

INSTITUT ST. JEAN
COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME : THREE HOURS

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ONLY ON THIS ANSWER SHEET.

A) SECTION ONE: GRAMMAR – 10 MARKS

A) Correct the following sentences by writing the correct sentence in the space provided.

5mks

a- The teacher told that John was responsible to the books.

b- The smell of roses remembers me to my late grandmother

c- It is very dangers to play with snake

d- I look me in the mirror every mornings

e- The teacher advertise we not to play on the streets.

1. Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense. 2,5mks

a) Amougou (to fail) the final entrance examination.

b) Has Minnette (eat) the fish?

c) The window was ----- (break) by the first
year students.

d) If Ewussi ----- (forget + not) his book at home, we wouldn't have gone
back.

e) My friend ----- (run) for a kilometer when he fainted

**2. Complete the following sentences with correct pronouns chosen from the list
provided. 2. 5mks.**

Themselves, me, I, each other, myself, himself, us, itself, ourselves, yourself, them, herself

- a) Amara and had a wonderful time playing Chess.
- b) Paul's and Jean's cats love They play and never fight, I admire so much.
- c) If you fail in this test, you'll have only to blame.
- d) John worked so hard last year, in December he decided to give a good rest, this is a photograph he made of on a Colombia beach.
- e) I think parents should let their children do their homework by

VOCABULARY 10 MKS

1) Complete the following sentences with correct items of your choice. 2.5 mks

- a) My father always -----the newspaper while we watch TV
- b) I sent out -----to all my friends, but none of them attended my party
- c) In our African culture, the old are greatly -----for their wisdom
- d) Mary and I spent some time at the -----admiring the rolling waves
- e) -----is party starting? I really wanted to have a rest.

2) Complete the following sentences with the correct words chosen from the list provided 5mks.

He, themselves, the tallest, tour, I, whose, him, greed, them, me, safety, greedy, my, tallest, its, smarter, his, her, she

- 1- I don't like -----people, they never think of others.
- 2- Stefan is -----of the five brothers, but Damian is the -----
- 3- Have you seen Emilienne this morning? Oh! Yes, that's -----coming and -----skirt is flying in the air.
- 4- Ask the students to wash their clothes-----,I think they are old enough
- 5- John and -----were sent to pick up the parcels at the car park
- 6- As we argued with the guards, John just murmured a few words, I talked more than -----
- 7- The visitors were to-----the entire zoo, but their -----wasn't assured.

3) complete the following sentences with the correct words chosen from the list provided. 2.5 mks

Illicit, similarity, to, like, looking on, interesting, differences, error, from, famous, glaring at, illegitimate, watching, unlawful, seeing, as

- a) Our approach to the issue is different-----theirs.
- b) The policeman stood-----the man whose car had been stolen.
- c) Eto'o Fils is Cameroon's -----footballer, everyone loves him.
- d) When the papers were remarked, there were no -----in the marks.

e) The baby was born before the parents got married so the court considers it-----

Reading Comprehension, 10 marks

Read the following text very carefully and answer the questions that follow, using your own words as much as possible.

China's economic boom is making it an increasingly popular destination for many foreigners, including Cameroonians. One of the most daunting task Cameroonians face in China is that of overcoming the yawning gap of differences between their home society and the Chinese society.

The sheer size of China and its population is already a big psychological menace to the incoming Cameroonian. The language does not sound like any they have ever heard. The inability to easily communicate one's feelings and thoughts can be frustrating at times. Cameroonians overcome this difficulty by adapting: learning the basic sentences needed for daily communication, especially bargaining.

Although Chinese cuisine is very good, there is always a longing for home food. In Cameroon, meals are usually dominated by carbohydrates and vegetables whereas in China it is more of meat and vegetables. Even with the familiar dishes, the cooking method is different. Cameroonians miss the familiar tastes of "water- fufu", "corn- fufu", plantain and "achu". Unlike America and Europe, there are no African shops and restaurants to cater for the gastronomic needs of Africans in China. Like the strange language, chopsticks provide one of the first challenges as it is hard to have spoons at most tables. Foreigners from Africa and western countries must quickly learn the art of eating with two twigs pegged between two or three fingers.

