

MINESEC

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## Anglais

### Section A: Grammar (10 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the brackets. (2,5 marks)

- a) Coffee prevents many from.....(to sleep)
- b) Had the mother bought a mosquito net, her child.....  
(not to get) malaria.
- c) City dwellers are used to.....to bed very late. (to go)
- d) I saw him after I.....the shop. (to leave) ✓
- e) She used.....golf, but now she plays tennis. (to play)

2) Join each pair of sentences into one. Use the appropriate connective from the box.  
Each word should be used only once. (5 marks)

Since, for, unless, by, provided that, being, which, whose.
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- a) Your child needs some books. Go to the bookshop and buy some books.  
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- b) You will not be allowed to vote. You have a voting card and your name is on the register.  
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- c) You will start using the new drug. Researchers have proved that it is effective.  
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- d) These are orphans. Their parents died from AIDS.  
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- e) My father was a careful driver. He never had any accident during his long driving career.  
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3) Insert the correct prepositions (2.5 marks)

- a) Do not look down.....the needy.
- b) It is left.....you to decide to go or not.
- c) God's mercy is.....measure.
- d) I don't take pleasure.....cheating others.
- e) When I came home, my father was still.....work.

**Section B: Vocabulary (10 marks)**

1) In each case, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. (5 marks)

- a) Martha got a good wage working with the new British firm.  
(Earned, took, owned) .....
- b) It wasn't until 1960s that Cameron became an independent State.  
(Turned out to be, transformed into, change as) .....
- c) Abortion should not be legalised.  
(Officially permitted, authorize, okay) .....
- d) There was a huge mob in town before elections.  
(Rebellion, crowd, fog) .....
- e) There was a bouquet of flowers on the floor.  
(Bunch, team, package) .....

2) Complete the passage with appropriate words so that it makes sense. (5 marks)

On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, the 26<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (1) of the first published case of what we later identified as AIDS, was celebrated worldwide. An estimated 50 million people around the world carried the human \_\_\_\_\_ (2) virus that causes AIDS. That's more than twice the number of people \_\_\_\_\_ (3) in 1995, despite the millions of dollars spent fighting the disease each year. In sub-Saharan Africa, most people \_\_\_\_\_ (4) from AIDS cannot get anti-retroviral drugs. AIDS is gutting Africa of its most active \_\_\_\_\_ (5) and the effect will be disastrous in the long run.



### Section C: Reading comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions below it, using your own words as far as you can.

Homosexuality is sexual activity between individuals of the same sex. Both men and women may be considered homosexuals. Female homosexuals often call themselves *lesbians*, whereas male homosexuals often refer to themselves as *gays*.

Some homosexual behaviour may result from occult malpractices or simply from the unavailability of the opposite sex and may not reflect a homosexual interest that continues once partners of the opposite sex become available. Thus, a person who spends long periods separated from the opposite sex may turn to members of his or her own sex for sexual gratification. For example, such situations may occur in prisons.

Society today is depraving. One does not need a pair of glasses to see this. For various reasons, some people are no longer able to distinguish left from right. To some extent, it is not an exaggeration to say that animals are becoming more civilised, more dignified than human beings. In the name of freedom and liberty, homosexuality, that is, the sexual perversion that brings two people of the same gender to have sex, is increasingly gaining grounds.

Some researchers believe that homosexuality results from a specific gene affecting the brain. Other researchers think homosexuality is associated with psychological disorder. From the religious point of view, homosexuality is considered as an abomination, another form of rebellion against God. From the moral standpoint, homosexuality is degrading, debasing, antisocial and immoral.

"Homosexuality is a moral and psychological disease," said an African notable. "Homosexuals are civilisation patients who need to be taken care of as a matter of urgency," he continued. "The European culture is no longer a model today," he added.

"If the parents of homosexuals had been homosexuals, then how would the present homosexuals have been born?" asked a young university graduate. "Homosexuals want to have children and I don't understand why," he continued. "If one is antisocial, why try to eat the fruit of society? Why do they want to harvest where they don't want to sow?"

"The family is the oldest and most basic social institution," said an old woman, "and it is made of a father and a mother, who can legally have sex within the context of marriage and bear children. Two homosexuals who live together cannot form a family. Instead, such people advocate the destruction of the family institution. Can this be part of human rights? Nobody has the right to destroy the foundation of society in the name of a so-called liberty."

"Marriage is a legal union between a husband (a married man) and his wife (a married woman)," said a tall man. "How can a man become the 'wife' of another man, or a woman become the 'husband' of another woman? Isn't it madness? Only the Devil can suggest such ideas."

Today, many people in most Western countries consider homosexuals immoral and unnatural. Most states of the United States prohibit homosexuality.

The African civilisation did not know homosexuality. This was brought to the continent during colonisation, and the people who were involved in it were doing it in hiding. Today in Africa, it is unfortunate that people are trying to vulgarise homosexuality, which is mostly practised among the people involved in occultism, witchcraft and sorcery. Homosexuals are recruited mainly among the poor, needy, jobless, students and people who want to have access to easy riches.

"We must resist homosexuality in Africa," said a young lady. "It is not all that comes from Europe that is good. Let's borrow science and technology from Europeans, and preserve

our social values which are: a sense of belonging, respectful companionship, moral integrity, social dignity, work with a good heart, mutual help and protection.”

Questions:

- 1) Who are said to be homosexual? Give the dichotomy between them from the passage. (2 marks)  
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- 2) Why does the author refer to homosexuality as sexual perversion? (2 marks)  
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- 3) What do partisans of homosexuality seem to advocate? Explain. (2 marks)  
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- 4) What is the general attitude in Africa concerning homosexuality? (2 marks)  
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- 5) How do you think this malpractice can be stopped? (2 marks)  
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**Section D: Composition (10 marks)**

*Write a composition of about 250-300 words on any ONE of the following topics:*

- 1) Some people claim that marriage is a private affair. Discuss.
- 2) Suppose you meet a homosexual (lesbian or gay). Write the conversation in which you are trying to convince him/her to change.
- 3) Write an article in a school Magazine encouraging the youth to opt for sexual abstinence as the best way to prevent AIDS and other STDs. Your Magazine is called *Students' Voice* and your address is P.O. Box 500, Ndikinimeki.