

MID-TERM EXAMINATION ENGLISH ( 3<sup>ème</sup> )

Duration : 2 hrs

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## A : Grammar (10 marks)

## I. Join these sentences with the words in brackets. (2,5 marks)

- 1) The student does not wash his hands regularly. He is always ill (who)  
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- 2) Clean water and sanitation are human rights. They are essential to healthy living. (which)  
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- 3) There was no clean running water. The children in the area were all sick . (because)  
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- 4) It was very hardwork. Nuiten built a home. (Although)  
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- 5) My grand mother does not speak English. She does not speak French. ( neither....nor)  
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## II. Follow the instructions (2,5 marks)

- 1) " I have to revise these lessons today because I have an English exams tomorrow" said Mary (Indirect Speech).  
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- 2) "Don't cheat during this test", the teacher warned us. (Indirect Speech)  
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- 3) They washed their hands,..... ? Yes, they did. (question tag)
- 4) The woman bought box, knife, bucket and lorry. (Give the plural form of the underlined words)  
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- 5) Poor hygiene and sanitation benefit communities. (negative form)  
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## III. Underline the correct answers (5 marks)

- 1) Please turn ( off, up, in) the lights when you leave the classroom.
- 2) The principal (said, say, tell, told) that students did not put dirt in the dust bin but on the floor.
- 3) This is the artist (who, whose, whom) song won the first prize at the Canal D'or last year.
- 4) People (would not have built, have built, built) their homes in high risk areas if they had listened to the experts.
- 5) It's ( good, better, best) to reuse or recycle something than to throw it in the dust bin.
- 6) If the sun shines tomorrow, we (have, will have, are having) the party outside .
- 7) Parents need to stop ( spending, to spend, spent) so much money on alcohol.
- 8) Pregnant mothers can ( endangers, endanger, endangered) the lives of their unborn babies if they take dangerous drugs.
- 9) She prepared foods from different regions (while, although, so that) **every one** could enjoy the diverse cuisine of Cameroon.
- 10) Presently, the Conference on tolerance and diversity ( takes place, took place, is taking place) at the Hilton Hotel.

**SECTION B : Vocabulary (10 marks)**

I. Complete these sentences with words chosen from the bracket (breast, global warming, disabled, building permit, drop out ) (2.5 Marks)

- 1) Someone who does not complete his or her education.....
- 2) Someone who has an illness or injury that makes it difficult for him or her to do something.....
- 3) .....refers to rising sea and land temperature.
- 4) If you cannot stop drinking alcohol, you may have an .....to it.
- 5) You need a .....in order to build a house in a residential area.
- 6) .....ironing is painful and unnecessary.

II. Give the opposite/antonym of the underlined words. (2,5 marks)

- 1) Reusing something is much worse than throwing it in the bin.....
- 2) This dress is too new to be worn. I will use it as a cloth for cleaning.....
- 3) Non-governmental organisation have never been working with rural communities.....
- 4) Life can be easy when you don't take good advice from your parents and teachers.....
- 5) Poor people always buy different brands of cars.....

III. Complete these sentences using your own words. (2,5 marks)

- 1) In Cameroon, we have the.....and.....seasons while in Europe we have summer, winter, spring and autumn.
- 2) A national.....is an official recognised national song.
- 3) .....and.....are essential, if we are to live in peace with one another.
- 4) Some recreational activities, I carry out during my leisure time are .....and.....
- 5) .....is the illegal cutting down of trees by some logging companies.

IV. Select the words with the odd sounds and write in the spaces provided (2,5 marks)

- 1) Seeds, three, beads, rings, seat.....
- 2) Church, chalk, chaos, choose, teacher.....
- 3) City, sea, sell, sugar, see.....
- 4) Classroom, food, soon, blood, too.....
- 5) House,                      home,                      horse,                      honour,  
    have.....

**SECTION C : Reading Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the following text and answer the questions which follow in complete sentences.

### THE LEOPARD MAN

There was once a young man who decided to be the best hunter in his village. He practised throwing his spear and learned how to stalk animals with great skill, but he always had bad luck. When he went hunting he scarcely killed any animals, so he became the laughing stock of the village. Everyone laughed and made fun of him.

In spite of that, several girls in the village admired him and wanted to marry him. However, no father wanted to give his daughter to a hunter who nearly always failed. The young man was afraid that he would live the rest of his life alone. He felt that something must be done, so he decided to go and talk it over with his grandmother. She advised him to go and see a magician, since she believed that the evil spirits in the forest were unkind to the young man.

So the young man went to the magician.

'What can I do to help you?' asked the magician.

'I want to be a famous hunter,' said the young man. 'When I am successful, I'll probably find a maiden to marry me.'

The magician advised the young man to think carefully. He said the young man should be happy with his life, since that was God's plan. Since the young man insisted, however, the magician gave him a drink of strong medicine which made him fall into a deep sleep. When he got up, the magician asked him to go back to his village.

Once in his village, the young man felt very strong. He took his gun and went to the forest. Then suddenly he found himself transformed into a leopard, and he killed many animals before he changed back to a young man.

When he went home, everyone was surprised. Nobody knew the secret. The young man became famous and the Chief of the village gave him his daughter as a wife.

One day the young man went hunting and was transformed into a leopard. A hunter saw the leopard and shot it.

Before he died, the leopard-man remembered the words of the magician, 'Be happy with your life as God planned it'. But it was too late.

### Questions

- 1) The young man wanted to become a good hunter. What did he do before he met the magician? 2mks  
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- 2) Why was the young man the laughing stock of the village? 2mks  
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- 3) Why was the young man not able to find a wife at first? 2 mks  
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- 4) Who was to blame : the young man, his grandmother, the magician or the villagers ? Choose one and justify your answer. 2 mks

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5) What, in your opinion, is the message of the story? 2 mks  
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**SECTION D : Essay Writing (10 marks)**

Write an essay of between 150-180 words on any one of the following topics.

