


COLLÈGE F-X. VOÛT		Année scolaire 2022-2023
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ANGLAIS
(ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS)

SECTION A : GRAMMAR 10 MARKS

I-Complete the conversation between Frank and Julia about their preferences on the items with the appropriate words selected from the list below. (Rather, Same, prefer, would, mind) 05 marks

Frank: Good morning. _____ you mind helping me? I want to afford the wedding dress for my wife, but I am confused.

Julia: Alright. You thought well. There are the best articles for marriage on the other side of the shop. Let us go there and you make your choice.

Frank: I _____ buying the white one with the long sleeves and it will fit her very well.

Julia: You have made a good choice. I have also preferred it. It is nicer than the short one.

Frank: I have noticed that many people have _____ preference to the long white dress. It shines and it is very attractive.

Julia: It is true. People have been looking at it since we have got in. What about the pair of shoes?

Frank: Yes. I don't _____ looking for the nicest ones on the spot. I saw some of them right now when we entered the shop. Can we go to bargain their prices?

Julia: There is no problem. We can. There are many brands of shoes. Which one would you like purchasing?

Frank: Oh that is good. It will enable me to choose my wife's size. However, I would _____ buy the new brand of shoes than buy the old ones. I am now happy of the high quality of wedding dress the shop has offered me. My wife will appreciate them.

Julia: I wish both you and your wife the best celebration of your marriage in advance!

Frank: Thank you very much indeed.

II-Rewrite the statements below following the instructions given to you in brackets. 05marks

- 1- Indomitable Lions have played the 2023 AFCON in Algeria. (transform into **passive voice**)

2- Mariam is beautiful in her village. She is still a single girl. (use **in spite of** to join the sentences)

3- The children use their time well. They will finish the task. (use the word **if** to join the sentences)

4- The health care practitioner heals many patients. They are very competent. (use **who** to join the sentences)

5- "I have finished writing these exercises now and here today", said Mary (reported speech)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY 10 MARKS

I-Choose the appropriate word from those in brackets to complete the expressions in each sentence. (5 marks)

- a- If you want to succeed in life, you should focus _____ (with, on, in) your goals.
- b- People should stop and _____ (bring, take, give) time to think about what they want to do. This will help them be successful.
- c- You should _____ (waste, spend, consume) more time on work and leisure.
- d- Some people think that it is a waste _____ (about, of, off) time to sit and relax but they are wrong because recreation helps refresh memory.
- e- In everything you do, learn some _____ (team, time, team) management skills.

II-Use the correct word in the box to fill in the empty spaces so that the paragraph makes sense. (5 marks)

Heart, meals, sugar, insulin, obesity, disease, kidney

Most scientists' research says that diabetes is a disease which occurs when the body of an infected person does not produce ^(a) _____ efficiently. Reason why sometimes the body cannot regulate blood ^(b) _____ levels very well. So there are many serious health problems such as strokes ^(c) _____ attacks, ^(d) _____ failure and amputations. People with diabetes need balanced ^(e) _____ which are important for them to control the disease. They also need to avoid consumption of sugar.

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION 10 MARKS

Read the passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow it. Use your own words as far as possible.

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 per cent 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.

QUESTIONS

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

2- From the text, give the rights which are not respected by the government. (2 marks)

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

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

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- 5- As a President of your country, what measures would you take to solve the socio-economic problems people face? (2 marks)
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SECTION D: COMPOSITION 10 MARKS

Write an essay of between 200 to 250 words on any ONE of the following topics.

- 1- Imagine that in your community, the youths are involved in the illegal use of drugs and you are not happy to see them in those habits. You want them to stop these bad activities but alone you cannot succeed. However, you need enforcement from an authority. Write a letter to the Divisional Delegate of Youths telling him/her about;
- When these activities started in your area;
 - The different bad drugs used by the youths of your village;
 - Why are the youths involved in these activities of illegal use of drugs;
 - Some consequences of using these drugs on the youths.

You are called UKUNA Joel; your address is Pox Office Box number 436, KAIDA village.

- 2- You are a representative of the Minister of Health in your village called Zangoua. The sensitization day about the prevention from HIV/AIDs is being held in your village. You are asked to deliver a speech on the theme " **we all must fight against HIV/AIDs to keep life safety**". You must focus on;
- Causes of HIV/AIDs
 - Preventive methods to avoid the disease;
 - How infected people should do in order not to contaminate others.

