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EXAMEN: BEPC-OPTION BILINGUE

MATIERE: INTENSIVE ENGLISH SPECIALITE(S): OPTION BILINGUE

SESSION: 2025

DUREE: 2 hours 40 minutes

COEFFICIENT: 4

NOTE ELIMINATOIRE :

REFERENCES AND ANSWERS	MARK SCHEME	COMMENTARIES
SECTION TWO: GRAMMAR	5 MARKS	
I.	2.5 marks	
1) help	$(0.5 \times 5 = 2.5)$	
2) are you		
3) and		
4) something		
5) much		
II.		
1. what	2.5 marks	
2. her	$(0.5 \times 5 = 2.5)$	
3. worse		
4. would pay		
5. who		

SECTION B: VOCABULARY	5 MARKS	
I		
1. problems	2.5 marks	
2. gestures	$(0.5 \times 5 = 2.5)$	
3. schools		
4. peers		
5. illnesses		
II.	2.5 marks	
1. arrangements	$(0.5 \times 5 = 2.5)$	
2. difficulties		
3. borrowed		
4. honour		
5. success		
SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION	20 MARKS	
1. It is due to the rising profile of African footballers in Europe. As the players succeed in	2 marks	
Europe and Africa, more unaccredited academies arise.		
2. False. It is said in the text that, most of them end up hawking (merchandising, vending,	2 marks	
trading etc.) on the streets in Europe.	(0.5 + 1.5 = 2)	NB: n° 2
3. Its position is that; all such institutions must be registered with the local government or	1 mark	- True/False = 1 mark
football association.		-Justification = 1 mark
4. It is a lottery because if they believe their child will make a lot of money from his/her	2 marks	
career as a footballer, they do not hesitate to sell their properties for the child to become		
a professional footballer.		
5. This refers to a situation whereby young boys from poorer countries are illegally taken	2 marks	
from their countries to other countries and recruited often with false promises (as they are		
being exploited) of becoming professional football players. That is why many of them end		
up hawing in streets in Europe.		

6. They have only their interest at heart and not that of the young boys/girls. All they want is	1 mark	
to		
make money out of these children. There is no assurance that these children will even		
travel, let alone succeed.	2 marks	NB: n° 7: open-ended question.
7. S/He should not only be focused on football. S/He should also go for formal		Accept any reasonable answers.
education to fit well in society. S/He should look for a lawyer to help him/her		
avoid getting duped. S/He should do some research concerning the clubs abroad.	N° 8-15 =	
8. A. Below nine years.	(1 mark each)	
9. B. Most young African players end up hawking on the streets to survive.		
10. C. Decry the proliferation of unlicensed football academies in Africa and the trafficking		
of young African footballers.		
11. A. Sell their family homes.		
12. C. Local men with little experience		
13. C. Make money by selling them out to clubs in Europe.		
14. D. Successful African professional football players abroad.		
15. B. Unaccredited		
	20 MARKS	
SECTION FOUR: COMPOSITION WRITING		
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS		
The composition is scored using the 2/3 majority rule and according to the following		
evaluation criteria: Relevance, Coherence, Accuracy and Originality.		
I. Relevance of the production to the topic. = 6 marks		
II. Coherence – logical presentation of ideas and paragraphs that are linked to the topic.		
= 6 marks		
III. Accuracy - choice of appropriate words, use of correct punctuation marks, accurate		
spellings, correct syntax and grammar, etc. =6 marks		
IV. Originality = 2 marks		

Originality – the student's sense of creating something unique through independent and critical thinking.

NB: The above mark allocation can change depending on the type of composition written but for originality.

TOPIC 1: ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

The candidate is expected to write an essay in which s/he agrees or disagrees with whether students should be allowed to bring phones to school. The candidate should justify his/her point of view with concrete examples drawn from real-life situations. In his/her writing, s/he should state:

- the circumstances that may cause students to take their phones to school,
- the inconveniences that the use of phones in school by students can cause,
- how the administration can solve the problem of phones in school.

Mark distribution

• Relevance-6 marks

• Coherence- 6 marks

Accuracy – 6 marks

Originality – 2 marks

TOPIC 2: DESCRIPTIVE NARRATION

The candidate is expected to write an essay to justify his/her absence from school the previous day because s/he was sick and was taken to the hospital. S/He has to state:

- -when, why and how s/he went to the hospital,
- the places s/he entered while in the hospital, what s/he did there, what time s/he finished,
- how s/he is feeling at the moment.

