


COLLÈGE F-X. VOGT		Année scolaire 2021-2022
English Department	TEST	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
<b>English language PA</b> <b>Duration : 2 hours      Coef: 3</b>		

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

**I. Underline the correct word to complete the sentences. (5 marks)**

- a) (Most of/ none of) the people in Cameroon are bilingual.
- b) Stanley Enow (has been/ have been) a phenomenal success.
- c) How I wish (had listened/have listened) to my parents.
- d) I (seldom/neither) see people taking part in traditional festivals.
- e) Young people should use (seldom/neither) drugs nor alcohol
- f) (Although/but) he fetched supplies for the villagers, they did not want to pay him.
- g) Museums need to preserve important artefacts (or/ because) they will be lost.
- h) I have been at this school (from/since) I was 14 years old.
- i) The choir (has sung/ have sings) a traditional song.
- j) We (had gone/ had went) home after school.

**II. Match the conditional in column A with the best endings from column B. (4 marks)**

Column A	Column B
a) If I had been born last century,	I would have seen the masks.
b) If I become a music star,	Your results would improve
c) If I had visited the museum	They would have helped me with my studies
d) If I were British	I would not have had cell phone
e) If you studied harder,	Many lives would be saved
f) If I had older siblings,	My culture would be western, not African
g) If Cameroon had not been colonized,	I will promote the musical traditional of Cameroon
h) If scientists developed a cure for HIV,	Our history would have been very different.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_

III. Explain what the underlined words in each sentence mean by ticking the best answer. ( 1 mark)

1. There are hardly any people living in the village.

- i) Very few people
- ii) Strong people
- iii) Strong of people

2. The game had hardly started when it began to rain.

- i) Started a long time ago
- ii) Started a short time ago
- iii) Started very roughly

3. No sooner had he become King than he started to reform the army.

- i) A long time after
- ii) Before
- iii) Soon after

4) There has seldom been such excitement before a match.

- i) Hardly
- ii) Often
- iii) not very often

SECTION B: VOCABULARY ( 10 marks)

Match the correct answer in the following columns. ( 5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. secular	Consequences
2. diversity	Limits
3. constitution	Very old
4. peers	Chaos
5. risk	The set of laws and rights in a country
6. asset	People of your own age group
7. repercussions	Chance, danger
8. boundaries	Benefits, something or someone that adds value
9. ancient	Not believing in or controlled by any religion
10. disorder	Variety

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IV. Complete with the words from the list; Folk lore, cultural heritage, conservation, artefacts, tourism industry. ( 5 marks)

My family paid a visit to the National Museum in Yaoundé. The \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in that building, especially the masks, are impressive. There are also recording of people  
readings stories from our \_\_\_\_\_. They come from the four main areas of our  
country. I think \_\_\_\_\_ is excellent as it preserves our \_\_\_\_\_ for future  
generations. The museum is visited by locals and foreigners, so it is an important part of the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION C: READING COMPHRENSION**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences and, as far as possible, your own words.

**“The Natural Colour”**

Nowadays, most people have failed in one aspect of their lives in that they have mistaken their body colour for beauty. People, especially women think that to look beautiful means extinguishing their natural black colour. This has made them indulge in the usage of sophisticated cosmetics. These users should reflect and ponder over the effects these products have on their bodies.

Cosmetics remove the natural black pigment of the body. This black pigment is resistant to diverse conditions and gives strength to the flesh, if one of these users is operated upon or sustains an injury, it will be difficult to switch the spot or the wound to heal since the pigment is destroyed. The pigment also leads to the gradual deformation of the body so that the individual soon develop fallen jaws, twisted face and dark areas around their eyes; the person finally realizes it is too late to take precautions.

In our African society, this problem can be solved by educating the population about the various effects. The greater parts of these educated populations are those promoting the usage of these products. At this

point, I began to wonder what will happen to the illiterate population who strongly believe in “cream” as they call it.

Should we therefore close down our cosmetic industries? The answer is no because the income gotten from this economic activity is not only beneficial to the producers, but to the whole country. The only possible solution to this problem will be for the government to introduce a new legislation concerning the producers, and the quality and quantity of cosmetics produced. The government should also educated the population on these products. Self-education and self-discipline will also be a vital tool in solving this problem.