Your name is Isaac WABA

- 3- You noticed that some people in your community do not know more about the necessity of the leisure activities, so you want to share what you know with them. Write about the benefits of the recreational activities and some disadvantages of those hobbies.

Complete Examination Paper - Solution

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(transform into passive voice)

The 2023 AFCON has been played by the Indomitable Lions in Algeria.

2. **Mariam is beautiful in her village. She is still a single girl.** (use in spite of to join the sentences)
In spite of being beautiful in her village, Mariam is still a single girl.
3. **The children use their time well. They will finish the task.** (use the word if to join the sentences)
If the children use their time well, they will finish the task.
4. **The health care practitioner heals many patients. They are very competent.** (use who to join the sentences)
The health care practitioner, who is very competent, heals many patients.
5. **“I have finished writing these exercises now and here today”, said Mary** (reported speech)
Mary said that she had finished writing those exercises then and there that day.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

I- Choose the appropriate word from those in brackets to complete the expressions in each sentence. (5 marks)

1. If you want to succeed in life, you should focus **on** your goals.
2. People should stop and **take** time to think about what they want to do. This will help them be successful.
3. You should **spend** more time on work and leisure.
4. Some people think that it is a waste **of** time to sit and relax but they are wrong because recreation helps refresh memory.
5. In everything you do, learn some **time** management skills.

II- Use the correct word in the box to fill in the empty spaces so that the paragraph makes sense. (5 marks)

Most scientists' research says that diabetes is a disease which occurs when the body of an infected person does not produce (a) **insulin** efficiently. Reason why sometimes the body cannot regulate blood (b) **sugar** levels very well. So there are many serious health problems such as strokes (c) **heart** attacks, (d) **kidney** failure and amputations. People with diabetes need balanced (e) **meals** which are important for them to control the disease. They also need to avoid consumption of sugar.

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Questions:

1. **Name two consequences of poor working conditions.** (2 marks)
Low productivity and corruption.
2. **From the text, give the rights which are not respected by the government.** (2 marks)
The right to adequate housing and the right to property.
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 infant mortality rate.
4. **List four problems that affect schools in Africa.** (2 marks)
Lack of basic infrastructure, shortage of didactic materials, high drop-out rate of female students due to teenage pregnancies, and overcrowded classrooms.
5. **As a President of your country, what measures would you take to solve the socio-economic problems people face?** (2 marks)
As a President, I would improve access to education and healthcare, create job opportunities for the youth, and ensure fair wages for civil servants to reduce corruption and poverty.

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 MARKS)

Topic 1: Letter to the Divisional Delegate of Youths

UKUNA Joel
P.O. Box 436
KAIDA Village
Date: 28th February 2023

Divisional Delegate of Youths
[Address]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Illegal Use of Drugs Among Youths in KAIDA Village

I am writing to bring to your attention the alarming issue of illegal drug use among the

The youths in our village are using drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and other illegal

The consequences of these activities are devastating. Many youths have dropped out of school.

I urge you to take immediate action to address this issue. We need your support to organize a campaign.

Yours faithfully,
UKUNA Joel

Topic 2: Speech on HIV/AIDS Prevention

Speech by Isaac WABA
Zangoua Village

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,

Today, I stand before you to talk about a very important topic: \We All Must Fight Against HIV/AIDS.

HIV/AIDS is a deadly disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It spreads through blood, sexual contact, and from mother to child during childbirth.

To prevent HIV/AIDS, we must practice safe sex by using condoms, avoid sharing needles, and ensure safe blood transfusions.

For those who are already infected, it is important to take antiretroviral therapy (ART) to manage the virus and prevent complications.

Thank you.

Topic 3: Essay on Leisure Activities

The Benefits and Disadvantages of Recreational Activities

Recreational activities are essential for a balanced life. They help reduce stress, improve mental health, and promote physical fitness. Activities such as sports, reading, and traveling allow individuals to relax and recharge, which enhances productivity in other areas of life.

However, recreational activities can also have disadvantages. Some hobbies, like gambling or excessive gaming, can lead to addiction and financial problems. It is important to choose activities that are beneficial and not harmful.

In conclusion, while leisure activities are important for well-being, they should be chosen wisely to avoid negative consequences.