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PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESSOURCES (20 marks) ,

SECTION A: GRAMMAR(10MARKS)

Task 1: Complete the following dialogue with the best alternative chosen from those in brackets (5 marks)

Employer: What sort of mess is this! None of you is able to give me what I asked for?

Worker: Boss, it should be a misunderstanding. I always _____ (did, does, do, done) everything you ask me to do.

Employer: Nonesense! What do you call this? I asked for a complete balance sheet of the sales for today, _____? (don't I, not so, haven't I, didn't I)

Worker: Yes you did, but we _____ (are closing, closed, have closed, close) the sales this afternoon, so it can't be complete.

Employer: Prevision my boy! Do you know what it means? You behave as if you _____ (are, was, were, will be) a junior worker. You know how all these things work, _____ (don't you, doesn't it, do you, are you).

Worker: I was afraid you won't be happy _____ (at, with, about, of) me if I fabricate the figures, and honestly I don't want to be sent _____ (out, away, in, down)

Employer: I can see that you aren't scared to speak _____ (in, out, up, away). All the same! Go and do it now. I hope it _____ ready by tomorrow. (is, will be, was, be)

Worker: Don't be _____ sir. I shall do my best so that everything is set tonight. (worried, worry, are worried, worrying)

Task 2: Complete the gaps following the instructions indicated in brackets (5 marks)

- At this precise moment, many government teachers _____ so that the government can improve on their working conditions. (use the verb to strike)
- Nobody enjoyed the dishes served at the tourist centre last week, _____? (question tag)
- The government has to create more jobs in order to cut down on the ever rising number of jobless people _____ (propose a synonym)
- We rarely meet after work, _____? (question tag)

- 5- Do not forget to fill _____ the form that will be attached to your documents. (complete with the missing preposition.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10MARKS)

Task 1: Complete this passage with words or expressions of your own (5 marks)

Today, many young Cameroonians who graduate from our private or public universities are in desperate quest for a good job. But the problem is that it is becoming more and more complicated to have a job as the rate of _____ is taking alarming proportions. When you _____ to work in a company, the chances for you to be recruited without corrupting the employer are very slim. As a direct consequence to this, many young job seekers start practicing juvenile _____ and resort to petty crimes so as to earn a living. Girls prefer to sell their body for _____ in order to finance their studies or to survive. To solve this problem, the government has to provide young people with job _____ and eradicate the phenomenon of corruption in the recruitment process for our youths not to waste their lives in useless practices.

Task 2: Choose the right word or expression to complete the following passage(5 marks)

Running, hobbies, anxiety, indoor, worked, self-confidence

Recreational activities or _____ are necessary to everybody. One needs to combine both work and pleasure to have a stable life at all levels. Among free time activities, there are _____ activities like reading books, watching television, playing computer games and outdoors ones like swimming, _____, fishing and hiking. They help to improve _____ and health and reduce feelings of depression and _____.

PART TWO: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN AFRICA

In many African countries today, massive unemployment especially among young people remains a major concern. The level of poverty is still alarming in many localities with over 50 percent of Africans living on less than a single US dollar a day. Civil servants still earn low salaries in the public sectors and working conditions continue to be very poor, thereby enhancing corruption and low productivity.

Land disputes are also very recurrent. Villages go to war because of land. There is also the lack of adequate housing, especially in the urban areas where slums are on a steady increase and some citizens barely squat on public lands. Street children are known to pass the night on verandas of public buildings. With this, some governments still carry out extra-judicial demolition of houses, which constitutes a violation of the rights

to adequate housing and to property. This has a potential to cause resentment and increase poverty and hardship.

The availability of basic social services such as safe drinking water, as well as affordable and accessible health-care, continue to be a challenge. At times, this is worsened by the shortage of trained and qualified medical staff and the high cost of health-care services. Because of this, quack doctors, especially the so-called traditional doctors exploiting frustrated citizens are known to take advantage of this for their private gains. Infant mortality is also high in some countries. Though many community-based projects are providing water for their people, less than 50 percent of the population has access to safe drinking water. Life expectancy there is very low.

The educational system continues to encounter problems. Many schools, especially primary schools, still lack basic infrastructures like adequate classrooms, even though the number of registered pupils has been on a steady rise. Other problems affecting schools include shortage of didactic materials, the high drop-out rate of female students due to teenage pregnancies, overcrowded classrooms, shortage of teaching staff and the late payment subsidies, just to name a few

1) Name two consequences of poor working conditions. (2 marks)

2) According to the text, which rights are not respected by the government? What is the consequence of this violation? (2 marks)

3) Why is life expectancy very low in Africa? (2 marks)

4) List four problems that affect schools in Africa. (2 marks)

5) If you were the president of an African country, what two measures would you take to solve the problems of your country? (2 marks)

SECTION D : COMPOSITION, (10 MARKS)

Write an essay of about 200-250 word on ONE of the following:

- 1- You have read an announcement on a local newspaper requesting job seekers who are interested to work as marketing agents to submit their applications to a company that deals in selling cosmetic products. Write a letter of application to this effect. Your name **WANDJI SEVERIN** and your post box office is **56-Bafoussam**. You are writing to the manager of **DM-MAX** company.
- 2- There is a serious need of creating a recreational centre in your locality. Unfortunately, the authorities in charge are not aware of the importance of recreational activities. Imagine you are the president of the youth movement of your village. Write a speech to be delivered at a cultural ceremony of your village to convince the mayor and the elite to construct a leisure centre for the youths in your locality. The name of your village is **Medjain the Menouadivision**.

