

BEPC
SESSION 2014
ZONE : II

Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte trois (03) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3.
 Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.
 Cependant il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE READING COMPREHENSION (8 points)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it.

ROAD PEOPLE

A new race of adventurers is appearing in Ghana. They can adequately be described as road people. These people are moving out into the unknown. Most of them are school dropouts with no job qualifications; that makes them believe they have no future in Ghana. They have no money, no valid travel documents, but they manage to walk across frontiers.

5 They are about two thousand (2,000) in Mauritania.

They said that they started their journey from Ghana to Burkina Faso by road. There, they accumulated some money to go to Mali. Then, they moved to Senegal and finally settled in Mauritania, from where they would eventually travel out to Europe or to the United States. The realisation of this dream depends on the money they can get to buy their

10 passages either by car, boat or plane. Some courageous ones hide away on boats from where they can be thrown into the sea.

But they rarely succeed. They become refugees fighting for survival. They said they were not prepared to go back home empty-handed, which would be humiliating. They do not even send messages to relatives at home. Since their relatives at home do not know the

15 difficulties they have, road people continue to flow into Mauritania from Ghana.

Adapted from West Africa, September 12-13, 1988.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

- A) The words or phrases in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One word or phrase in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 - d

COLUMN A

- 1- dropouts (L. 3)
- 2- manage (L. 4)
- 3- settled in (L. 8)
- 4- eventually (L. 8)
- 5- hide away (L. 10)
- 6- refugees (L. 12)
- 7- empty-handed (L. 13)
- 8- relatives (L. 14)
- 9- flow (L. 15)

COLUMN B

- a- people who have left their country because of problems
- b- without getting what you want
- c- move in large number
- d- students who have stopped going to school
- e- succeed in doing something
- f- finally
- g- went and lived in
- h- stay in a place where people can't see you
- i- stop
- j- members of the large family

- B) Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true or false. Write "T" for true and "F" for false. Indicate the lines to justify your answers. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 - F (L. 2)

- 1- Road people know very well their destination.
- 2- Road people are poor.
- 3- Road people travel from Ghana to Burkina Faso by boat.
- 4- From Burkina Faso, road people go to Mali first.
- 5- Road people make efforts by themselves to pay their passages.
- 6- Some road people can die in the sea.
- 7- Road people are ready to go back home empty-handed.
- 8- Road people's relatives at home are informed about their living conditions.
- 9- In Ghana, young people no longer emigrate.

PART TWO *LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)*

- A) In the text below, Koffi was about to go to Europe. His father gave him some advice. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the box. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1- his

should - would - his - was - will

Koffi's father told him to get all his official papers ready before leaving for Europe. He also told him to make 1... passport at the police station. He added that when he arrived there, he 2... respect the laws and listen to the advice his friends would give him. If he became a gangster, policemen 3... arrest him. He also ordered him not to fight with other people. Finally, he asked him if he 4... ready to live in Europe.

B) The text below is about Abou's life in Europe. Read it and choose the most appropriate verb tense and form in brackets to complete it. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1 - is

Living in a foreign country is not easy. Abou 1 (has – is – have) thirty-eight years old. He has been living in France for ten years. He 2 (won't – shouldn't – doesn't) have any official papers. Since he left Africa, he 3 (never comes – has never come – was never coming) back home. He has been living on the food his friends give him. Life has become very difficult for Africans in Paris. Last year, one African 4 (has died – died – is dead) because he could not buy his medicaments when he was sick. So, most Africans are planning to come back home.

PART THREE *WRITING (6 points)*

TOPIC

During a stay in Liberia, you visited a refugee camp. For your English club magazine, write an article about your visit in 10 to 12 lines maximum.

In your article,

- list the types of food the refugees eat, and the water they drink.
- write about the places where the refugees sleep.
- propose some solutions to ameliorate their living conditions (bring medicines...)