts given.**

1. Think of the environment before cutting the trees.
2. How long have the workers taken to finish the construction of the new museum in town?
3. A Liberian businessman said that right then, he was donating an ambulance because he thought everybody should contribute to the fight against the pandemic. He added that if he were sick, he would love to be assisted.
4. The Ngondo festival is more popular with tourists than with the people of the Littoral region.
5. The criminals were granted a huge bail by the magistrate as they used stolen guns in the robbery.

## **SECTION B: VOCABULARY**

**Task 1: Use the appropriate forms of the words to fill in the gaps.**

1. killed
2. diagnosis
3. stigmatized
4. Scientists
5. virus

**Task 2: Match words in List A with those in List B to form compound nouns.**

1. Greenhouse gases
2. Economic growth
3. Public services
4. Health care
5. Social skills
6. Consumer society

**Task 3: Complete the sentences with the compound words formed in Task 2.**

1. public services
2. social skills
3. Health care
4. consumer society
5. Economic growth

**Task 4: Complete the sentences with the correct form of words.**

1. thoughtful
2. non-aggressivity
3. Hopefully
4. forgetfulness
5. homeless

## **SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION**

**Questions and Answers:**

1. Which two problems could tourism help to solve?
  - Poverty alleviation
  - Protection of natural resources
2. Tourism that relies on foreign workers and imported food local communities.
3. C. does not benefit

**Give an example of a tourist activity that benefits a local community.**

- Tourists visiting Mount Cameroon with guides from local villages and buying traditional food and crafts from the villagers.

**How can tourism help to protect natural resources?**

- Tourists pay for tours that help protect plants and animals in their natural habitats, and ecotourism minimizes environmental impact.

**Do you think tourism can help against poverty? Justify your answer.**



- Yes, tourism can help alleviate poverty by creating jobs and generating income for local communities. However, in some cases, tourism may not benefit local communities if foreign workers and imported goods are prioritized over local resources and labor.

Find the words in the text that correspond to the following:

1. potential
2. benefit
3. ecotourism
4. alleviate

Decide if these statements are true or false according to the text.

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False

## SECTION D: COMPOSITION

### Topic 1: Speech on Indiscipline Leading to Exam Failure

**Introduction:** Good morning, respected teachers, fellow students, and distinguished guests. Today, on the occasion of the National Day for School Guidance and Counselling, I stand before you as the president of the student government of Government Bilingual High School Tcholliré, Far North Cameroon, to address the issue of indiscipline leading to exam failure.

**Causes of Indiscipline:** Indiscipline among students is a major cause of poor academic performance. Some students lack focus and engage in disruptive behaviors such as truancy, latecoming, and disrespect towards teachers. Peer pressure and the influence of social media also contribute to this problem. Many students prioritize leisure over studies, leading to poor preparation for exams.

**Suggestions to Ameliorate the Situation:** To address this issue, we need a collective effort from teachers, parents, and students. Schools should enforce strict disciplinary measures and provide counseling services to guide students. Parents should monitor their children's activities and encourage them to focus on their studies. Students should take responsibility for their actions and prioritize their education.

**Conclusion:** Let us work together to create a disciplined and conducive learning environment. With discipline and hard work, we can achieve academic success and secure a brighter future. Thank you.

### Topic 2: Essay on My Hobby

**Introduction:** My hobby is reading. It is an activity that I enjoy immensely, and it has numerous benefits for my physical and psychological well-being.

**How I Practice My Hobby:** I usually read in the evenings after completing my homework. I prefer reading novels, especially science fiction and historical fiction. I often read with my younger sister, and we discuss the stories together.

**Benefits of My Hobby:** Reading helps me relax and reduces stress. It also improves my vocabulary and enhances my imagination. Additionally, it provides me with knowledge about different cultures and historical events.

**Why I Recommend It:** I would recommend reading to others because it is a productive and enjoyable activity. It helps improve concentration and critical thinking skills, and it is a great way to spend leisure time.

**Conclusion:** Reading is a hobby that has enriched my life in many ways. I encourage everyone to pick up a book and discover the joy of reading.

### Topic 3: Letter to the Governor on Malaria Prevention

**Sender's Address:** Kong Charles Polytechnique Yagoua P.O. Box 768 Kigali  
Contact: 4444444

**Date:** 23rd June 2024

**Recipient's Address:** The Governor Far North Region Cameroon

**Subject:** Request for Assistance in Combating Malaria

**Dear Sir,**

**Introduction:** I am writing to bring to your attention the increasing number of malaria infections in our community, Kigali. Despite efforts to combat the disease, the population remains highly vulnerable due to a lack of preventive measures.

**Current Situation:** Malaria cases have risen significantly in recent months, and many families are struggling to afford treatment. The lack of mosquito nets and proper sanitation facilities has exacerbated the problem. Additionally, there is limited awareness about preventive techniques among the population.

**Request for Assistance:** I kindly request your office to provide mosquito nets, organize awareness campaigns, and improve sanitation facilities in our community. Your support will go a long way in helping us combat this endemic disease.

**Conclusion:** Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and assistance.

**Yours faithfully,** Kong Charles