English Examination Paper Correction

PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES (20 marks)

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

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Worker: Boss, it should be a misunderstanding. I always **do** everything you ask me to do.

Employer: Nonsense! What do you call this? I asked for a complete balance sheet of the sales for today, **didn't I**?

Worker: Yes, you did, but we **have closed** the sales this afternoon; so it can't be complete.

Employer: Prevision, my boy! Do you know what it means? You behave as if you **were** a junior worker. You know how all these things work, **don't you**?

Worker: I was afraid you won't be happy **with** me if I fabricate the figures, and honestly, I don't want to be sent **away**.

Employer: I can see that you aren't scared to speak **up**. All the same! Go and do it now. I hope it **will be** ready by tomorrow.

Worker: Don't be **worried**, sir. I shall do my best so that everything is set tonight.

Task 2: Complete the gaps following the instructions indicated in brackets (5 marks)

1. At this precise moment, many government teachers **are striking** so that the government can improve on their working conditions. (use the verb to strike)
2. Nobody enjoyed the dishes served at the tourist centre last week, **did they**? (question tag)
3. The government has to create more jobs in order to cut down on the ever-rising number of jobless people **unemployed**. (propose a synonym)
4. We rarely meet after work, **do we**? (question tag)

5. Do not forget to fill **in** the form that will be attached to your documents.
(complete with the missing preposition)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)

Task 1: Complete this passage with words or expressions of your own (5 marks)

Today, many young Cameroonians who graduate from our private or public universities are in desperate quest for a good job. But the problem is that it is becoming more and more complicated to have a job as the rate of **unemployment** is taking alarming proportions. When you **apply** to work in a company, the chances for you to be recruited without corrupting the employer are very slim. As a direct consequence of this, many young job seekers start practicing juvenile **delinquency** and resort to petty crimes so as to earn a living. Girls prefer to sell their body for **money** in order to finance their studies or to survive. To solve this problem, the government has to provide young people with job **opportunities** and eradicate the phenomenon of corruption in the recruitment process for our youths not to waste their lives in useless practices.

Task 2: Choose the right word or expression to complete the following passage (5 marks)

Recreational activities or **hobbies** are necessary to everybody. One needs to combine both work and pleasure to have a stable life at all levels. Among free time activities, there are **indoor** activities like reading books, watching television, playing computer games, and outdoors ones like swimming, **running**, fishing, and hiking. They help to improve **self-confidence** and health and reduce feelings of depression and **anxiety**.

PART TWO: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

1. Name two consequences of poor working conditions. (2 marks)
 - Low productivity
 - Enhanced corruption
2. According to the text, which rights are not respected by the government? What is the consequence of this violation? (2 marks)
 - The rights to adequate housing and property are not respected.
 - The consequence is resentment, increased poverty, and hardship.
3. Why is life expectancy very low in Africa? (2 marks)

- Life expectancy is low due to the lack of access to safe drinking water, affordable healthcare, and the high cost of healthcare services. Additionally, there is a shortage of trained medical staff and high infant mortality rates.
4. List four problems that affect schools in Africa. (2 marks)
- Lack of basic infrastructures like adequate classrooms
 - Shortage of didactic materials
 - High drop-out rate of female students due to teenage pregnancies
 - Overcrowded classrooms and shortage of teaching staff
5. If you were the president of an African country, what two measures would you take to solve the problems in your country? (2 marks)
- I would invest in education by building more schools and providing adequate teaching materials to reduce overcrowding and improve the quality of education.
 - I would create job opportunities by promoting entrepreneurship and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises to reduce unemployment.

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 marks)

Option 1: Letter of Application

WANDJI SEVERIN
P.O. Box 56-Bafoussam
Date: [Insert Date]

The Manager
DM-MAX Company
Company Address

Subject: Application for the Position of Marketing Agent

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to your advertisement in the local newspaper requesting applications for the position of Marketing Agent at DM-MAX Company. I am highly interested in this opportunity and would like to submit my application for your consideration.

I hold a degree in Marketing from [Your University] and have gained valuable experience in sales and customer relations through my previous roles at [Previous Company]. I am confident that my skills in communication, negotiation, and market analysis make me a strong candidate for this position.

I am particularly drawn to DM-MAX Company because of its reputation for excellence in the cosmetic industry. I am eager to contribute to the company's success by promoting its products and expanding its customer base.

I have attached my CV and relevant documents for your review. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences align with the needs of your company. Thank you for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,
WANDJI SEVERIN

Option 2: Speech for the Construction of a Recreational Centre

Speech by the President of the Youth Movement of Medja Village

Honorable Mayor, Esteemed Elite, and Dear Villagers,

Good [morning/afternoon], and thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at this cultural ceremony. Today, I stand before you to address a pressing need in our village—the construction of a recreational centre for our youth.

As we all know, recreational activities play a vital role in the physical, mental, and social development of young people. They provide a safe space for our youth to engage in healthy activities, build friendships, and develop essential life skills. Unfortunately, our village lacks such a facility, and our youth are left with limited options for constructive leisure.

The absence of a recreational centre has led to an increase in juvenile delinquency and other social vices. Many of our young people spend their time idly, which often leads to negative behaviors. By constructing a recreational centre, we can provide our youth with a positive outlet for their energy and creativity.

I urge the mayor and the elite of our village to consider this proposal seriously. A recreational centre will not only benefit our youth but also contribute to the overall development of our community. Let us work together to create a brighter future for the next generation.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope we can count on your support.