NB: Examiners are hereby reminded that the composition is marked on /20.

6 marks

6 marks

2 marks

Mark distribution		
Relevance-6 marks	6 marks	
• Coherence- 6 marks	6 marks	
 Accuracy – 6 marks 	6 marks	
• Originality –2 marks	2 marks	
TOPIC 3: INFORMAL LETTER		
The candidate is expected to write a letter to his/her aunt Matue expressing his/her gratitude		
after spending a month with her in Mbohtinga. In the letter, the student has to:		
-mention at least three things done by the aunt that he/she appreciated,		
- say how they impacted his/her life,		
- mention the lessons he/she has learnt from her kindness.		
NB: The candidate should use the address given.		
Mark allocation for a letter (informal letter)		NB: The candidate is expected to use
Sender's address		the address given in the topic.
• Date 2 marks	4 marks	the database gravers are to pro-
Greetings/ Salutation – 1 mark 4 marks	THAT IS	
Complementary close – 1 mark		
• Relevance – 6 marks	6 marks	
Coherence – 4 marks	4 marks	
 Accuracy – 4 marks 	4 marks	
Originality- 2 marks	2 marks	

20 MARKS SECTION FIVE: LITERATURE AWARENESS Part one: Literary notions. 5 marks $(1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks})$ 1) B. dramatist 2) C. literary devices 3) A. comedy 4) C. love 5) A. metaphor Part Two: Hard Work and Success by Suh Asunda 5 marks $(1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks})$ 1) Papa Ndassi has four children: two boys and two girls. 2) He asked each of his children to break the bundle of broom but they could not. He passed on the message/advice that: unity is strength that is, united we stand a divided we fall. So, they should always be together to be as strong as the bundle of broom to avoid to be destroyed. 3) Papa Ndassi asked Ngwa to buy the land after the stream in order to add something to what he will give him for, this will earn him respect and honour. 4) Mama Veronica, Papa Ndassi's wife made this statement. She made this statement when she heard a strange voice in her kitchen that is Emeri, who came to visit Ngwa and she stayed in her house till past 7pm. 5) The statement is applicable to Ngwa because he worked very hard in the farm, taking good care of his farm. At the end, he was the best cocoa farmer in the village, since his harvest was good. He finally became a successful and rich farmer.

Part Three: Three Plays: Ngore, When We Get There, Roommates by Anne Tanyi-Tang		
	5 marks	
1) The speaker is Ma Mata. She is referring to Ngore.	$(1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks})$	
2) Echung-Enyung, Ngore's father wanted to beat Ngore because some visitors had		
come looking for her to get married to her and they had been waiting for long but		
Ngore was not at home.		
3) - She plays with the python and calls it her friend.		
-She put the two nipples of her mother's breast in her mouth and sucked them at the		
same time when she was a baby.		
-She did not crawl as all normal babies would have done. She just stood up and		
started walking when she was merely six months old.		
4) She wins a scholarship and the government has to take charge of everything.		
5) I) The theme of sexual exploitation/ infidelity/ embezzlement		
ii) The theme of racism		
Part Four: Authentic Poetry (Book I) by Egbe Besong Elvis	5 marks	
	$(1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks})$	NB: n° 1: Any two of the six mentioned
1) Six types of drugs: cigarettes, marijuana, gin, cocaine, heroin, 'tramol'	$(0.5 \times 2 = 1 \text{ mark})$	in the poem.
2) - It makes one's brain to cloth It makes the mouth always talk - It gets the mind	$(0.5 \times 2 = 1 \text{ mark})$	N° 2: Any two of the proposed
completely lost.		answers.
3) We can never advise people to consume drugs because of their negative effects on	1 mark	
people. / This is a serious disapproval of drug consumption.		
4) – This is a three stanza poem with an irregular rhyme scheme.	$(0.5 \times 2 = 1 \text{ mark})$	
5) – Personification: stanza 2, line 1 "Cigarettes, you'll not be my friend!"	$(0.5 \times 2 = 1 \text{ mark})$	
-Explanation: A 'friend' is supposed to be a living being and not an object.		
Cigarettes have been given the attributes of a person.		

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