- 1) Write an interesting story and say what you learnt from it.
- 2) As a member of a Health Club talk to your schoolmates about the advantages of maintaining good hygiene and sanitation at College Vogt.
- 3) Describe the physical appearance and character of your classmate you most admire and say why you admire that particular person. What have you learnt from the person ?

# Examination Paper Correction

## **SECTION A: Grammar (10 marks)**

### **I. Join these sentences with the words in brackets. (2.5 marks)**

1. The student who does not wash his hands regularly is always ill.
2. Clean water and sanitation, which are essential to healthy living, are human rights.
3. The children in the area were all sick because there was no clean running water.
4. Although it was very hard work, Nutten built a home.
5. My grandmother neither speaks English nor French.

### **II. Follow the instructions (2.5 marks)**

1. Mary said that she had to revise those lessons that day because she had an English exam the next day.
2. The teacher warned us not to cheat during that test.
3. They washed their hands, didn't they?
4. The woman bought boxes, knives, buckets, and lorries.
5. Poor hygiene and sanitation do not benefit communities.

### **III. Underline the correct answers (5 marks)**

1. Please turn off the lights when you leave the classroom.
2. The principal said that students did not put dirt in the dust bin but on the floor.
3. This is the artist whose song won the first prize at the Canal D'or last year.
4. People would not have built their homes in high-risk areas if they had listened to the experts.
5. It's better to reuse or recycle something than to throw it in the dust bin.
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7. Parents need to stop spending so much money on alcohol.
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9. She prepared foods from different regions so that everyone could enjoy the diverse cuisine of Cameroon.
10. Presently, the Conference on tolerance and diversity is taking place at the Hilton Hotel.

## **SECTION B: Vocabulary (10 marks)**

### **I. Complete these sentences with words chosen from the bracket (2.5 marks)**

1. Someone who does not complete his or her education drops out.
2. Someone who has an illness or injury that makes it difficult for him or her to do something is disabled.
3. Global warming refers to rising sea and land temperature.
4. If you cannot stop drinking alcohol, you may have an addiction to it.
5. You need a building permit in order to build a house in a residential area.
6. Breast ironing is painful and unnecessary.

### **II. Give the opposite/antonym of the underlined words. (2.5 marks)**

1. Reusing something is much better than throwing it in the bin.
2. This dress is too old to be worn. I will use it as a cloth for cleaning.
3. Non-governmental organisations have always been working with rural communities.
4. Life can be difficult when you don't take good advice from your parents and teachers.
5. Rich people always buy different brands of cars.

### **III. Complete these sentences using your own words. (2.5 marks)**

1. In Cameroon, we have the dry and rainy seasons while in Europe we have summer, winter, spring, and autumn.
2. A national anthem is an officially recognised national song.
3. Tolerance and respect are essential if we are to live in peace with one another.
4. Some recreational activities I carry out during my leisure time are reading and playing football.
5. Deforestation is the illegal cutting down of trees by some logging companies.

### **IV. Select the words with the odd sounds and write in the spaces provided (2.5 marks)**

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2. Church, chalk, chaos, choose, teacher – chaos.
3. City, sea, sell, sugar, see – sugar.
4. Classroom, food, soon, blood, too – blood.
5. House, home, horse, honour, have – honour.

## **SECTION C: Reading Comprehension (10 marks)**

### **Questions:**

1. The young man practised throwing his spear and learned how to stalk animals with great skill before he met the magician.
2. The young man was the laughing stock of the village because he scarcely killed any animals when he went hunting.

3. The young man was not able to find a wife at first because no father wanted to give his daughter to a hunter who nearly always failed.
4. The young man is to blame because he insisted on changing his fate despite the magician's advice to be happy with his life as God planned it.
5. The message of the story is that one should be content with their life as it is and not try to change their fate through unnatural means, as it can lead to negative consequences.

## **SECTION D: Essay Writing (10 marks)**

**Topic 1: Write an interesting story and say what you learnt from it.**

**Sample Essay:**

Once upon a time, there was a young boy named Tom who loved playing video games. He spent hours every day in front of his computer, ignoring his studies and responsibilities. His parents warned him about the consequences, but Tom didn't listen. One day, he failed his exams and was very upset. He realized that he had wasted too much time on games and neglected his studies. From that day on, Tom decided to balance his time between playing games and studying. He learned that moderation is key to success in life.

**What I learnt:** I learnt that it's important to balance our time between work and play to achieve success.

**Topic 2: As a member of a Health Club, talk to your schoolmates about the advantages of maintaining good hygiene and sanitation at College Vogt.**

**Sample Essay:**

Dear schoolmates,

Maintaining good hygiene and sanitation is crucial for our health and well-being. At College Vogt, we must ensure that our environment is clean and safe. Good hygiene prevents the spread of diseases like cholera and typhoid. By washing our hands regularly, keeping our classrooms clean, and disposing of waste properly, we can create a healthy environment for everyone. Let's work together to keep our school clean and promote good hygiene practices. Remember, a clean school is a healthy school!

Thank you.

**Topic 3: Describe the physical appearance and character of your classmate you most admire and say why you admire that particular person. What have you learnt from the person?**

**Sample Essay:**

The classmate I admire the most is Sarah. She is tall, with long black hair and a bright smile. Sarah is very kind and always helps others. She is also very hardworking and always tops the class. I admire her because she is not only intelligent but also humble and friendly. From Sarah, I have learnt the importance of hard work and kindness. She has inspired me to be a better student and a better person.