


COLLEGE F.X. VOGT		SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-2024
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MID-TERM SESSION EXAM
LEVEL: The A	DURATION: 2hrs	29th JANUARY 2024

Answer all questions.

PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES (20marks)

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10MKS)

Task 1: Complete this conversation between a student and a health expert with the correct form the words in brackets (3Marks)

Student: Thank you so much for _____ (agree) to talk to us. I understand that you are an expert in helping people who are substance addicts.

Health expert: Thanks for inviting me. Yes, we help people who are _____ (addict) to alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Student: And which of those is the biggest problem right now?

Health expert: Well, tobacco and alcohol _____ (be) a problem for a while and they continue to be a problem. We are _____ (many) concerned with people who become addicted _____ (proposition) "hard drugs".

Student: You mean like Cocaine and heroin? Is that increasing?

Health expert: Yes. Our statistics show that more than 20% of young people in Cameroon _____ (try, already) hard drugs. That doesn't mean they are all addicted, of course.

Task 2: Complete the end of the following sentences. (5marks)

1) The planting of soya can dangerously threaten the rainforest.

The rainforest _____

2) Cameroonians would rather _____

3) If the indomitable Lions of Cameroon had lost the match against Gambia,

4) When people throw refuse in the gutters, this _____

5) Diabetes is a disease _____

Task 3: Follow the instructions in brackets. (2marks)

- 1) The teacher asked us why we were shouting before he entered that class yesterday. (Direct speech)
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- 2) The flood devastated all the houses of the peasant. They built houses in marshy areas. (form the 3rd conditional)
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SECTION B: VOCABULARY: 10mks

Task 1: Complete this passage with the correct form of the words in brackets (2.5mks)

One of the most _____ (disturb) crime statistics nowadays is the rise in juvenile crime. Often the roots cause is _____ (addict) to or _____ (depend) on drugs, an expensive habit which often leads young _____ (offend) into a life of petty-crime and serious health problems.

Some parents struggle with their addicted children by taking them to _____ (detox) centres.

Task 2: Complete this notice on hygiene rules pasted at the Entrance of a company with words that make sense (5mks)

For the _____ and wellbeing of all _____ of this company, visitors or contractors entering this site _____ comply with the _____ pasted. Home if you are unwell or suffering cold or flu _____ like _____, runny nose or sneezing. Please maintain a safe of 1.5m while waiting in line. Avoid undesirable habits such as picking your nose, biting your fingernails or _____ saliva on the floor/ ground. Most of all remember, to wash your hands thoroughly with running _____ and _____ and protect your mouth and nose with a _____

Task3: Match the definitions in column A with the words in column B. (2.5marks)

A	B
The activity of cutting down trees for wood	Boom
A period of rapid growth and prosperity	Untainted
The need is too great to be satisfied	Logging
Disgusting and unacceptable	Insatiable
Not spoilt by having harmful substances added to it	Gross

PART TWO: EVALUATION OF THE COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10Marks)

READ the following passage carefully and answer the question below .

MY STORY

My name is John. I was a drug addict. I'm sure you have read stories like this before. My story about drug addiction is not unique, but I did find a way out of my addiction and I want others to know about it.

It all started five years ago. Like most of my friends at school, I started experimenting with alcohol and tobacco.

"Come on," said my friend, "drinking makes you feel so good". And one thing led to another. Soon we were having several drinks every night. We played music and of course we smoked while we were drinking too. It was the cool and **sophisticated** thing to do. All our sports icons and film stars were doing it. We bought cigarettes and alcohol on the black market because it was cheaper than going to the shops.

We didn't know that the nicotine in cigarettes was addictive. We didn't know that consuming tobacco is connected to cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks, as well as strokes, cancer, respiratory diseases and diabetes. A senior official from the ministry of public health has said "tobacco sells easily on the black market, with ravaging effects on the economy and citizens. The whole society shares in its effects." We continued to think it was cool. As far as we were concerned, there were no negative effects.

