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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH	ANGLAIS	MID-TERM SESSION EXAM
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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

EVALUATION OF RESOURCES (20 MARKS)

SECTION A: GRAMMAR : (10 Mark)

TASK1 : Olivia and Thom are discussing their concerns about rising temperatures. Follow the instructions in brackets to complete their conversation. (5Marks)

Olivia: It's getting unbearable these days. The heat just keeps _____ (get in the correct form) worse every year. Don't you think it is unusual for January to feel this hot?

Thom: _____ (use the correct pronoun) was just telling my family that this kind of weather _____ (to be in the correct tense) normal a decade ago. Dry seasons are _____ (long in the correct form) , rainy seasons are not that cool anymore. It's like the seasons are shifting. _____?(question tag)

Olivia: It's not just uncomfortable, it's worrying. I read the other day that global temperatures have already risen by more to 1°C _____ the pre-industrial area.(choose: during, since, in)

Thom: Yes, it's scary. I heard glaciers are melting at record speeds which is making sea levels _____ (rise in the correct form) . _____ this keeps up, some coastal cities might be underwater in a few decades. (complete with a conjunction)

Olivia: And let's not forget the wildfires. The heatwaves make everything so _____ (choose: drying, dried, dry)

Thom: What frustrates me most is that a lot of this _____ (to cause in the correct form) by us (burning fossils, cutting down trees, overusing resources...)

TASK 2: Rewrite the following sentences using the prompts given to you.(5Marks)

- 1) "Treatment of communicable diseases depends on the specific pathogen causing the illness now."

The Minister of public health _____

- 2) If we really care about hygiene rules and sanitation the way we are supposed to, we will prevent a lot of those diseases.

In case _____

- 3) When you see those symptoms on the baby, take him to the hospital immediately.

No sooner _____

4) In fact, many people are dying because negligence and promiscuity.

Negligence and promiscuity _____ in fact.

5) Another cause of diseases that people seem to ignore is drug consumption; *Addiction to drugs can dangerously damage the brain.* (rewrite the italicized sentence in the past simple passive).

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10Marks)

Task 1: Complete this closed passage with the correct forms of words in brackets to (2.5marks)

School life is a vibrant chapter filled with learning, friendships, and _____. (grow). It is a world where students make _____ (discover) on their potential. They are guided by teachers who inspire and nurture curiosity. The classroom buzzes with the exchange of ideas, while the playground echoes with _____ (laugh) and games. School life teaches not just academics but also values of team work and _____ (kind) and _____ (forget) experiences.

Task 2: Underline the stressed syllables in the following lists of words. (2.5marks)

Addiction, Hepatitis,
Tuberculosis, contaminated, Malaria.

Task 3: Use your own words to complete these definitions. (5Marks)

- 1) _____ is energy derived from natural sources.
- 2) Nitrous Oxide, Methane and _____ are types of GHG.
- 3) Pollution can be defined as _____ of the environment by _____.
- 4) Viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi are usually referred to _____. They are responsible for the transmission of diseases.

PART TWO: EVALUATION OF THE COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10Marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. Use the space provided and also use good English and your own words as much as possible.

Alternative energy source

The population recently reached the six billion mark and will continue to grow at an exponential rate in the future. As the population increases, so will the demands for resources like food, water and electricity. Renewable, clean, and efficient power is increasingly important as limited fossil fuel sources slowly disappear, and population becomes more of an issue. However, the industry has already begun to answer many of the tough questions about where our power will come from in the future.

Wind power is one of the most promising prospects for the future. It is inexpensive and fairly reliable. Wind turbines are placed high above the ground to take advantage of faster, less turbulent air flows. It is the fastest growing renewable energy source in the world and globally it accounts for more than 31,000 megawatts. Wind power is absolutely pollution free and wind turbines can be placed in remote areas like mountain tops and at sea. In addition, they require little maintenance.

