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## **PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES**

### **SECTION A: GRAMMAR**

10 marks

**Task 1:** M. James is a tourist visiting Cameroon for a second time. During a walk in a botanic garden, he is interviewed by a journalist? Follow instructions in brackets to complete their conversation.  
0.5x5=2.5 marks

**Journalist:** Hello. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask you a few question? (use a modal to express permission)

**M. James:** Certainly!

**Journalist:** Since when are you here?

**M. James:** Oh! We \_\_\_\_\_ here for a week. ('stay' in the appropriate tense)

**Journalist:** You said "we". Who is with you?

**M. James:** My wife and my children are with me.

**Journalist:** That is great! Is it your first time to visit our country?

**M. James:** \_\_\_\_\_ (negative elliptical answer) and it will certainly not be the last.

**Journalist:** Which places have you visited?

**M. James:** We have visited Lolodorf. There, we saw the beautiful waterfalls of La Lobe. \_\_\_\_\_ (use a connective expressing contrast) I wish I could discover more about the pygmies culture.

**Journalist:** Was your journey \_\_\_\_\_ you expected? ('amazing' in its comparison of equality form)

**M. James:** Of course. I really love Cameroonians; they are too kind, welcoming, their food is bio and their landscapes are specular.

**Journalist:** M. James, it was a pleasure to discuss with you. Thank you and have a nice stay.

**M. James:** Thank you.

**Task 2:** Complete each sentence with the appropriate form of the word in brackets. (2.5 marks)

- Unless you \_\_\_\_\_ smoking you won't recover from tuberculosis. (stop/stops/stopped)
- Students hate \_\_\_\_\_ sport activities; they are moments of relaxation and fun. (miss/ missed/ missing)
- We arrived at the zoo when the first group of tourists \_\_\_\_\_. (leave/left/had left)
- If I \_\_\_\_\_ rich, I would offer job opportunities to many youths. (am/was/were)
- I would rather \_\_\_\_\_ a bottle of water than a bottle of juice or beer because water is life. (drink/drunk/drank)

**Task 3:** Rewrite the sentences as started or complete them appropriately. (1x5= 5 marks)

- 1- Helen was sick so she didn't attend write the exams.

If \_\_\_\_\_

- 2- "Keep your environment clean" the President of the Environmental club told us.

The President of the Environment Club told us \_\_\_\_\_

- 3- The elite offer school fees to brilliant students every year.

School fees \_\_\_\_\_

- 4- Nowadays, many women are online shopping addicts, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5- My friend told me that she hardly used cheques to take her salary

## SECTION B: VOCABULARY

10 marks

**Task 1: Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete this text about Senator Françoise Puene aka Mamy Nyanga. (10x0.5=5mks)**



Françoise PUENE, a Cameroonian entrepreneur, is usually identified by her shaved hair and \_\_\_\_\_ (type) dressing - usually suit. But actually, she is distinguished by her entrepreneurial prowess and contribution to women's \_\_\_\_\_ (power). The CEO of Franco Group, which owns many hotels in the country, did not have an easy ride to \_\_\_\_\_ (famous), however. She is said to have started from the streets of Bafoussam, where she hawked food items to make a living. This was after she divorced from her polygamous husband, a traditional \_\_\_\_\_ (rule) in the West Region. From hawking foodstuffs on the street, she diverted into fashion and started \_\_\_\_\_ (retail) clothes. Through hardwork and \_\_\_\_\_ (persevere), she diverted into real estate where she made her fortune. Today, she manages Franco Group, a company that \_\_\_\_\_ (owner) and manages hotels in the country. \_\_\_\_\_ (social), Mamy Nyanga has been the voice of women and has taken several initiatives to empower women and young girls to become \_\_\_\_\_ (depend). Her desire to advocate for the rights of women and social change landed her into politics where she became a fervent supporter of the present regime. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (loyal) to the regime evidently paid off, as she earned a ticket into the Senate.

**Task 2: Choose the most appropriate word from the brackets to complete the sentences. (5x1=5 marks)**

- Prices of many goods are \_\_\_\_\_ (actually, currently, immediately, instantly) very high because of the war in Ukraine.
- Let's wait for the pills to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (effect, affect, infect, reflect)
- My grandfather usually \_\_\_\_\_ (narrating, counts, tells, says) stories every night.
- Please, \_\_\_\_\_ (takes, agree, accept, consent) my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (recall, remember, remind, retell) me to buy a water filter because water is extremely dirty these days.