Then we started experimenting with cannabis – what some people call "weed". We tried other drugs too. "Just a little – just to feel what it is like"; we told ourselves. We enjoyed feeling "high". It made us feel powerful and free. Soon we wanted more and more of the drugs. We became addicted quite quickly. And it was a downhill road from there!

My parent saved me. They noticed that I was starting to look for excuses to skip school. My grades weren't as good as before. I didn't want to talk to my family. I didn't want to play football with my friends any more. I withdrew into my world of drug addiction.

"You need help," said my dad. We think you may have a drug problem.

"No, I'm fine, I replied. "Please don't worry about me. I just feel a bit depressed. I can look after myself."

"I think you need more than self-help. You need to talk to a counselor," said mum. "There is a group of healthcare professionals in town who offer advice and support. We'll take you there and they will help you. You can talk to a support group about your depression. They may prescribe medication and group therapy sessions to help you. They involve your family as well".

I was reluctant but something inside me told me that my parent were right. So I went along for rehabilitation. Amy Winehouse famously sang about her addictions in her song Rehab. She struggled too, and perhaps she didn't get the help she needed.

I am lucky. The therapy worked for me and today I am back to my old self. I am doing well at school again. I feel positive. But I no longer drink, smoke or take drugs. Instead I get "high" on exercise and spending quality time with my friends and family.

QUESTIONS

ANSWER TRUE / FALSE (0.5*5=2.5MKS)

a- John became addicted to drugs while he was at school-----

b- you can never recover from drug problems -----

c- John and his friends did not know about the risks of smoking. -----

d- John went in to rehabilitation where he received therapy and support for his addiction-----

e- John and his friend did not enjoy the feeling you get when you take drugs. -----

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS (1.5*5=7.5MKS)

f- Name three diseases that can be caused by tobacco -----

g- Name three signs that indicate that someone may have a drug addiction -----

h- Why do you think people experiment with tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, -----

i- What action could you take if you thought a friend or family member was addicted to tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, -----

j- What do you think a support group really does to help an addict, -----

h) Do you think we can really eradicate drugs in our societies?

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10Marks)

Choose one of the following topics and write a suitable essay of about 300-350 words.

Topic 1: 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 populations defeat the disease. The name of your locality is **KIGALO** and your postal box address is 768. Your contact is **675880**. You are **KONG CHARLES, A RESEARCHER IN POLYTECHNIQUE YAGOUA**.

Topic 2: There is so much talking about global warming around the world and we are told that man's activities are responsible for that. Prove with concrete examples that not only man's activities, but also natural factors cause global warming. You may start by defining global warming and its causes before showing how man is responsible acts for that global threat.

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Health expert: Thanks for inviting me. Yes, we help people who are **addicted** (addict) to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.

Student: And which of those is the biggest problem right now?

Health expert: Well, tobacco and alcohol **have been** (be) a problem for a while, and they continue to be a problem. We are **mostly** (many) concerned with people who become addicted **to** (preposition) “hard drugs”.

Student: You mean like Cocaine and heroin? Is that increasing?

Health expert: Yes. Our statistics show that more than 20% of young people in Cameroon **have already tried** (try, already) hard drugs. That doesn't mean they are all addicted, of course.

Task 2: Complete the end of the following sentences (5 marks)

1) The planting of soya can dangerously threaten the rainforest.

The rainforest is being destroyed.

2) Cameroonians would rather **eat fufu than rice.**

3) If the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon had lost the match against Gambia, **they would have been eliminated from the tournament.**

4) When people throw refuse in the gutters, this **causes flooding and pollution.**

5) Diabetes is a disease **that affects the body's ability to regulate blood sugar levels.**

Task 3: Follow the instructions in brackets (2 marks)

1) The teacher asked us why we were shouting before he entered that class yesterday. (Direct speech)
The teacher asked, “Why were you shouting before I entered the class yesterday?”

2) The flood devastated all the houses of the peasant. They built houses in marshy areas. (Form the 3rd conditional)

If the peasants had not built their houses in marshy areas, the flood would not have devastated all their houses.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)

Task 1: Complete this passage with the correct form of the words in brackets (2.5 marks)

One of the most **disturbing** (disturb) crime statistics nowadays is the rise in juvenile crime. Often the root cause is **addiction** (addict) to or **dependence** (depend) on drugs, an expensive habit which often leads young **offenders** (offend) into a life of petty-crime and serious health problems.