Cameroonians in China sometimes face a breakdown in interpersonal communication. Asking somebody very personal questions is considered as a way of showing concern for the other person by the Chinese. Yet, at the end of the communication line, Cameroonians perceive the questions as being too intruding on their privacy. It is worth noting that a global survey

revealed that the Chinese come first among people who can easily show a stranger their bedroom. This is opposed to Africa where the bedroom is considered sacred and private. Most Cameroonians in China find it distasteful when a Chinese visits them and starts poking his head around.

The Chinese are people with very strange habits; they would stare at one, not understanding why some people, especially blacks are so different from them. The difference in skin, hair, height, body, in fact every little detail, attracts their scrutiny. The audacious ones would even venture to ask why one is black.

Getting into China is very difficult. There are different categories of Chinese visas given according to the short term stay, L for tourists, and X for students. Unlike the case of most western countries, it is fairly easy to obtain a Chinese visa from either the Chinese Consulate or Embassy in Cameroon as long as one has proof of financial viability. The tourist visa (with a 15 or 30 day viability) is the easiest to get, which can then be changed to F or Z on arrival in China.

There are three ways to solve the problem of an expiring visa or a resident permit. The easiest way is to travel to Macau and then seek a re-entry visa. Another way is to go through visa agents who can charge as much as 1000 US dollars for one validity. Finally, the lucky ones pick up jobs before their visas expire. They have a heavy load lifted off their shoulders since employers are charged with obtaining a work permit for their employees.

Cameroonians in China can be divided into three categories: students, workers and business people. Most of the Cameroonian students in China are sponsored under a Chinese government scholarship programme. The most common profession in China available to foreigners is the teaching of oral and business English. The Chinese are more eager these days to learn the language to perfection. About 85% of Cameroonians are into teaching. A few are employed by nightclubs where they serve as DJs and MCs. Others are employed by trading companies and translation firms. Those who teach face a herculean task. To win the confidence of a Chinese school employer, the foreigner must be able to twist the tongue to “rap” like Americans. This explains why native speakers from America, Canada, Britain and Australia are the most desired. So in order to get employed, Cameroonians who have never “rapped” in their lives must make not only an attempt, but “rap” so well. In addition, a very lively teacher will win the students’ votes. Chinese parents and school authorities believe so much in their children and students respectively that most of the time, a foreign teacher’s credibility is marked by he or she is among the students. Their pay package is commensurate to the effort put in. The least earning foreign teacher still earns higher than the average Chinese teacher.

Officially, racism is discouraged in China. But foreigners experience a kind of institutionalized racism. Africans and foreign –born Chinese are the most segregated against. The media contributes in promoting racial prejudices against Africans, though inadvertently. The Chinese media, like the western media, have been focusing their attention mostly on the bleak side of Africa. Blacks in China are the incarnation of poverty, war and disease. For this reason, many

rich Chinese look down on Africans and so would not like blacks to teach their children, especially those from Africa.

But Africans in China also have their part of the blame. Con men as well as inefficient and unqualified applicants abound in China. The Chinese have a certain mentality that is had to change. Once a black person commits an offence in given city, it causes both Chinese authorities and employers to doubt any other black person comes there.

Despite all the difficulties, Cameroonians in China generally register more success than failure. Only about 20% of Cameroonians would rush back home as a result of difficulties faced there. Many of those who return home with bowed heads either overstayed their visa and would not get it renewed or they got themselves involved in scam and must rush back home before the Chinese police swoop down on them. There are also those who cannot stand the stress of racial prejudice.

Questions

- 1- Give the text a suitable title-----01
- 2- A word that can be used to replace “yawning” as used in the passage is-----0,5
- 3- “Chinese cuisine is very good” means-----0,5
- 4-According to the passage, on what do the Chinese and Western media mainly report? 01,

- 5- What is the greatest disadvantage faced by the Cameroonian in China 01

- 6-How do residents resolved the problem of an expiring visa? 1,5

- 7 – What can we deduce about the writer’s attitude towards the Chinese? 1,5

- 8-Explain “The pay package is commensurate to the effort put in” (lines 47-48) 1,5

- 9-Why do Cameroonians in China tell lies about their lineage and fake accents? 1,5