## PART TWO: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES

### SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION

10 marks

Read the following passage and answer the questions, using your own words as far as possible.

Making and receiving phone calls had become part of me. I used to get up in the darkest hours of the night to wait for calls or to make some calls. It did not matter to me whether it was late or I was

disturbing somebody's sleep. It was just the urge to phone, and I had to do it. I started gradually, making a few phone calls a day. It seemed harmless as a few phone innocent chit chat. This soon developed into a frequent use of the phone until finally I became addicted to the phone.

The habit gradually began to affect my work. I spent all my break phoning and part of my work time had to be used for my lunch break. I started rushing to work early just to start off the day with making phone calls. At first, it cost me nothing but when my boss started to control the phone, I spent almost all my salary.

I cannot explain the origin of my addiction but when my counsellor asked me, I gave him all sorts of excuses. I said it is pressure at work, disturbed childhood, alcoholic parents and so on. He did not however, want to listen to any of these excuses. He told me, "Look Stephen, You have to take responsibility for your behaviour and solve the problem".

I realised the only time I felt alive then was when I was on the phone. I was charming, warm and generous, of course, everyone liked me, and I actually loved them too. I had no misgivings and no inhibitions, what I actually dreaded at home; life's pressures disappeared. In no time, my best relationships were my phone partners. I was more at home talking to people who were like me, phone addicts. I realized I had eventually developed hatred for people who had no time to listen to me over the phone.

Slowly, things began to deteriorate. I was not just someone who liked talking over the phone. I began calling people and leaving messages so that I can receive enough calls throughout the day. I was dependent to the point of shying away from human contact. Whenever I arrived a friend's home, before the door was close behind me, I would go straight for the phone with the words, "is it ok if I use the phone?"

I stopped going out in case people phoned and I missed their calls. I had a business line and a private line installed. I borrowed money to buy a pager and mobile phone. I bought a car and made sure I put a car phone in it.

As my addiction worsened, I no longer spoke to people at work. I became violent and hostile when colleagues tried to stop me from phoning, in an attempt to get me to do my work. Finally, my superior took action. I hit him with the phone. I was dismissed.

My body began to suffer. One ear was flowing and bruised. The other ear was no longer hearing enough. I was always tired. Phone bills piled on my desk. Piles of phone cards were also among them. At this point, it dawned on me that I had to seek for urgent help; I visited the nearest counsellor's clinic. The first thing he told me was to get the phones. I gave away my phones weeping as if I had lost someone.

## QUESTIONS

1) Who is speaking in this passage? 1 mark

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2) What was the person's favourite hour for making or receiving calls? 1 mark

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3) Give two excuses that the writer gives for his phone addiction. 2 marks

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4) Name two effects of the phoning habit on the author. 2 marks

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5) Many Cameroonian youths are phone addicts too. What do you think can be done to break the addiction before it's late? 2 marks

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6) Give synonyms of these phrases in the passage

- Troubled: \_\_\_\_\_
- Doubts: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aggravated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Crying: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SECTION D: COMPOSITION WRITING**

10 marks

Write an essay of between 180 and 220 words on any one of the following topics.

1. You were caught with a phone in class and are supposed to be expelled. Write an apology letter to the Principal telling her why you had to bring the phone to class. Your name is Patrick Ombala, your address is: G.B. H.S Sahel /P.O. Box 2957, Maroua.
2. Many cases of cholera have been reported in your town or quarter. Write a speech, as the head of the local medical unit, in which you share effective ways to prevent more infections and stop the spread of this outbreak.
3. Social media pull us apart more than they bring us together. What do you think?
4. Modern technology is more and more very present in all works of life especially in our economic life. "Online shopping" is the order of the day: it is on all lips, it is fashion, it is the new purchasing means. In well elaborated paragraphs with concrete examples, make a comparative and contrastive analysis of 'online shopping' and 'traditional shopping'. You may highlight aspects like reliability, price, quality of service, security, etc.

# Correction of Examination Paper

## PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES

### SECTION A: GRAMMAR

#### Task 1:

Complete the conversation between the journalist and M. James.