Some parents struggle with their addicted children by taking them to **detoxification** (detox) centres.

Task 2: Complete this notice on hygiene rules pasted at the Entrance of a company with words that make sense (5 marks)

For the **safety** and wellbeing of all **employees** of this company, visitors or contractors entering this site **must** comply with the **rules** pasted. **Stay** home if you are unwell or suffering cold or flu **symptoms**

like **coughing**, runny nose or sneezing. Please maintain a safe **distance** of 1.5m while waiting in line. Avoid undesirable habits such as picking your nose, biting your fingernails or **spitting** saliva on the floor/ground. Most of all remember, to wash your hands thoroughly with running **water** and **soap** and protect your mouth and nose with a **mask**.

Task 3: Match the definitions in column A with the words in column B (2.5 marks)

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PART TWO: EVALUATION OF THE COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

QUESTIONS

ANSWER TRUE / FALSE (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

a) John became addicted to drugs while he was at school.

True

b) You can never recover from drug problems.

False

c) John and his friends did not know about the risks of smoking.

True

d) John went into rehabilitation where he received therapy and support for his addiction.

True

e) John and his friends did not enjoy the feeling you get when you take drugs.

False

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS (1.5 x 5 = 7.5 marks)

f) Name three diseases that can be caused by tobacco.

Heart attacks, strokes, cancer, respiratory diseases, diabetes (any three).

g) Name three signs that indicate that someone may have a drug addiction.

Skipping school, declining grades, withdrawal from family and friends, loss of interest in hobbies, changes in behavior (any three).

h) Why do you think people experiment with tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs?

People experiment with tobacco, alcohol, and drugs due to peer pressure, curiosity, the desire to feel “cool” or sophisticated, or to escape from stress or problems.

i) What action could you take if you thought a friend or family member was addicted to tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs?

You could talk to them about your concerns, encourage them to seek professional help, or involve their family to support them in getting treatment.

j) What do you think a support group really does to help an addict?

A support group provides emotional support, advice, and a safe space for addicts to share their experiences. They also offer therapy, medication, and involve family members in the recovery process.

h) Do you think we can really eradicate drugs in our societies?

It is difficult to completely eradicate drugs, but through education, strict laws, and support systems, we can reduce drug abuse and help those affected by addiction.

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 marks)

Topic 1: Letter to the Governor

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29th January 2024

The Governor
Region Name

Cameroon

Subject: Request for Assistance in Combating Malaria in Kigalo

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the alarming increase in malaria infections in our community, Kigalo. Despite efforts to control the disease, the population remains highly exposed due to a lack of preventive techniques and methods.

Malaria continues to claim lives, especially among children and the elderly, and the situation is worsening. The community lacks adequate mosquito nets, insecticides, and proper drainage systems, which are essential in preventing the spread of malaria.

I kindly request your assistance in providing the necessary resources to combat this endemic. Your support in distributing mosquito nets, organizing health campaigns, and improving sanitation will go a long way in helping the population of Kigalo defeat this disease.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt response and action.

Yours faithfully,
Kong Charles

Topic 2: Global Warming

Global warming refers to the gradual increase in the Earth's temperature due to the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. While human activities are often blamed for global warming, natural factors also play a significant role.

Human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial emissions release large amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These gases trap heat, leading to a rise in global temperatures. Additionally, the use of aerosols and the destruction of natural habitats contribute to climate change.

However, natural factors such as volcanic eruptions, solar radiation, and natural greenhouse gas emissions also contribute to global warming. Volcanic eruptions release large amounts of ash and gases into the atmosphere, which can block sunlight and temporarily cool the Earth. However, they also release carbon dioxide, which contributes to long-term warming. Solar radiation, which varies over time, can also influence the Earth's temperature.

In conclusion, while human activities are a major cause of global warming, natural factors cannot be ignored. Addressing global warming requires a combination of reducing human emissions and understanding natural climate processes.

This concludes the full correction of the examination paper.