



REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON  
*Peace-Work-Fatherland*

MINESEC-OBC

BACCALAUREAT C-D-TI-E  
SESSION  
DURATION: 2 HOURS  
COEF: 03

ANGLAIS

(ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS)

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

**EXERCISE 1:** *Complete the dialogue below with your own words. (5 marks)*

Mrs. Toh: Good morning, Madame.

Mrs. Soh: Good morning. \_\_\_\_\_ can I help you?

Mrs. Toh: I'm new in town. I am looking for a market to do my buying for the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ market do you usually go to?

Mrs. Soh: I buy from the Central market. It is the cheapest market in town for foodstuffs. But, \_\_\_\_\_ you want to buy dresses and shoes, you will need to go to the Mokolo market.

Mrs. Toh: Why is food more affordable in the Central market than in the Mokolo market?

Mrs. Soh: The farmers come to sell their food \_\_\_\_\_. The retailers from other markets also buy from these farmers. It is the farmer's market, so prices are relatively low.

Mrs. Toh: Okay. I can understand. Thanks for the information.

Mrs. Soh: Do you need \_\_\_\_\_ from the market today? I am on my way to the market to get some foodstuff for my house.

Mrs. Toh: No, thanks.

**Exercise 2:** *Complete the text below with the most appropriate words or expressions chosen from those in the brackets. (5marks)*

Power supply in Cameroon has been very unstable these days. ENEO, our sole electricity company has existed \_\_\_\_\_ (since, for, ago) many years in Cameroon. Though they \_\_\_\_\_ (has been, had been, have been) operating for long, Cameroonians still experience \_\_\_\_\_ (few, a lot of, little) power cuts now and then. The government had promised that they \_\_\_\_\_ (were going, are going, is going) to ameliorate the condition by creating other dams to increase the supply of power. It is however, common knowledge that the situation has not improved, \_\_\_\_\_? (hasn't it, has it, it has) That is the question.





## SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

- I- *Complete the text below with appropriate words chosen from those in the box to make the text meaningful. There are more words than you will need. Use each word only once. (5marks)*

*Volunteering, self-esteem, responsibility, cruel, bitterness, service, satisfaction*

Community service for teenagers and university graduates should be encouraged in our country. This instils in our youths a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and love for their community and the nation. The \_\_\_\_\_ and pride that comes from helping someone else for free is inculcated in them. It will also be a life-changing attitude for our future generation who usually believe that every service rendered should be paid for. This experience will encourage \_\_\_\_\_. This will also boost their \_\_\_\_\_, give them confidence and help them gain useful skills for their future jobs. If people don't help one another and only think of receiving payment for every service, the world will be a very \_\_\_\_\_ and sad place.

- II- *Complete each sentence below with the right form of the words in brackets. (5marks)*

- 1) The phisher was found guilty and \_\_\_\_\_ (sentenced, acquitted, released) for ten years for sending fraudulent messages into people's WhatsApp account and collecting personal information.
- 2) Some of the most inspiring \_\_\_\_\_ are usually short and captivating. (Speaks, speeches, speech)
- 3) The new leader promised to reduce the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ (literacy, illiteracy, literate) by making primary education compulsory and free for all.
- 4) He also built many \_\_\_\_\_ (recreate, recreation, recreational) centres because these centres reduce stress and depression among the youths.
- 5) In Cameroon, our cultural diversity causes many people to be \_\_\_\_\_ (bilingual, monolingual, multilingual) because they speak not only the two official languages but many other local languages.

## SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

*Read the text below carefully and answer the questions that follow it, using your own words as far as possible.*

As a patient or health care provider, it can be difficult to wade through the various options of medicines available to patients with chronic diseases especially when we must consider that what works for one patient may not work for another. Patients are usually faced with the choice of using modern medicine, traditional medicine or alternative medicine.





Modern medicine or standard medical care is practised by a medical doctor or a health care team. They work in synergy with medical laboratories and pharmaceutical companies before prescribing drugs for the treatment of specific diseases. These drugs are sold only in recognised drug stores and pharmacies in which storage facilities are appropriate. However, some people with health problems simply go to roadside vendors and acquire medicine from there. Sometimes out of the need to cut down cost, roadside medicine vendors may sell expired drugs or counterfeit medication to people. Most of the many health complications people face today are the result of improper management of simple health problems. The consumption of roadside medicine is one of such cases.