- Journalist:** Hello.  
**M. James:** Certainly!
- Journalist:** Since when are you here?  
**M. James:** Oh! We have been here for a week.
- Journalist:** You said "we." Who is with you?  
**M. James:** My wife and my children are with me.
- Journalist:** Is it your first time to visit our country?  
**M. James:** No, it is not my first time.
- Journalist:** Which places have you visited?  
**M. James:** We have visited Lolodorf. There, we saw the beautiful waterfalls of La Lobe, but I wish I could discover more about the pygmy culture.
- Journalist:** Was your journey as amazing as you expected?  
**M. James:** Of course. I really love Cameroonians; they are too kind, welcoming, their food is bio, and their landscapes are spectacular.

#### Task 2:

Complete each sentence with the appropriate form of the word in brackets.

1. Unless you **stop** smoking, you won't recover from tuberculosis.
2. Students hate **missing** sport activities; they are moments of relaxation and fun.
3. We arrived at the zoo when the first group of tourists **had left**.

4. I would rather **drink** a bottle of water than a bottle of juice or beer because water is life.
5. If I **were** rich, I would offer job opportunities to many youths.

**Task 3:**

Rewrite the sentences as stated or complete them appropriately.

1. Helen was sick, so she didn't attend the exams.  
→ Helen was sick, which is why she didn't attend the exams.
2. "Keep your environment clean," the President of the Environmental Club told us.  
→ The President of the Environmental Club told us to keep our environment clean.
3. The elite offers school fees to brilliant students every year.  
→ School fees are offered to brilliant students by the elite every year.
4. Nowadays, many women are online shopping addicts.  
→ Nowadays, many women are addicted to online shopping.
5. My friend told me that she hardly used cheques to take her salary.  
→ My friend told me that she rarely used cheques to withdraw her salary.

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY**

**Task 1:**

Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the text about Senator Françoise Puene aka Mamy Alyanga.

1. Françoise PUENE, a Cameroonian entrepreneur, is usually identified by her shaved hair and **type** of dressing—usually suit.
2. But actually, she is distinguished by her entrepreneurial **prowess** and **power**.
3. The CEO of Franco Group, which owns many hotels in the country, did not have an **easy** ride to **fame**.
4. She is said to have started from the streets of Bafoussam, where she hawked food items to make a living.
5. This was after she divorced from her polygamous husband, a traditional **ruler** in the West Region.
6. From hawking foodstuffs on the street, she diverted into fashion and started **retailing** clothes.

7. Through hard work and **perseverance**, she diverted into real estate, where she made her fortune.
8. Today, she manages Franco Group, a company that manages hotels in the country.
9. As a **social** contributor, Mamy Nyanga has been the voice of women and has taken several initiatives to empower women and young girls to become **independent**.
10. Her loyalty to the regime evidently paid off, as she earned a ticket into the Senate.

**Task 2:**

Choose the most appropriate word from the brackets to complete the sentences.

1. Prices of many goods are **currently** very high because of the war in Ukraine.
2. Let's wait for the pills to have an **effect**.
3. My grandfather usually **tells** stories every night.
4. Please, accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother.
5. **Remind** me to buy a water filter because water is extremely dirty these days.

## **PART TWO: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES**

### **SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION**

**Questions:**

1. **Who is speaking in this passage?**  
Stephen, a person who became addicted to using the phone.
2. **What was the person's favorite hour for making or receiving calls?**  
The darkest hours of the night.
3. **Give two excuses that the writer gives for his phone addiction.**
  - Pressure at work.
  - Disturbed childhood.
4. **Name two effects of the phoning habit on the author.**
  - His relationships deteriorated.

- He became violent and hostile at work.
5. **What can be done to break the phone addiction before it's late?**
- Set limits on phone usage.
  - Seek professional help or counseling.
  - Engage in other productive activities.
6. **Give synonyms of these phrases in the passage:**
- Troubled: Disturbed
  - Doubts: Misgivings
  - Aggravated: Deteriorated
  - Crying: Weeping

## **SECTION D: COMPOSITION WRITING**

Choose one of the following topics and write an essay of 180–220 words.

1. **Apology Letter to the Principal (Patrick Ombala):**  
Write an apology letter explaining why you brought the phone to class and request leniency.
2. **Speech on Preventing Cholera Outbreak:**  
As the head of the local medical unit, provide effective ways to prevent cholera infections and stop the spread.
3. **Social Media: Pulling Us Apart More Than Bringing Us Together:**  
Discuss whether social media divides people more than it unites them.
4. **Comparative Analysis of Online Shopping vs. Traditional Shopping:**  
Analyze the reliability, price, quality of service, security, etc., of online and traditional shopping methods.