Hydroelectric facilities utilized water, a renewable resource, to turn turbines. They are absolutely pollution free, but can disrupt the river and ocean habitats where they are constructed. Many dams are now built with first ladders to help salmon who migrate upstream to make their yearly mating journey. Yet, many fish can still be caught in turbines, and changes in the currents and structure of river can severely damage the habitat. In addition, hydroelectric dams require a powerful river and a suitable areas are scarce. Therefore, hydroelectric power would be unable to grow with demand. Hydrogen fuels are also a promising alternative for the future. Hydrogen fuel cells, which combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce electricity, are currently used for NASA's space vehicles because they are light weight and release a lot of energy. In fact, they release seven times more energy than an equal amount of coal. On top of this, hydrogen can be burned purely to release only water. Hydrogen is one of the most abundant elements on the planet and the most abundant element in the universe. The only down side is that hydrogen on earth is the most often abundant elements in the fossil fuels, and some inorganic. There are several.

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1) What has become important with the disappearance of fossil sources?

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- 2) How many current ways of generating power have been mentioned in the passage?
Name them.

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- 3) Why according to the passage is wind power less expensive and fairly reliable?

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- 4) According to the passage, what are the advantages of wind power?

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- 5) Name two other sources of power production.

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- 6) Do you think solar energy supply should be encouraged in Cameroon? Give your reasons.

SECTION D/COMPOSITION WRITING (10 MARKS)

Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words on any ONE of the topics below.

TOPIC 1: You are the youth of your village. During your cultural festival you have to give a talk on; teenage pregnancies. In your talk, present the social life of young people today, The Causes of teenage pregnancies, the consequences on their studies and personality and the the solutions to the phenomenon.

TOPIC 3 Write an article to be published in "The Way" about pollution. Your name is Ossongo.

TOPIC 3: Drug consumption in school is a general concern that touches parents, teachers and students. Write an argumentative essay in which you give your opinion on this topic. Tell us about some reasons why students take drugs and how can we curb that problem in our schools.

Examination Paper Correction

PART ONE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

TASK 1: Olivia and Thom are discussing their concerns about rising temperatures. Follow the instructions in brackets to complete their conversation. (5 Marks)

1. **Olivia:** It's getting unbearable these days. The heat just keeps **getting** worse every year. Don't you think it is unusual for January to feel this hot?

Correct form: "getting" (present participle)

2. **Thom:** I was just telling my family that this kind of weather **was** normal a decade ago. Dry seasons are **longer** (long in the correct form), rainy seasons are not that cool anymore. It's like the seasons are shifting, **isn't it?** (question tag)

Correct pronoun: "I"

Correct tense: "was"

Adjective comparison: "longer"

Question tag: "isn't it?"

3. **Olivia:** It's not just uncomfortable, it's worrying. I read the other day that global temperatures have already risen by more than 1°C **since** the pre-industrial era.

Correct preposition: "since"

4. **Thom:** Yes, it's scary. I heard glaciers are melting at record speeds, which is making sea levels **rise**. If this keeps up, some coastal cities might be underwater in a few decades.

Correct verb form: "rise"

Conjunction: "If"

5. **Olivia:** And let's not forget the wildfires. The heatwaves make everything so **dry**.

Correct adjective: "dry"

6. **Thom:** What frustrates me most is that a lot of this **is caused** by us (burning fossils, cutting down trees, overusing resources...).

Correct passive voice: "is caused"

TASK 2: Rewrite the following sentences using the prompts given to you. (5 Marks)

1. **The prevention of communicable diseases depends on the specific pathogen causing the illness now.**

Rewritten sentence: The Minister of Public Health emphasized that preventing communicable diseases hinges on identifying the specific pathogens responsible.

2. **If we really care about hygiene rules and sanitation the way we are supposed to, we will prevent a lot of those diseases.**

Rewritten sentence: By adhering strictly to hygiene rules and sanitation practices, we can significantly reduce the incidence of many diseases.

3. **In case you see those symptoms on the baby, take him to the hospital immediately.**

Rewritten sentence: No sooner do you notice those symptoms on the baby than you should rush him to the hospital.

4. **In fact, many people are dying because of negligence and promiscuity.**

Rewritten sentence: Negligence and promiscuity, in fact, are leading to the deaths of many people.