**Questions:**

1- According to the passage why does the author say people have mistaken their colour for beauty? (2 marks)

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2- Give two disadvantages of using cosmetics mentioned in the passage (2 marks)

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3- According to this passage, what can be done to reduce the effects of cosmetics products on the body (2 marks?)

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4- From the passage why is it difficult to close the cosmetic industry? (2marks)

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5- According to you, does beauty lies in the colour of a person? Yes or No. Give your reason. (2 marks)

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

Write an Essay of about 250-300 words on this topic;

1- Bilingualism a tool in the hands of an applicant.

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## Examination Correction

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1. a) If I had been born last century, **I would not have had a cell phone.**
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**III. Explain what the underlined words in each sentence mean by ticking the best answer. (1 mark)**

1. There are **hardly** any people living in the village.
  - i) **Very few people**
2. The game had **hardly** started when it began to rain.
  - i) **Started a short time ago**
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  - i) **Soon after**
4. There has **seldom** been such excitement before a match.
  - i) **Not very often**

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

**Match the correct answer in the following columns. (5 marks)**

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**IV. Complete with the words from the list: Folk lore, cultural heritage, conservation, artefacts, tourism industry. (5 marks)**

My family paid a visit to the National Museum in Yaoundé. The **artefacts** in that building, especially the masks, are impressive. There are also recordings of people reading stories from our **folk lore**. They come from the four main areas of our country. I think **conservation** is excellent as it preserves our **cultural heritage** for future generations. The museum is visited by locals and foreigners, so it is an important part of the **tourism industry**.

**SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

**Questions:**

1. **According to the passage, why does the author say people have mistaken their colour for beauty? (2 marks)**

The author says people have mistaken their colour for beauty because they believe that looking beautiful means changing their natural black colour, leading them to use sophisticated cosmetics.

2. **Give two disadvantages of using cosmetics mentioned in the passage. (2 marks)**

- Cosmetics remove the natural black pigment of the body, making it difficult for wounds to heal.
- The use of cosmetics can lead to gradual deformation of the body, such as fallen jaws, twisted faces, and dark areas around the eyes.

3. **According to this passage, what can be done to reduce the effects of cosmetic products on the body? (2 marks)**

The government should introduce new legislation concerning the quality and quantity of cosmetics produced and educate the population about the effects of these products. Self-education and self-discipline are also vital tools.

4. **From the passage, why is it difficult to close the cosmetic industry? (2 marks)**

It is difficult to close the cosmetic industry because the income generated from this economic activity is beneficial not only to the producers but also to the whole country.

5. **According to you, does beauty lie in the colour of a person? Yes or No. Give your reason. (2 marks)**

No, beauty does not lie in the colour of a person. Beauty is subjective and should be defined by one's character, confidence, and individuality rather than skin colour.

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

**Write an Essay of about 250-300 words on this topic:**

### **Bilingualism: A Tool in the Hands of an Applicant**

Bilingualism, the ability to speak two languages fluently, is an invaluable skill in today's globalized world. For job applicants, being bilingual can be a significant advantage, opening doors to diverse opportunities and enhancing their professional profile.

Firstly, bilingualism increases employability. Many companies operate on an international scale and require employees who can communicate effectively with clients and colleagues from different linguistic backgrounds. For instance, a bilingual applicant in Cameroon, where both English and French are official languages, is more likely to secure a job in multinational corporations or government institutions.

Secondly, bilingual individuals often have better cognitive abilities. Studies have shown that speaking two languages improves problem-solving skills, multi-tasking, and memory. These cognitive benefits make bilingual applicants more adaptable and efficient in the workplace.

Moreover, bilingualism fosters cultural understanding. In a multicultural workplace, being able to communicate in multiple languages helps build stronger relationships and promotes inclusivity. This cultural sensitivity is highly valued by employers, especially in roles that require teamwork and collaboration.

However, being bilingual is not just about speaking two languages; it also involves understanding the cultural nuances associated with each language. This cultural competence can be a decisive factor in negotiations, customer service, and conflict resolution.

In conclusion, bilingualism is a powerful tool for job applicants. It enhances employability, cognitive abilities, and cultural understanding, making bilingual individuals highly sought after in the job market. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the value of bilingualism will continue to grow, making it an essential skill for future success.