Over decades, serious attention has been given also to traditional medicine. Research has proven that up to 80% of the population rely on traditional medicine for their primary health care needs. African governments are designing policies to encourage research on traditional medicines just as the Chinese have done. It is good that traditional medicine does not interfere with the consumption of conventional medicine. If more research is carried out on this and proven true, things may be better for patients with complicated health situations. This is because the time taken for modern medicine to treat an illness may be seriously reduced as the addition of traditional medicine is likely to enhance effectiveness in treatment.

The limitations of modern and traditional medicine have caused patients to opt for alternative medicine. This is the treatment that is used in place of a conventional medical treatment. If your doctor prescribed you a blood pressure medication but you opted instead to overhaul your diet in the hope of reducing your blood pressure, it could be an example of an alternative or natural medicine. Most patients who opt for this method of treatment, are seeking for a more natural approach to healing their diseases. Examples of alternative medicine include: acupuncture, herbal teas, dieting and sports.

Regardless of which branch of medicine you ascribe to, you should ensure that any medication, supplements or treatments you are taking are safe.

(Culled and adapted from elitelearning.com and Wikipedia)

#### QUESTION

- 1) What will inspire a patient to choose an option of medicine? (1 mark)

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- 2) State two advantages of modern medicine over traditional medicine. (2 marks)

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- 3) Would you advise your friends to buy drugs at the roadside medicine vendors? Why? (1,5marks)

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- 4) "Over decades, serious attention has also been given to traditional medicine" Justify this statement with two facts from the passage. (2 marks)
- 5) Why would most patients use both modern and traditional medicine at the same time? (1 mark)
- 6) What is another name for alternative medicine? (1 mark)
- 7) If you were a medical doctor, would you recommend your patient to any of the other two branches of medicine? Why? (1.5 marks)

#### SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 MARKS)

Choose ONE of the following topics and write a composition of about 250-300 words.

- 1) You attended a cultural festival in your village. You want to recount it to your friend, Peter, who could not be there. Write a letter to him describing the festival. You may want to give the name of the festival, when it took place, how the villagers prepared for it, what activities took place during this festival and finally, give your impressions about the festival. You are called Ngwa. Your address is GBHS Nyen, P.O. Box 900.
- 2) "All humans are born equal". This is a theme for a speech you are to deliver to your school mates attending a seminar on the United Nations' Day to sensitise them on the necessity for gender equality. Write a speech pointing to three practices in your community which do not respect this statement, to sensitise your classmates.
- 3) Many people say that the only way to guarantee getting a good job is by completing a course of university education. Others claim that it is better to start work after secondary education and gain experience. How far do you agree or disagree with the above views. Give reasons for your choice and include any relevant examples from your knowledge and experience.



## SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

### Exercise 1: Complete the dialogue (5 marks)

**Mrs. Toh:** Good morning, Madame.

**Mrs. Sob:** Good morning. Can I help you?

**Mrs. Toh:** I'm new in town. I am looking for a market to do my buying for the week. **Which** market do you usually go to?

**Mrs. Sob:** I buy from the Central market. It is the cheapest market in town for foodstuffs. But, **if** you want to buy dresses and shoes, you will need to go to the Mokolo market.

**Mrs. Toh:** Why is food more affordable in the Central market than in the Mokolo market?

**Mrs. Sob:** The farmers come to sell their food **directly**. The retailers from other markets also buy from these farmers. It is the farmer's market, so prices are relatively low.

**Mrs. Toh:** Okay. I can understand. Thanks for the information.

**Mrs. Sob:** Do you need **anything** from the market today? I am on my way to the market to get some foodstuff for my house.

**Mrs. Toh:** No, thanks. **Ill plan to visit the Central market tomorrow.**

#### Marking Guide:

- **Which** (1 mark): Correct question word.
- **If** (1 mark): Conditional word for suggestion.
- **Directly** (1 mark): Explains lower prices.
- **Anything** (1 mark): Inquires about needs.
- **Ill plan to visit the Central market tomorrow** (1 mark): Polite closure.

### Exercise 2: Complete the text (5 marks)

Power supply in Cameroon has been very unstable these days. ENEO, our sole electricity company has existed **since** many years in Cameroon. Though they **have been** operating for long, Cameroonians still experience **a lot of** power cuts now and then. The government had promised that they **were going** to ameliorate the condition by creating other dams to increase the supply of power. It is however, common knowledge that the situation has not improved, **has it**? That is the question.

#### Marking Guide:

- **since** (1 mark): Indicates starting point in the past.
- **have been** (1 mark): Present perfect continuous tense.
- **a lot of** (1 mark): Quantifies frequent power cuts.

- **were going** (1 mark): Past continuous for planned action.
- **has it** (1 mark): Correct tag question.

## SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

### I. Complete the text (5 marks)

Community service for teenagers and university graduates should be encouraged in our country. This instils in our youths a sense of **responsibility** and love for their community and the nation. The **satisfaction** and pride that comes from helping someone else for free is inculcated in them. It will also be a life-changing attitude for our future generation who usually believe that every **service** rendered should be paid for. This experience will encourage **volunteering**. This will also boost their **self-esteem**, give them confidence and help them gain useful skills for their future jobs. If people don't help one another and only think of receiving payment for every service, the world will be a very **cruel** and sad place.

#### Marking Guide:

- **responsibility** (1 mark): Fits duty and care context.
- **satisfaction** (1 mark): Positive feeling from helping.
- **service** (1 mark): Refers to community service.
- **volunteering** (1 mark): Encourages unpaid service.
- **self-esteem** (1 mark): Boosts confidence.

### II. Complete each sentence (5 marks)

1. The phisher was found guilty and **sentenced** for ten years for sending fraudulent messages into people's WhatsApp account and collecting personal information. (1 mark)
2. Some of the most inspiring **speeches** are usually short and captivating. (1 mark)
3. The new leader promised to reduce the rate of **illiteracy** by making primary education compulsory and free for all. (1 mark)
4. He also built many **recreational** centres because these centres reduce stress and depression among the youths. (1 mark)
5. In Cameroon, our cultural diversity causes many people to be **multilingual** because they speak not only the two official languages but many other local languages. (1 mark)

## SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

1. **What will inspire a patient to choose an option of medicine?** (1 mark)  
A patient may choose a medicine option based on its effectiveness for their specific condition, as what works for one patient may not work for another.

2. **State two advantages of modern medicine over traditional medicine.** (2 marks)

- Modern medicine is prescribed by trained medical doctors working with laboratories and pharmaceutical companies, ensuring scientific validation.
- It is sold in recognized pharmacies with proper storage facilities, reducing the risk of counterfeit or expired drugs.

3. **Would you advise your friends to buy drugs at the roadside medicine vendors? Why?** (1.5 marks)

I would not advise my friends to buy drugs from roadside vendors because these drugs may be expired or counterfeit, leading to health complications due to improper management.

4. **“Over decades, serious attention has also been given to traditional medicine.” Justify this statement with two facts from the passage.** (2 marks)

- Research shows that up to 80% of the population relies on traditional medicine for primary health care.
- African governments are designing policies to encourage research on traditional medicines, similar to efforts in China.

5. **Why would most patients use both modern and traditional medicine at the same time?** (1 mark)

Patients use both modern and traditional medicine because traditional medicine can enhance the effectiveness of modern medicine, potentially reducing treatment time.

6. **What is another name for alternative medicine?** (1 mark)

Another name for alternative medicine is natural medicine.

7. **If you were a medical doctor, would you recommend your patient to any of the other two branches of medicine? Why?** (1.5 marks)

As a medical doctor, I would recommend traditional or alternative medicine if research proves their safety and effectiveness, as they can complement modern medicine and provide more natural treatment options.

## SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10 MARKS)

### Topic 1: Letter describing a cultural festival

GBHS Nyen  
P.O. Box 900  
June 17, 2025

Dear Peter,

I hope this letter finds you well. Im writing to share my experience at the annual Nyen

Cultural Festival, which took place last weekend in our village. It was a vibrant celebration, and I wish you could have been there!

The festival, held on June 1415, is a cherished tradition that showcases our cultural heritage. For weeks, the villagers prepared enthusiastically. Women wove colorful traditional outfits, while men cleared the village square and decorated it with palm fronds and local artifacts. Youth groups rehearsed traditional dances and songs, creating an atmosphere of unity and excitement.

On the first day, the festival began with a grand procession led by the village chief. Drummers and dancers performed the famous Njong dance, captivating everyone with their synchronized movements. Food stalls offered local delicacies like fufu and eru, which I enjoyed immensely. The second day featured storytelling sessions by elders, who shared tales of our ancestors, and a craft exhibition displaying handmade pottery and baskets. The highlight was the masquerade display, where masked dancers performed mystical routines that thrilled the crowd.

I was deeply impressed by the sense of community and pride the festival fostered. It reminded me of the importance of preserving our traditions in a modern world. The joy of seeing young and old come together was unforgettable. I hope you'll join us next year!

Take care and write back soon.

Yours sincerely,  
Ngwa

**Word Count:** 250 words

**Marking Guide:**

- **Content** (4 marks): Covers festival name, date, preparations, activities, and impressions.
- **Structure** (3 marks): Follows letter format with salutation, body, and closing.
- **Language** (3 marks): Accurate grammar, varied vocabulary, friendly tone.