5. **Another cause of diseases that people seem to ignore is drug consumption. Addiction to drugs can dangerously damage the brain.**

Rewritten sentence (in past simple passive): Drug addiction was found to have severely damaged the brain in numerous cases.

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 Marks)

TASK 1: Complete this closed passage with the correct forms of words in brackets. (2.5 Marks)

School life is a vibrant chapter filled with learning, friendships, and **growth**. It is a world where students make **discoveries** about their potential. They are guided by teachers who inspire and nurture curiosity. The classroom buzzes

with the exchange of ideas, while the playground echoes with **laughter** and games. School life teaches not just academics but also values of teamwork and **kindness**, creating unforgettable experiences.

Correct forms: growth, discoveries, laughter, kindness, unforgettable

TASK 2: Underline the stressed syllables in the following lists of words. (2.5 Marks)

1. **Addiction:** ad-DIC-tion
2. **Hepatitis:** he-PA-ti-tis
3. **Tuberculosis:** tu-BER-cu-LO-sis
4. **Contaminated:** con-TAM-i-nat-ed
5. **Malaria:** ma-LA-ria

TASK 3: Use your own words to complete these definitions. (5 Marks)

1. **Renewable energy** is energy derived from natural sources.
2. Nitrous Oxide, Methane, and **Carbon Dioxide** are types of GHG (Greenhouse Gases).
3. Pollution can be defined as the contamination of the environment by harmful substances.
4. Viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi are usually referred to as **pathogens**. They are responsible for the transmission of diseases.

PART TWO: EVALUATION OF THE COMPETENCE

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 Marks)

Questions:

1. **What has become important with the disappearance of fossil fuels?**

Renewable, clean, and efficient power has become increasingly important as limited fossil fuel sources slowly disappear.

2. **How many current ways of generating power have been mentioned in the passage? Name them.**

Six methods were mentioned:

- Nuclear
- Hydroelectric
- Wind
- Solar
- Coal
- Oil and gas

3. Why, according to the passage, is wind power less expensive and fairly reliable?

Wind turbines are placed high above the ground to take advantage of faster, less turbulent airflows. They require little maintenance and are inexpensive compared to other sources.

4. According to the passage, what are the advantages of wind power?

Advantages include being pollution-free, requiring little maintenance, and being able to be placed in remote areas like mountain tops and at sea.

5. Name two other sources of power production.

Hydrogen fuels and traditional fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas).

6. Do you think solar energy supply should be encouraged in Cameroon? Give your reasons.

Yes, solar energy supply should be encouraged in Cameroon because it is abundant, renewable, and environmentally friendly. With proper investment, it could reduce dependence on fossil fuels and provide electricity to rural areas.

SECTION D: COMPOSITION WRITING (10 Marks)

Choose one topic and write an essay of 250–300 words.

Example Essay for Topic 1: Teenage Pregnancies

Title: Addressing the Growing Concern of Teenage Pregnancies

Teenage pregnancies have become a significant issue in today's society, affecting the social lives, education, and future prospects of young individuals. The social life of young people today revolves around peer pressure, media influences, and lack of parental guidance. These factors contribute to risky behaviors such as unprotected sex, leading to unintended pregnancies.

There are several causes behind teenage pregnancies. Firstly, inadequate sex education leaves teenagers uninformed about contraception and safe sexual practices. Secondly, economic hardships push some girls into relationships with

older men who promise financial support. Lastly, cultural norms in certain communities may condone early marriages or pregnancies.

The consequences of teenage pregnancies are severe. Academically, pregnant teens often drop out of school, limiting their career opportunities. Psychologically, they face stigma, low self-esteem, and depression. Additionally, raising a child at a young age strains their emotional and financial resources.

To combat this phenomenon, comprehensive solutions must be implemented. Schools should provide age-appropriate sex education programs. Parents need to engage in open conversations with their children about relationships and responsibilities. Governments and NGOs can launch awareness campaigns targeting vulnerable groups. Finally, offering scholarships and support systems for pregnant teens can encourage them to continue their education.

In conclusion, addressing teenage pregnancies requires collective effort from families, schools, and communities. By fostering an environment of knowledge, support, and empowerment, we can help young people navigate adolescence safely and responsibly.